

# UPCOMING CHANGE

## 2014 NYC Construction Codes: Updated PW1 Form

Effective December 31, applicants must use the [10/14 version](#) of the PW1 form for all existing and new jobs, including Post Approval Amendments and subsequent filings for older jobs.

### Manually-filed Applications

A fill-in version of the 10/14 PW1 Form is [now available](#). Applicants can prepare applications, using the PW1 form dated 10/14. **The form dated 10/14 will *not* be accepted for filing until December 31, at which time *only* the 10/14 version will be accepted.**

### Electronically-filed (eFiling) Applications

- On December 31, changes to the 10/14 PW1 will be reflected in eFiling.
- Only eFiling paperwork printed for applications successfully validated after the update will be accepted.
- Once the update is complete, all previously-validated applications in the “Saved Applications” section of your account will need to be re-validated. Because of new requirements, upon re-validation, some eFiling applications will need additional information.

### Key Changes to 2014 PW1

**Section 2 - Registered Landscape Architects (RLAs):** A new checkbox is added in the Application Section of the PW1 (Section 2) to allow RLAs to register for certain job types and certain scopes of work.

**Section 5 – Expanded Definition of Alt. 1:** Alteration Type-1s are now split into two categories. Additional Considerations, Limitations or Restrictions (Section 9) will also collect information regarding this job category.

- Alteration Type-1
- Alteration Type-1 required to meet New Building requirements (§28-101.4.5) is added to the Job/Project Types Section of the PW1 (Section 5).
- A new building utilizing any existing building elements to remain (e.g. foundation, party wall, façade, etc.) must be filed as an Alteration Type-1 required to meet New Building requirements (28-101.4.5)

**Section 8 – Construction Cost:** All enlargements will be calculated by construction cost and no longer based on square footage.

**Section 9 – Additional Considerations, Limitations or Restrictions:** The request for review under the 2014, 2008, 1968 or prior code has been moved to Section 9A.

**Section 10 – NYCECC Compliance:** Changes to this section clarify the code compliance path and the type of energy analysis chosen by the applicant.

**Section 20 – Site Characteristics:** Changes to this section now reflect the individual site characteristics.

**Section 20A – Flood Hazard Area Information:** New section added to ensure properties located in flood zones are accounted for even if the proposed work is minor or has no effect on flood plan compliance.

**Section 22 – Asbestos Abatement Compliance:** Where the work is *not* an asbestos project (ACP5), additional information must be provided.

**Section 26 – Applicant’s Statements and Signatures:**

- For cooperatives and condominiums, both the unit owner (Section 26 – Owner Type) and the Coop/Condo Board (Section 26A) must sign where the applicant is retained by the unit owner.
- A second officer is no longer required to sign on behalf of corporations.
- [Fee exemption](#) statements are revised to determine applicability.