

**Legislation and Publications
Affecting the Building Industry**

A list of the legislation and other publications of interest to the building industry is shown in Appendix A. The list is not exhaustive and is offered for general information only.

2. The publications listed in Appendix A are available for viewing from various Government departments' websites or purchase by the following means :

- calling the Publications Sales Unit of Information Services Department (ISD) at 2537 1910;
- visiting the online Government Bookstore at <http://www.gov.hk/en/residents/government/publication/publication/bookstore.htm>;
- downloading the order form from the ISD website at www.isd.gov.hk and submitting the order online or by fax to 2523 7195; and
- placing order with ISD through e-mail to puborder@isd.gov.hk.



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A. Laws of Hong Kong

Chapter	Relevant Ordinances	Website
123	Buildings Ordinance	Department of Justice www.doj.gov.hk
123A	Building (Administration) Regulations	
123B	Building (Construction) Regulations	
123C	Building (Demolition Works) Regulations	
123F	Building (Planning) Regulations	
123G	Building (Private Streets and Access Roads) Regulations	
123H	Building (Refuse Storage and Material Recovery Chambers and Refuse Chutes) Regulations	
123I	Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations	
123J	Building (Ventilating Systems) Regulations	
123K	Building (Oil Storage Installations) Regulations	
123L	Building (Appeal) Regulation	
123M	Building (Energy Efficiency) Regulation	
123N	Building (Minor Works) Regulation	
123O	Building (Minor Works) (Fees) Regulation	
123P	Building (Inspection and Repair) Regulation	
7	Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance	
17	Lands Tribunal Ordinance	
28	Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance	
40	Government Leases Ordinance	
51	Gas Safety Ordinance	
53	Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance	
59	Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance	

Chapter	Relevant Ordinances	Website
95	Fire Services Ordinance	Department of Justice www.doj.gov.hk
97	New Territories Ordinance	
102	Waterworks Ordinance	
121	Buildings Ordinance (Application to the New Territories) Ordinance	
124	Lands Resumption Ordinance	
125	Government Rent and Premium (Apportionment) Ordinance	
126	Government Rights (Re-entry and Vesting Remedies) Ordinance	
127	Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamation) Ordinance	
128	Land Registration Ordinance	
130	Land Acquisition (Possessory Title) Ordinance	
131	Town Planning Ordinance	
132	Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance	
150	New Territories Leases (Extension) Ordinance	
152	New Territories (Renewable Government Leases) Ordinance	
172	Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance	
172A	Places of Public Entertainment Regulations	
208	Country Parks Ordinance	
211	Aerial Ropeways (Safety) Ordinance	
219	Conveyancing and Property Ordinance	
243	Child Care Services Ordinance	
243A	Child Care Services Regulations	

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Chapter	Relevant Ordinances	Website
276	Mass Transit Railway (Land Resumption and Related Provisions) Ordinance	Department of Justice www.doj.gov.hk
279	Education Ordinance	
279A	Education Regulations	
295	Dangerous Goods Ordinance	
301	Hong Kong Airport (Control of Obstructions) Ordinance	
311	Air Pollution Control Ordinance	
317	Industrial Training (Construction Industry) Ordinance	
337	Demolished Buildings (Re-development of Sites) Ordinance	
344	Building Management Ordinance	
347	Limitation Ordinance	
349	Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance	
354	Waste Disposal Ordinance	
358	Water Pollution Control Ordinance	
360	Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance	
370	Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance	
372	Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance	
374	Road Traffic Ordinance	
376	Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance	
400	Noise Control Ordinance	
406	Electricity Ordinance	

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Chapter	Relevant Ordinances	Website
408	Architects Registration Ordinance	Department of Justice www.doj.gov.hk
409	Engineers Registration Ordinance	
417	Surveyors Registration Ordinance	
438	Sewage Tunnels (Statutory Easements) Ordinance	
447	Bedspace Apartments Ordinance	
459	Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance	
464	Timber Stores Ordinance	
470	Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance	
473	Land Survey Ordinance	
487	Disability Discrimination Ordinance	
499	Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance	
502	Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance	
509	Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance	
515	Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance	
545	Land (Compulsory Sale for Development) Ordinance	
572	Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance	
573	Karaoke Establishments Ordinance	
585	Land Titles Ordinance (not yet in operation)	
610	Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance	
618	Lifts and Escalators Ordinance	

