
Notice

New Canadian Electrical Code, Part I

Date Effective

The 2021 Canadian Electrical Code, Part I (twenty-fifth edition) automatically comes into force on February 1, 2022 throughout the Province of Alberta.

Summary

Information on upcoming automatic code updates and compliance requirements.

Codes in Force under the Regulation

On February 1, 2022, The *Electrical Code Regulation* adopts the following two codes:

- **CSA-C22.1-21 – Canadian Electrical Code, Part I (twenty-fifth edition)** – This code provides the minimum safety standards for the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment.
- **Alberta Electrical Utility Code – 5th Edition, 2016** – This code provides the minimum safety standards for the installation and maintenance of electrical utility systems in Alberta.

Persons who have received permission (or a permit) by the authority having jurisdiction to undertake electrical installations regulated under the previous 2018 Canadian Electrical Code, Part I (twenty-fourth edition) prior to February 1, 2022 will be considered in compliance with the *Safety Codes Act*. Installations permitted on or after February 1, 2022 are required to conform to the new 2021 edition of the Canadian Electrical Code, Part I. Unless an unsafe condition exists or would exist in the opinion of the authority having jurisdiction, electrical installations in progress should not be required to be updated to the new codes and result in undue hardship or cost. Questions regarding unusual situations should be directed in writing to the local authority having jurisdiction:

<https://www.safetycodes.ab.ca>

For area classification requirements at oil and gas facilities permitted or constructed prior to February 1, 2019, the use of the “Code for Electrical Installations at Oil and Gas Facilities”, published by the Safety Codes Council, is permitted.

Additional Notes

The 2021 Canadian Electrical Code, Part I (twenty-fifth edition) was published by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) in January 2021.

Information on Purchasing the Codes

The Canadian Electrical Code may be purchased directly from the Canadian Standards Association at <https://store.csagroup.org> or from applicable electrical wholesalers and post-secondary institutions.

For code update training information and timelines, please check the Safety Codes Council site at <https://www.safetycodes.ab.ca>

The Alberta Electrical Utility Code is available at the Safety Codes Council <https://www.safetycodes.ab.ca>

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