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**Subject:** FW: RRC Meeting March 2026-Request for Technical Changes

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Thank you for the revisions. Please send all the final revised rules to [oah.rules@oah.nc.gov](mailto:oah.rules@oah.nc.gov) (cc Mr. Burgos and I). The rules are final for review at March's RRC meeting.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** COQB - Permanent Rules Scheduled for RRC Review at March 2026 Meeting  
**Attachments:** 11 NCAC 08 0602.docx; 11 NCAC 08 0706.docx; 11 NCAC 08 0737.docx; 11 NCAC 08 0738.docx; 11 NCAC 08 0739.docx; 11 NCAC 08 0740.docx; 11 NCAC 08 0741.docx

Good morning, Rules Division,

Please find attached finalized copies of the Code Officials Qualification Board's permanent amendments to the below-listed rules, revised in response to Mr. Wiggs's requests for changes, that are scheduled to be reviewed by the RRC at its March 26, 2026 meeting:

- 11 NCAC 08 .0602;
- 11 NCAC 08 .0706;
- 11 NCAC 08 .0737;
- 11 NCAC 08 .0738;
- 11 NCAC 08 .0739;
- 11 NCAC 08 .0740; and
- 11 NCAC 08 .0741.

Please let me know if you require anything further from the Board in advance of the Commission's March 26, 2026 meeting.

Thank you,  
Kyle

**Kyle Heuser**  
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1 11 NCAC 08 .0602 is amended with changes as published in 40:11 NCR 859 as follows:  
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3 **11 NCAC 08 .0602 NATURE OF PROBATIONARY CERTIFICATE**

4 (a) A probationary certificate may be issued as a building inspector, electrical inspector, mechanical inspector,  
5 plumbing inspector, or fire inspector, as set forth in the rule in this Chapter specific to the type of probationary  
6 certificate being sought, to any newly employed or newly promoted code-enforcement official who lacks a standard  
7 certificate that covers the new position. A probationary certificate shall be issued for three years and shall not be  
8 renewed. During the three-year period, the official shall complete the requirements set forth in the rule in this Chapter  
9 specific to the type of probationary certificate being sought to qualify for the appropriate standard certificate. A  
10 probationary certificate shall authorize the official, during the effective period of the certificate, to hold the position  
11 of the type, level, and jurisdiction specified. A probationary certificate may be placed on inactive status by upon  
12 written request, request by the code-enforcement official. While on inactive status, the code-enforcement official shall  
13 not administer nor enforce the State Building Code for the probationary certificate held. Once a probationary certificate  
14 is placed on inactive status, the three-year effective period is tolled. The certificate shall be conditioned on the  
15 applicant's completion of a high school diploma, or a high school equivalency certificate, and meeting one of the  
16 following:

- 17 (1) working under supervision sufficient, as determined by a supporting letter provided for in 11 NCAC  
18 08 .0706(b), to protect the public health and safety;
- 19 (2) possessing a minimum of one year of design, construction, or inspection experience working under  
20 a certified inspector or under a licensed professional engineer, licensed architect, licensed  
21 contractor, or registered interior designer; or
- 22 (3) possessing one of the education or experience qualifications listed in the rule in this Chapter specific  
23 to the area of code enforcement for which the probationary certificate is ~~issued; or issued.~~
- 24 ~~(4) making a passing grade of at least 70 percent on courses for certification in building, electrical, fire,~~  
25 ~~mechanical, or plumbing inspection at levels I, II, or III in each area of code enforcement for which~~  
26 ~~the probationary certificate is issued.~~

