



## FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program

### Adoption of the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC) by State (Sept. 2020)

ICC makes every effort to provide current, accurate code adoption information. Not all jurisdictions notify ICC of code adoptions.

To obtain more detailed information on amendments and changes to adopted codes, please contact the jurisdiction.

To submit code adoption information please visit: [www.iccsafe.org/adoptions](http://www.iccsafe.org/adoptions).

X = One or more state or local agencies/jurisdictions have adopted an edition of the specific code. However, the particular code is not used as a standard for all buildings. Blank = The specific code has not been adopted by any state or local jurisdiction in the state. Years (e.g., 18, 15, etc.) refer to code editions (e.g., 2018 edition) that have been adopted as a mandatory state minimum subject to the specifications included in the "Notes" column.

STATE	IBC	IRC	NOTES
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	15	15	Codes are adopted at the local level in most cases. Please search at the jurisdictional level for the most accurate and up to date information. Alabama Division of Construction Management adopts codes for state funded buildings, hotels, motels, movie theaters, and schools. The Alabama Residential and Energy Codes Commission adopts statewide residential and energy codes.
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	12	X	Codes in Alaska are adopted by administrative rulemaking. The Alaska State Fire Marshal adopts the IBC. The IRC is adopted by local jurisdictions. The adopted codes by state agencies are mandatory and fall under state inspection programs unless a local jurisdiction has been delegated the code program as a "deferred jurisdiction." When this occurs, the local jurisdiction administers and enforces their local program of the adopted state codes. The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, which provides loans to public housing programs, has also adopted the IRC. Please search at the local level for the most accurate information.
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	X	X	Codes are adopted locally in Arizona. For the most accurate information on local adoptions please search at the local government level or contact the local jurisdiction directly.
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	12	12	
<a href="#">California</a>	18	18	
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	X	X	Codes are adopted first at the local level in Colorado under "home rule" with state agencies adopting building and safety codes which apply to projects under state purview.
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	X	X	Codes are adopted locally in Delaware. For the most accurate information on local adoptions please search at the local government level or contact the local jurisdiction directly.
<a href="#">District of Columbia</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">Florida</a>	15	15	The latest editions of the Florida building codes, which are based on the 2018 IBC and IRC, will become effective on December 31st, 2020.
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	18	18	Although adopted at the state level, the choice of enforcement is left up to the local authority having jurisdiction. If local jurisdictions adopt codes, they must be at least as restrictive as the state minimums.
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	18	18	The state code is based on the IBC and IRC as adopted by the State Fire Council. The four county jurisdictions have 2 years following the state adoption to adopt and amend the State Code with local amendments. If the county jurisdictions do not comply within the 2-year timeline, then the State Code becomes the county's code until such time the county passes an adopting ordinance. Please note that county level governments may be on earlier editions. Please search at the county level to view the most accurate results.
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	15	12	
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	X	X	The Illinois State Board of Education has adopted the 2015 IBC for Pre-K thru 12 public Education Facilities (other than vehicular), but do not apply to Chicago. IBC adopted by Dept. of Health for hospitals where local codes do not apply. Please search at the jurisdictional level for the most accurate and up to date information, as these listed codes only apply to certain state-owned buildings.
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	12	18	
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	15	15	The Iowa Code with amendments is based on the 2015 IBC and IRC for state-owned and rented structures. Iowa is a home-rule state and local jurisdictions are not required to adopt the most current version of the Iowa Code. Since Iowa does not mandate adoption for local governments, please search at the jurisdictional level for the most accurate information.
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	X	X	Kansas adopts codes at the local level. For the most accurate information on local adoptions please search at the local government level or contact the local jurisdiction directly.
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">Maine</a>	15	15	Maine adopts the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. Enforcement of the code is required for all communities with a population greater than 4000.
<a href="#">Maryland</a>	18	18	Maryland's law related to building codes is called the Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS). It requires each jurisdiction in Maryland to use the same edition of the same building codes that are the IBC and IRC, with modifications by State adoption authority falls under the Department of Labor and, by statute, adoption must occur 18 months after a new code edition is issued. Local jurisdictions have an additional 12 months to make local amendments and enforce the most current version of the state adopted codes. Each local jurisdiction in Maryland may modify these codes to suite local conditions.
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">Michigan</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	18	18	
<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	18	18	The Mississippi State Codes Council adopts codes statewide. Local jurisdictions are not mandated to adopt codes however if they choose to adopt, the codes must be the codes approved by the State Building Code Council. Please search at the local level for the most accurate and up to date information for localities.
<a href="#">Missouri</a>	X	X	Although most relevant building codes are adopted locally, the state adopts codes for state owned buildings. State Office Space, regulated by the Division of Facilities Management, specifies the latest version of the IBC. Modular construction requires the IRC. The MO State Architecture Practice Act specifies Sect 107 of the 2012 IBC to be used where there are no local codes.
<a href="#">Montana</a>	18	18	Montana adopts the 2018 IRC. Enforcement is done at the local level. Please search at the local level for the most accurate information for Montana's adoption and enforcement of the IRC.



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<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	18	18	The Nebraska Legislature updates the state codes, which affect all state properties. Local jurisdictions may adopt codes as long as they are the same edition as the state codes. Please search at the local level to find the most accurate and up to date information for localities in NE.
<a href="#">Nevada</a>	X	X	Nevada has statewide adoption of codes for all state-owned/funded buildings through the Nevada Public Works Board. "Blended" codes are adopted locally in Nevada after regional adoption committees prepare suggested regional amendments. Please search at the local level to find the most accurate and up to date information for localities in NV.
<a href="#">New Hampshire</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	18	18	
<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	15	15	The IBC and IRC are adopted statewide by New Mexico Construction Industries Division (CID) as minimum state codes. A few local jurisdictions adopt codes under home rule. Please search at the local government level for the most accurate and up to date adoption information.
<a href="#">New York</a>	18	18	
<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	18	18	Jurisdictions are permitted to amend the State Building Code for their own ordinances.
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	15	18	
<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	15	15	Local jurisdictions in Oklahoma can both amend their codes and voluntarily adopt more codes than what is mandated statewide. Please search at the local level for the most accurate results.
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	18	15	
<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	15	15	Codes are adopted and enforced statewide in Pennsylvania. The city of Philadelphia and Allegheny County use custom codes.
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	18	18	Localities may make amendments as long as the amendments do not weaken the code.
<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	18	X	
<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	12	18	
<a href="#">Texas</a>	03	00	Building codes are listed in Texas state statute; however, building code adoption in Texas takes place at the local level. To obtain more detailed information on local building code adoption and amendments, please contact local jurisdictions directly.
<a href="#">Utah</a>	18	15	
<a href="#">Vermont</a>	15	X	
<a href="#">Virginia</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">Washington</a>	15	15	
<a href="#">West Virginia</a>	15	15	If counties or cities choose to enforce a code, they must follow what the state prescribes, though they are not forced to administer the state code. Please search at the local level to find the most accurate and up to date information for localities.
<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	15		Wisconsin uses its own hybrid residential code (UDC)
<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	18	X	