



2021 Code Reference Changes per PA Department of Labor and Industry

Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) has moved forward with PA Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC) regulatory obligations requiring the updating and adoption of the triennial building codes.

On January 1, 2026, the following 2021 International Codes will be in effect: It is permissible to utilize the 2018 I-Codes and associated references if a design contract is provided for the project that pre-dates January 1, 2026, and an application is submitted prior to July 1, 2026. Effective July 1, 2026, all projects, regardless of contractual status, will be reviewed under the 2021 I-Codes.

- Chapter 2-10, 12-29 and 31-35 of the 2021 International Building Code
- 2021 International Mechanical Code
- 2021 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2021 International Performance Code
- 2021 International Plumbing Code
- 2021 International Residential Code
- 2021 International Fire Code (Only to the extent referenced by the other ICC codes adopted)
- 2021 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2021 International Existing Building Code
- 2021 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code
- 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- 2020 National Electrical Code (As referenced in the 2021 IBC)

Please note that the 2018 I-Code accessibility provisions and 2009 ICC ANSI A117.1 will continue to be enforced due to previous action by the PA Commonwealth Court.

To review the complete PA UCC updated regulation please reference the PA bulletin published November 8, 2025 at the following link. [PA Bulletin](#)

Call or email me with any questions and/or concerns related to the changes in code references.

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