

Summary of 2019 California Building Code Changes for Accessibility in the Triennial Code Cycle

The following changes in the 2019 California building codes (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) amended by the Division of the State Architect become effective January 1, 2020.

- The table includes the amendments in:
 - Chapter 1 – Scope and Administration
 - Chapter 2 – Definitions
 - Chapter 11B – Accessibility to Public Buildings, Public Accommodations, Commercial Buildings and Public Housing

Part 2 - California Building Code – Chapter 1 – Scope and Administration, Division I California Administration

SECTION	TITLE	NOTES
1.9.1.1.1 1.9.1.1.2 1.9.1.1.3 1.9.1.1.4	Section 1.9 Division of the State Architect	Amendments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of a reference for public housing in Sections 1.9.1.1.1, 1.9.1.1.2 and 1.9.1.1.3. • The language in Section 1.9.1.1.3 was repealed and the section was renumbered to 1.9.1.1.4. The original language in Section 1.9.1.1.3 was redundant and is included in the definition of “public housing”. • Section 1.9.1.1.5 was renumbered to Section 1.9.1.1.4.

Part 2 - California Building Code – Chapter 2 – Definitions

Definition	NOTES
Adult changing facility	Definition is added in conjunction with the scoping and technical provisions for adult changing facilities.
Commercial place of public amusement.	Definition is added in conjunction with the scoping and technical provisions for adult changing facilities.
District Agricultural Associations	Definition is added in conjunction with the scoping and technical provisions for adult changing facilities.
Riser	The definition of riser was amended to clarify that a riser is between landings and adjacent stair treads. The definitions of step and tread have been repealed.

Part 2 - California Building Code – Chapter 11B

SECTION	TITLE	NOTES
11B-203.8	Residential facilities	The term “public housing” was repealed to align Chapter 11B with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design provisions.
11B-206.2.19	Pedestrian street crossings	This code change restores the scoping for curb ramps at street intersections from prior editions of the code.
11B-207 11B-207.1	Accessible means of egress General	An exception is added to this section to retain the provision that DSA currently adopts in Chapter 10 for accessible means of egress in existing buildings. The section in Chapter 10 is being relocated to the 2018 International Existing Building Code that DSA does not adopt.
11B-213 11B-213.3	Toilet facilities and bathing facilities	This section is amended to include scoping for the locations where transfer type showers are allowed.
Table 11B-224.2	Guest rooms with mobility features	The table is revised to align Chapter 11B with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Footnotes have been added clarify the requirements for bath tubs, transfer type showers and roll-in showers.
11B-233.3 11B-233.1	Public housing facilities	The title of this section is amended to repeal the term “residential” and replace it with “public housing”. In Section 11B-233.1 “available for public use” has been repealed.
11B-233.3.1 11B-233.3.1.1 11B-233.3.1.2 11B-233.3.1.2.4 11B-233.3.1.2.5	Minimum number new construction	The redundant term “public housing” is repealed in these sections. In Section 11B-233.3.1.2 a section reference has been amended to include Section 11B-233.3.1.2.6.
11B-233.3 11B-233.3.3	Public housing facilities Additions	The redundant term “public housing” is repealed in this section. This aligns Chapter 11B with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Part 2 - California Building Code – Chapter 11B, continued.

SECTION	TITLE	NOTES
11B-233.3 11B-233.3.4 11B-233.3.4.1 11B-233.3.4.2 11B-233.3.4.3	Public housing facilities Alterations	The term “public housing facility” was repealed in various sections to align Chapter 11B with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design provisions. The references to dwelling units with adaptable features have been repealed in certain sections and the date of March 13, 1991 has been added to align with the requirements in the Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines. Section 11B-233.3.4.3 specifies the requirements for the maintenance of units with adaptable features constructed on or after March 13, 1991.
11B-233.3 11B-233.3.5	Public housing facilities	The term “public housing facility” was repealed to align Chapter 11B with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The reference to units with adaptable features is repealed in Section 11B-233.3.5 these types of units are not required to meet the dispersion provisions.
11B-248 11B-248.1 11B-248.2	Common use areas and employee work areas	Sections 11B-248.1 and 11B-248.2 are added to clarify the requirements for access compliance in common use and employee work areas.
11B-249 11B-249.1 11B-249.1.1 11B-249.1.2	Adult changing facilities	New scoping section is added for adult changing facilities in response to Assembly Bill 662 (2015-2016)/California Health and Safety Code §19952.8.
11B-405 11B-405.9 11B-405.9.2	Ramps	The section is revised to clarify the requirement for ramp edge protection to alleviate possible conflicts with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
11B-502 11B-502.5	Parking spaces	An exception is added in this section to allow 80 inches of vertical clearance in existing parking structures excluding van spaces, access aisles and vehicular routes serving them.

Part 2 - California Building Code – Chapter 11B, continued.

SECTION	TITLE	NOTES
11B-608 11B-608.2.1	Shower compartments Transfer type showers	The section is amended to that allows transfer type shower compartments in Chapter 11B. Scoping is included with a reference to Section 11B-213.3.6 for specific locations where transfer type shower compartments are allowed.
11B-608 11B-608.3 11B-608.3.1	Shower compartments Grab bars	This section is added to include the technical requirements for grab bars in transfer type shower compartments.
11B-608 11B-608.4	Shower compartments Seats	This section is amended to provide the technical provision that requires seats in transfer type shower compartments.
11B-608 11B-608.5 11B-608.5.1	Shower compartments Controls	This section is added to include the technical requirements for controls in transfer type shower compartments.
11B-608 11B-608.7	Shower compartments Thresholds	This section is amended to for technical provisions with an exception for thresholds in transfer type shower compartments.
11B-610 11B-610.3	Shower compartments Seats	This section is amended to provide the technical provisions for seats in transfer type shower compartments.
11B-812 11B-812.8 11B-812.8.7	Electric vehicle charging stations	This section is amended to clarify the requirements for signs located in circulation paths rather than an accessible route.
11B-813	Adult changing facilities	The entire section is a new addition to Chapter 11B to provide the technical provisions for adult changing facilities.