

SERVICE NOTICE

Update #18: Occupancy Submissions

Department of Buildings staff are working to address the high volume of occupancy submissions that have been received since the [expansion of DOB NOW: Build on March 1, 2021](#). A Service Notice will be posted weekly to provide current service levels.

Current Schedule of Occupancy Service Levels (first review by Plan Examiner)

Borough	Average Business Days to Process	Longest Wait Time in Business Days
Bronx	1 day	up to 2 days
Brooklyn	1 day	up to 4 days
Manhattan	4 days	up to 13 days
Queens	2 days	up to 3 days
Staten Island	14 days	up to 17 days
Development Hub	14 days	up to 22 days
Citywide	5 days	up to 22 days

Current Certificate of Occupancy Service Levels (first review by Project Advocate)

Borough	Average Business Days to Process	Longest Wait Time in Business Days
Bronx	1 day	up to 1 day
Brooklyn	7 days	up to 8 days
Manhattan	25 days	up to 43 days
Queens	9 days	up to 10 days
Staten Island	2 days	up to 2 days
Citywide	13 days	up to 43 days

After Project Advocate review is complete, review by a Borough Commissioner and Quality Assurance (QA) Admin is usually completed within 2 to 4 business days.

TCO Renewals without Change are processed on average within 2 business days.

90-day Extension for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy

If a Schedule of Occupancy or Certificate of Occupancy request was submitted in DOB NOW prior to the expiration date of the TCO that was issued in BIS, an email is being sent from a DOB Borough Commissioner granting a 90-day extension of the TCO two days in advance of the TCO expiration date. Once the Schedule of Occupancy request that was submitted in DOB NOW: *Build* is approved, a Certificate of Occupancy request (of any type) must also be submitted and then approved before there can be any subsequent renewal. Renewal fees will be applied based on the expiration date of the TCO prior to the extension.

Visit the [DOB NOW training page](#) to view FAQs and other training resources. Questions can also be submitted to the DOB NOW help form at www.nyc.gov/dobnowhelp.