/ B. Technical

B. Technical Memorandum

Title	Department Website
Technical Memorandum for Supervision Plans, issued under section 39A of the Buildings Ordinance Cap. 123	Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk
Technical Memorandum on Environmental Impact Assessment Process Technical Memorandum - Standards for Effluents Discharged into Drainage and Sewerage Systems, Inland and Coastal Waters, issued under section 21 of the Water Pollution Control Ordinance Cap. 358	Environmental Protection Department www.epd.gov.hk

C. Codes of Practice

Title	Department Website
Code of Practice for Building Works for Lifts and Escalators 2011 Code of Practice for Dead and Imposed Loads 2011 Code of Practice for Demolition of Buildings 2004 Code of Practice for Fire Resisting Construction 1996 Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011 Code of Practice for Foundations Code of Practice for the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) 2012 Code of Practice for Oil Storage Installations 1992 Code of Practice for Overall Thermal Transfer Value in Buildings 1995 Code of Practice for Precast Concrete Construction 2003 Code of Practice for the Provision of Means of Access for Firefighting and Rescue Purposes 1995	Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk

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Title	Department Website
<p>Code of Practice for the Provision of Means of Escape in Case of Fire 1996</p> <p>Code of Practice for Site Supervision 2009</p> <p>Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013</p> <p>Code of Practice for the Structural Use of Steel 2011</p> <p>Code of Practice on Wind Effects in Hong Kong 2004</p>	<p>Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Code of Practice : Avoiding Danger from Gas Pipes</p> <p>Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Builders' Lifts</p> <p>Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators</p> <p>Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Tower Working Platforms</p> <p>Code of Practice on the Design, Manufacture and Installation of Aerial Ropeways</p> <p>Code of Practice for the Electricity (Wiring) Regulations</p> <p>Code of Practice for Hong Kong LPG Industry, Module 1 – LPG Compounds and Cylinder Stores</p> <p>Code of Practice for Hong Kong LPG Industry, Module 2 – Underground LPG Pipework</p> <p>Code of Practice for Hong Kong LPG Industry, Module 3 – Handling and Transport of LPG in Bulk by Road</p> <p>Code of Practice for Hong Kong LPG Industry, Module 7 – Operating Procedures for Emergencies for LPG Compounds and Cylinder Stores</p> <p>Code of Practice for Hong Kong LPG Industry, Module 9 – LPG Cylinders</p> <p>Code of Practice for Installation of Electrically Operated Sliding Gates, Sliding Glass Doors and Rolling Shutters</p> <p>Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works</p>	<p>Electrical and Mechanical Services Department www.emsd.gov.hk</p>

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Title	Department Website
<p>Gas Utilisation Code of Practice GU12 – Installation of Mechanical Exhaust System for Gas Appliances (Rated Heat Input up to 70 kW)</p> <p>Code of Practice for Building Energy Audit</p> <p>Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Building Services Installation</p>	<p>Electrical and Mechanical Services Department www.emsd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Code of Practice on Asbestos Control - Asbestos Work Using Full Containment or Mini Containment Method</p> <p>Code of Practice on Asbestos Control - Asbestos Work Using Glove Bag Method</p> <p>Code of Practice on Asbestos Control - Preparation of Asbestos Investigation Report, Asbestos Management Plan and Asbestos Abatement Plan</p> <p>Code of Practice on Asbestos Control - Safe Handling of Low Risk Asbestos Containing Material</p> <p>Code of Practice on the Handling, Transportation and Disposal of Asbestos Wastes</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Department www.epd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment</p>	<p>Fire Services Department www.hkfsd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Code of Practice on Building Management and Maintenance</p>	<p>Home Affairs Department www.had.gov.hk</p>