27 (b) A probationary certificate as a residential changeout inspector set forth in 11 NCAC 08 .0734 may be issued to  
28 any employed code-enforcement official, whose employment can be verified pursuant to 11 NCAC 08 .0734(d)(2),  
29 who lacks a standard certificate as a residential changeout inspector and who successfully completes a residential  
30 changeout inspections course set forth in 11 NCAC 08 .0734(c)(3). A probationary certificate shall be issued for three  
31 years and shall not be renewed. During the three-year period, the official shall complete the requirements set forth in  
32 the rules in this Chapter, specific to an area of code enforcement, to qualify for the corresponding standard certificate.  
33 A probationary certificate as a residential changeout inspector shall authorize the inspector, during the effective period  
34 of the certificate, to hold the position set forth in 11 NCAC 08 .0734(a). A probationary certificate may be placed on  
35 inactive status by upon written request, request by the code-enforcement official. While on inactive status, the code-  
36 enforcement official shall not administer nor enforce the State Building Code. Once a probationary certificate is placed  
37 on inactive status, the three-year effective period is tolled. The probationary certificate shall be conditioned on the  
38 applicant's completion of a high school diploma, or a high school equivalency certificate, and working under the direct

1 supervision of a person who possesses, or persons who collectively possess, standard certificates as an electrical  
2 inspector III, mechanical inspector III, and plumbing inspector III, or an individual holding a residential changeout  
3 inspector certificate and five years of code enforcement experience.

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143-151.12(1); 143-151.12(2); 143-151.13;*  
6 *Eff. June 28, 1979; Amended Eff. December 1, 1982;*  
7 *Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 1983; For a Period of 120 Days to Expire on April 30, 1983;*  
8 *Amended Eff. December 1, 2017; July 18, 2002; October 1, 1992; February 1, 1991; May 1, 1983;*  
9 *Readopted Eff. July 1, 2019;*  
10 *Amended Eff. April 1, 2026; February 1, 2025; August 1, 2020.*

1 11 NCAC 08 .0706 is amended as published in 40:06 NCR 507 as follows:  
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3 **11 NCAC 08 .0706 REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: TYPES AND LEVELS**

4 (a) Qualification Levels: With respect to all types of code-enforcement officials certified by the Board prior to  
5 January 1, ~~2025,2027~~, those with Level I, Level II, or Level III certificates shall be qualified to inspect and approve  
6 only those buildings limited by the occupancy classification for Fire inspectors and by the occupancy classification,  
7 number of stories, and square feet (sf) per floor area of buildings for Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing  
8 inspectors, as shown in Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this Rule. Code-enforcement officials certified for Level I  
9 and II shall be authorized to inspect and approve these buildings until December 31, ~~2030,2032~~. Any code-  
10 enforcement official with a probationary Level I or Level II certificate, who earns a Standard Level I or Level II  
11 certificate between January 1, ~~2025,2027~~ and December 31, ~~2030,2032~~, shall be qualified to inspect and approve  
12 only those buildings shown in Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this Rule until December 31, ~~2030,2032~~. As of  
13 January 1, ~~2031,2033~~, code- enforcement officials certified for Level I and Level II shall continue to be certified at  
14 those same levels but shall be qualified to inspect and approve only those types of buildings shown in Subparagraph  
15 (a)(3) of this Rule. Standard Level III certificates shall be authorized to inspect and approve the types of buildings  
16 shown in Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule indefinitely.

17 (1) Fire inspectors shall be limited to occupancy classifications, Highrise, and plan review as follows,  
18 except all Levels include Business, Mercantile, Residential, and Utility and Miscellaneous:

19 (A) Level I. Assembly (limited to 1 story/20,000 sf), Factory Industrial F-2, and Storage S-2.  
20 No Highrise or plan review.

21 (B) Level II. Assembly, Educational, Factory Industrial F-1 and F-2, and Storage S-1 and S-  
22 2. Plan review.

23 (C) Level III. Assembly, Educational, Factory Industrial F-1 and F-2, Hazardous,  
24 Institutional, and Storage S-1 and S-2. Highrise and plan review.

25 (2) Building, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing inspectors shall be limited to occupancy  
26 classifications, number of stories, and square feet (sf) per floor as follows, except for any Level,  
27 there shall be no number of stories or square footage limit for one and two family dwellings and  
28 townhouses or Utility and Miscellaneous.

