# ADDITIONAL 15-DAY EXPRESS TERMS AND RATIONALEFOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDSOF 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)

No state agency may adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation which has been changed from that which was originally made available to the public pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.5, unless the change is (1) non-substantial or solely grammatical in nature, or (2) sufficiently related to the original text that the public was adequately placed on notice that the change could result from the originally proposed regulatory action. If a sufficiently related change is made, the full text of the resulting adoption, amendment, or repeal, with the change clearly indicated, shall be made available to the public for at least 15 or 45 days before the agency adopts, amends, or repeals the resulting regulation.

Any written comments received regarding the change must be responded to in the final statement of reasons required by Government Code Section 11346.9 (Government Code Section 11346.8(c)).

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

* Existing California amendments appear upright.
* Unmodified California 45-day amendments appear in underline and ~~strikeout~~.
* California additional 15-day amendments appear in double underline and double strikeout.
* Ellipses ( ...) indicate existing text remains unchanged.
* Text which contains instructions only that are not amendments and will not be printed appears in text with grey highlight*.*
* **Rationale**: The justification for the change is shown after each section or series of related changes.

## ADDITIONAL 15-DAY EXPRESS TERMS

### ITEM 9Chapter 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

(No 15-day code 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 in the respective classification, 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. Alternative qualifications consistent with those noted herein may be considered by DSA.(start double underline); or (end double underline)~~Possession of a~~A (start double underline)possession of a (end double underline)valid California license~~registration~~ as a civil engineer, ~~or~~ structural engineer, (start double underline)or (end double underline)~~or a valid California license as an~~ architect, (start double underline); or possess a valid license as a civil engineer demonstrating(end double underline) and one year documented~~qualifying~~ experience post licensure in the construction observation of buildings or structures ~~as a civil or structural engineer or architect~~ will qualify an applicant as a candidate for any Project Inspector classification examination. (start double underline)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).(end double underline)

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**Rationale:** Further clarifying Project Inspector examination eligibility criteria based on recent increases seen in applications from individuals with foreign experience and education but still in-line with DSA’s past practice and communications to applicants.

Proposed criteria for educational recognition are consistent with similar criteria specified by the California Architects Board and California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. Those boards have established effective processes for reviewing foreign education and experience to ensure applicants meet California’s standards.

#### Notation:

Authority: Education Code Sections 17310 and 81142.

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