

**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	
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	
95	Fire Services Ordinance	

Chapter	Relevant Ordinances	Website
102	Waterworks Ordinance	Department of Justice www.doj.gov.hk
121	Buildings Ordinance (Application to the New Territories) Ordinance	
124	Lands Resumption Ordinance	
126	Government Rights (Re-entry and Vesting Remedies) Ordinance	
128	Land Registration Ordinance	
130	Land Acquisition (Possessory Title) Ordinance	
131	Town Planning Ordinance	
132	Public Health and Municipal Services 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	
243	Child Care Services Ordinance	
243A	Child Care Services Regulations	
276	Mass Transit Railway (Land Resumption and Related Provisions) Ordinance	
279	Education Ordinance	
279A	Education Regulations	
295	Dangerous Goods Ordinance	
301	Hong Kong Airport (Control of Obstructions) Ordinance	

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Chapter	Relevant Ordinances	Website
311	Air Pollution Control Ordinance	Department of Justice www.doj.gov.hk
317	Industrial Training (Construction Industry) Ordinance	
327	Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance	
337	Demolished Buildings (Re-development of Sites) Ordinance	
344	Building Management 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	
374	Road Traffic Ordinance	
376	Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance	
400	Noise Control Ordinance	
406	Electricity Ordinance	
408	Architects Registration Ordinance	
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	
470	Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance	

Chapter	Relevant Ordinances	Website
487	Disability Discrimination Ordinance	Department of Justice www.doj.gov.hk
502	Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance	
572	Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance	
573	Karaoke Establishments Ordinance	
585	Land Titles Ordinance (not yet in operation)	

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

C. Codes of Practice

Title	Department Website
Code of Practice for Demolition of Buildings Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Buildings and Building Works for the Installation and Safe Use of Lifts and Escalators Code of Practice for Fire Resisting Construction Code of Practice for Foundations Code of Practice for Oil Storage Installations Code of Practice for Overall Thermal Transfer Value in Buildings Code of Practice for Precast Concrete Construction	Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk

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Title	Department Website
<p>Code of Practice for the Provision of Means of Access for Firefighting and Rescue Purposes</p> <p>Code of Practice for the Provision of Means of Escape in Case of Fire</p> <p>Code of Practice for Site Supervision</p> <p>Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete</p> <p>Code of Practice for the Structural Use of Steel</p> <p>Code of Practice on Wind Effects in Hong Kong</p>	<p>Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk</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>Code of Practice : Avoiding Danger from Gas Pipes</p> <p>Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Air Conditioning Installations</p> <p>Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Electrical Installations</p> <p>Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Lift and Escalator Installations</p> <p>Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Lighting Installation</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>Electrical and Mechanical Services Department www.emsd.gov.hk</p>

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Title	Department Website
<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 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 for Lift Works and Escalator Works</p> <p>Gas Utilisation Code of Practice GU12 – Installation of Mechanical Exhaust System for Gas Appliances (Rated Heat Input up to 70 kW)</p> <p>Performance-based Building Energy Code</p>	<p>Electrical and Mechanical Services Department www.emsd.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>
<p>Code of Practice : Safety and Health at Work with Asbestos</p> <p>Code of Practice for Safe Use of Tower Cranes *</p> <p>Code of Practice for Safe Use of Mobile Cranes *</p> <p>* (Attention should be paid to “BS 7121-2: 2003 Code of Practice for Safe Use of Cranes. Inspection, Testing and Examination” as referred to by the Codes)</p>	<p>Labour Department www.labour.gov.hk</p>

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Code of Practice for Loading of Vehicles Code of Practice for Private Roads	Transport Department www.td.gov.hk
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D. Design Manuals, Standards and Specifications

Title	Department Website
Guide to Fire Safety Design for Caverns Design Manual – Barrier Free Access Guidelines on the Design and Construction of Bamboo Scaffolds Practice Guidebook on Compliance with Building Safety Requirements for Adaptive Re-use of and Alteration and Addition Works to Heritage Buildings under the Buildings Ordinance (Interim Edition)	Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk
Construction Standard CS1:2010 – Testing Concrete Volume 1 & 2 General Specification for Civil Engineering Works Geoguide 1 : Guide to Retaining Wall Design Geoguide 2 : Guide to Site Investigation Geoguide 3 : Guide to Rock and Soil Descriptions Geoguide 4 : Guide to Cavern Engineering Geoguide 5 : Guide to Slope Maintenance Geoguide 6 : Guide to Reinforced Fill Structure and Slope Design Geoguide 7 : Guide to Soil Nail Design and Construction Geospec 1 : Model Specification for Prestressed Ground anchors Geospec 3 : Model Specification for Soil Testing Geotechnical Manual for Slopes	Civil Engineering and Development Department www.cedd.gov.hk
Structures Design Manual for Highways and Railways	Highways Department www.hyd.gov.hk

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E. Practice Notes

Title	Department Website
Practice Note for Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers	Buildings Department www.bd.gov.hk
Practice Note for Registered Contractors	
Joint Practice Notes	

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	Electrical and Mechanical Services Department www.emsd.gov.hk
Guidelines for the Design of Small Sewage Treatment Plants	Environmental Protection Department www.epd.gov.hk

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