



DEB Notice 011824

(Effective: 01/18/2024)

Applicable Building Code for State-Owned Buildings and Structures

In accord with the *Code of Virginia*, §36-98.1, and the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, 2021 edition, Section 103.7 *State buildings and structures*, the USBC shall be applicable to state-owned buildings and structures, and to buildings and structures built on state-owned property.

The current applicable building code is the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, 2021 Edition (2021 VUSBC) and is available at <https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/virginia>. The 2021 VUSBC is divided into three stand-alone parts:

- Part I, the Virginia Construction Code (2021 VCC) for new construction,
- Part II, the Virginia Existing Building Code (2021 VEBC) for rehabilitation of existing buildings, and
- Part III, the Virginia Property Maintenance Code (2021 VPMC) for maintenance of existing structures.

The 2021 VUSBC shall be applicable as follows:

2021 VUSBC SHALL be applied to the following projects:

- Capital Outlay projects for which Preliminary Design is not substantially complete prior to 01/18/2024.
- Non-Capital Outlay projects for which construction documents are not substantially complete prior to 01/18/2024.
- Capital Outlay and Non-Capital Outlay projects for which a Building Permit has not been issued by 01/18/2025.
- Capital Outlay and Non-Capital Outlay projects for which a Building Permit has been issued, but Work has not commenced by 01/18/2025.

Unless required above, the 2018 VUSBC MAY be applied to the following projects:

- Capital Outlay projects for which Preliminary Design is substantially complete prior to 01/18/2024, but a Building Permit has not been issued. A 2018 VUSBC building permit will not be issued after 01/18/2025.
- Non-Capital Outlay projects for which construction documents are substantially complete prior to 01/18/2024. (Include a statement by the Agency with the Building Permit application indicating that the construction documents were substantially complete prior to 01/18/2024.) A 2018 VUSBC building permit will not be issued after 01/18/2025.

Unless required above, at the option of the Agency, the 2021 VUSBC MAY be applied to the following projects:

- Capital Outlay projects for which Preliminary Design is substantially complete prior to 01/18/2024, but a Building Permit has not been issued.
- Non-Capital Outlay projects for which a Building Permit has not been issued.