APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

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# ADDENDUM TO FINAL EXPRESS TERMS AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT (DSA-SS, DSA-SS/CC) REGARDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1 (DSA-SS 04/24)

The state agency shall draft the regulations in plain, straightforward language, avoiding technical terms as much as possible and using a coherent and easily readable style. The agency shall draft the regulation in plain English. A notation shall follow the express terms of each regulation listing the specific statutes authorizing the adoption and listing specific statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific (Government Code Section 11346.2(a)(1)).

Approve as amended a proposed provision, as requested by the state agency. No modification shall be made that materially alters a requirement, right, responsibility, condition or prescription in the text made available to the public for comment in accordance with this chapter. The proposing agency shall justify the modification pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18930 in an amended justification consistent with the approval action submitted to the Commission within 15 days. Failure to submit the amended justification within that time is cause for disapproval. (Section 1-417(a)4 of the California Administrative Code, Part 1 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations).

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## LEGEND for EXPRESS TERMS (California only codes - Parts 1, 6, 8, 11, 12)

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## ADDENDUM to FINAL EXPRESS TERMS and RATIONALE

### ITEM 9 Chapter 4 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR THE DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT—STRUCTURAL SAFETY (DSA-SS), GROUP 1: SAFETY OF CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ARTICLE 10: INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION

In this FET Addendum, DSA proposes to add word “California” in front of “license as a civil engineer” in Section 4-361.

(No addendum changes proposed in other sections of ITEM 9.)

**4-361. Project Inspector examination eligibility criteria.** (Relocated from 4-333.1 and modified as shown.) To ~~qualify for an~~be eligible for a Project Inspector examination, an

applicant shall possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent~~,~~ and shall meet the ~~following~~ minimum qualifications indicated in the Project Inspector~~for the~~ classification; or ~~. Alternative qualifications consistent with those noted herein may be considered by DSA. P~~possess~~ion of~~ a valid California license~~registration~~ as a ~~civil or~~ structural engineer, or ~~a valid California license as an~~architect; or possess a valid California license as a civil engineer demonstrating~~, and~~ one year ~~qualifying~~ experience post licensure in the construction observation of buildings or structures ~~as a civil or structural engineer or architect will qualify for any classification~~. Information provided with the application will be verified. Information deemed as incomplete may be subject to additional inquiry, and alternative qualifications consistent with those noted herein may be considered. For all classifications, construction experience shall be under the jurisdiction of federal, state or local authority having jurisdiction within the United States (U.S.). Where a degree is substituted for experience, the degree must be from an accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education’s Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs (DAPIP), the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), or the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA). Degrees earned or completed courses from foreign colleges or universities will be evaluated based on their U.S. equivalents. Candidates must submit certified transcripts that have been reviewed by an educational evaluation service recognized by the ABET, NAAB EESA, or the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES).

**Rationale:** This section defines eligibility criteria to sit for DSA Project Inspector certification examinations.

In the 2022 California Administrative Code Section 4-333.1, the last sentence currently reads:

*“Possession of a valid California registration as a civil or structural engineer, or a valid California license as an architect, and one year qualifying experience in construction observation of buildings or structures as a civil or structural engineer or architect will qualify for any classification.”*

With the reorganization and movement of this language from Section 4-333.1 to Section 4-361, DSA realized that construction observation experience is already a required prerequisite for California architect and structural engineer licensure. However, construction observation experience is not a required prerequisite for California civil engineer licensure. Thus, DSA submitted an additional 15-day Express Terms which edited the language to read:

*“…possess a valid California license as a structural engineer, or architect; or possess a valid license as a civil engineer demonstrating one year experience post licensure in the construction observation of buildings or structures.”*

During final package preparation, DSA noticed that the civil engineering license should have been stipulated as a California license, as the original language from Section 4-333.1 stipulated a California licensed civil engineer. Therefore, DSA is requesting the Commission to recommend this item for “Approve as Amended”, adding in “California” in order to maintain the requirement that the civil engineer license must be from California. Thus, the language should read as shown below (**bold** added for emphasis to see where California should be added):

*“…possess a valid California license as a structural engineer, or architect; or possess a valid* ***California*** *license as a civil engineer demonstrating one year experience post licensure in the construction observation of buildings or structures.”*

#### Notation:

Authority: Education Code Sections 17310 and 81142.

Reference(s): Education Code Sections 17311 and 81143.

The Division of the State Architect requests the Commission to approve this item as amended, in order to satisfy Health and Safety Code Section **18930(a)(6)**, the proposed building standard is not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.