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Title	Department Website
<p>Code of Practice for Bamboo Scaffolding Safety</p> <p>Code of Practice for Metal Scaffolding Safety</p> <p>Code of Practice on Safe Use of Excavators</p> <p>Code of Practice for Safe Use of Mobile Cranes</p> <p>Code of Practice for Safe Use and Operation of Suspended Working Platforms</p> <p>Code of Practice for Safe Use of Tower Cranes</p> <p>Code of Practice : Safety and Health at Work with Asbestos</p> <p>Code of Practice for Safety and Health at Work in Confined Spaces</p> <p>Code of Practice : Safety and Health at Work for Gas Welding and Flame Cutting</p> <p>Code of Practice : Safety and Health at Work for Industrial Diving</p> <p>Code of Practice for Safety and Health at Work (Land-based Construction over water – Prevention of Fall)</p> <p>Code of Practice : Safety and Health at Work for Manual Electric Arc Welding</p> <p>Code of Practice for Safety at Work (Lift and Escalator)</p>	<p>Labour Department www.labour.gov.hk</p>
<p>Code of Practice : Land Survey Ordinance</p>	<p>Lands Department www.landsd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Code of Practice for Loading of Vehicles</p> <p>Code of Practice for Private Roads</p>	<p>Transport Department www.td.gov.hk</p>

/ D. Design

D. Design Manuals, Standards and Specifications

Title	Department Website
<p>Design Manual – Barrier Free Access 2008</p> <p>Guide to Fire Safety Design for Caverns 1994</p> <p>Guidelines on the Design and Construction of Bamboo Scaffolds</p> <p>Practice Guidebook for Adaptive Re-use of and Alteration and Addition Works to Heritage Buildings 2012</p>	<p>Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Construction Standard CS1:2010 – Testing Concrete Volume 1 & 2</p> <p>General Specification for Civil Engineering Works</p> <p>Geoguide 1 : Guide to Retaining Wall Design</p> <p>Geoguide 2 : Guide to Site Investigation</p> <p>Geoguide 3 : Guide to Rock and Soil Descriptions</p> <p>Geoguide 4 : Guide to Cavern Engineering</p> <p>Geoguide 5 : Guide to Slope Maintenance</p> <p>Geoguide 6 : Guide to Reinforced Fill Structure and Slope Design</p> <p>Geoguide 7 : Guide to Soil Nail Design and Construction</p> <p>Geospec 1 : Model Specification for Prestressed Ground anchors</p> <p>Geospec 3 : Model Specification for Soil Testing</p> <p>Geotechnical Manual for Slopes</p>	<p>Civil Engineering and Development Department www.cedd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Structures Design Manual for Highways and Railways</p>	<p>Highways Department www.hyd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines</p>	<p>Planning Department www.pland.gov.hk</p>

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E. Practice Notes

Title	Department Website
Joint Practice Notes Practice Notes for Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers Practice Notes for Mandatory Building and Window Inspection Schemes Practice Notes for Registered Contractors	Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk
Professional Persons Environmental Consultative Committee Practice Notes (ProPECC Practice Notes)	Environmental Protection Department www.epd.gov.hk
Lands Administration Office (LAO) Practice Notes Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office (LACO) Circular Letter Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) Practice Notes	Lands Department www.landsd.gov.hk
Practice Notes for Professional Persons	Planning Department www.pland.gov.hk

F. Guidelines

Title	Department Website
General Guidelines on Minor Works Control System Technical Guidelines on Minor Works Control System	Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk
Guidance Note on Gas Supply Installations Technical Guidelines on Code of Practice for Building Energy Audit Technical Guidelines on Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Building Services Installation	Electrical and Mechanical Services Department www.emsd.gov.hk

/ Connections

Title	Department Website
<p>Connections to Sewers Under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance</p> <p>Grease Traps for Restaurants and Food Processors</p> <p>Guidance Notes on Discharges from Village Houses</p> <p>A Guide to the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance</p> <p>A Guide to the Water Pollution Control Ordinance</p> <p>Guidelines for the Design of Small Sewage Treatment Plants</p> <p>Guidelines for Estimating Sewage Flows for Sewage Infrastructure Planning</p> <p>Landfill Gas Hazard Assessment Guidance Note</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Department www.epd.gov.hk</p>
<p>Information Leaflet – About Installing Letter Boxes</p>	<p>Hongkong Post www.hongkongpost.hk</p>
<p>Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) Guidance Notes No. 8/2010: Preparation of Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment under EIAO</p>	<p>Planning Department www.pland.gov.hk</p>
<p>Town Planning Board Guidelines</p>	<p>Town Planning Board www.info.gov.hk/tpb/</p>

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