

TO: Virginia Code Officials and Stakeholders

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RE: 2021 Virginia Codes – Effective Date

The 2021 Virginia Codes have been approved and will be published in the Virginia Register on December 18, 2023. **The effective date of the 2021 Uniform Statewide Building Code, Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Industrialized Building Safety Regulations, and the Amusement Device Regulations is January 18, 2024.**

The custom versions of the national model codes that incorporate the Virginia amendments have been published by the International Code Council (ICC) and are now available for purchasing through [ICC's website](#). Digital versions of the Virginia code books can also be viewed on [ICC's website](#). The state regulation publications are being developed and will be available on DHCD's [Regulation Archives](#) page as they are available.

Mandatory Code Change Training for the 2021 codes is underway. The schedule is posted and available for registration [here](#). This schedule is tentative and may change, as necessary, so please check the website for updates. In addition to the live classroom training, individuals may take advantage of self-paced online training provided through the Commonwealth of Virginia Learning Center (COVLC). Online programs will be available early 2024 and will be available on demand. The online presentations are offered as standalone presentations based on the Virginia Building Code Academy's classroom curriculum.

Questions can be directed to sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov. Training specific questions can be submitted to ybca@dhcd.virginia.gov