29 (A) Level I. Single (1) story/7,500 sf, for Assembly, Education, Institutional, and Residential  
30 Multi-unit. Single (1) story/20,000 sf, for Business, Factory Industrial, Mercantile, and  
31 Storage. Single (1) story/3,000 sf, for Hazardous.

32 (B) Level II. Single (1) story/10,000 sf, for Institutional; 20,000 sf, for Assembly, Education,  
33 and Hazardous; and, 60,000 sf, for Business, Factory Industrial, and Mercantile. Multi-  
34 story: 2 stories, maximum 20,000 sf per floor for Education and Hazardous. Multi-story:  
35 3 stories, maximum 10,000 sf per floor Institutional; and, unlimited sf Residential Multi-  
36 unit. Multi-story: 4 stories, maximum 20,000 sf per floor for Business, Factory Industrial,  
37 and Mercantile.

38 (C) Level III. Unlimited stories and sf per floor.

39 (3) ~~With respect to all types of code-enforcement officials-officials, except fire inspectors, newly~~  
40 ~~certified by the Board on or after January 1, 2025,2027, those with Level I, Level II, or Level III~~  
41 ~~certificates are qualified to inspect and approve buildings as follows except for any Level there~~  
42 ~~shall be no number of stories or square footage limit for one and two family dwellings and~~  
43 ~~townhouses or Utility and Miscellaneous:~~

44 (A) Level I inspectors shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties for  
45 residential buildings up to three stories in height with no more than four dwelling units  
46 subject to the limitations for the type of inspector.

47 (B) Level II inspectors shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties for  
48 commercial buildings subject to the limitations for the type of inspector.

49 (C) Level III inspectors shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties for any  
50 residential or commercial building or structure subject to the limitations for the type of  
51 inspector.

52 (4) With respect to fire inspectors newly certified by the Board on or after January 1, 2027, those with  
53 Level I, Level II, or Level III certificates are qualified to inspect and approve buildings as  
54 provided in Rule .0741 of this Section.

55 (b) Whenever a provision of the rules in this Section requires a supporting letter (maximum of two per level) from a  
56 supervisor, the letter(s) shall be notarized, shall state the supervisor's qualifications (i.e., what type and level of

1 certificate or license the supervisor holds), shall state that the applicant has worked under the supervisor's direct  
2 supervision for a specified period of time, and shall recommend certification of the applicant as a specified type and  
3 level of inspector upon satisfaction of other required qualifications. The supervisor shall describe the name, floor  
4 area, and number of stories of the buildings worked on by the applicant and shall describe the work performed by  
5 the applicant.

6 (c) References in the rules in this Section to professional engineer or licensed engineer means engineers licensed by  
7 the North Carolina State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors pursuant to Chapter 89C of the North  
8 Carolina General Statutes. References in the rules in this Section to registered architect means architects licensed by  
9 the Board of Architecture pursuant to Chapter 83A of the North Carolina General Statutes. References to licensed  
10 building, residential, electrical, heating, plumbing, and fire sprinkler contractors means contractors licensed by the  
11 State Licensing Board for General Contractors, the North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Electrical  
12 Contractors, or the North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors,  
13 pursuant to Chapter 87 of the North Carolina General Statutes. References to licensed "building" contractors do not  
14 include licensed "residential" contractors. Specialty licenses issued by these occupational licensing boards are  
15 applicable as prescribed by the inspector type and level contained in this Section. Applicants with licenses from  
16 other states or countries must provide a copy of their license and documentation to prove that the requirements of the  
17 other state or country are at least equivalent to the statewide licensing requirements of North Carolina occupational  
18 licensing boards.

19 (d) Whenever a provision of the rules in this Section requires the possession of an occupational license other than  
20 those certificates that are issued by the Board, if that license is inactive, the applicant must provide documentation  
21 from the appropriate occupational licensing board to prove that the applicant previously held the license and that the  
22 license is currently inactive.

23 (e) Whenever a provision of the rules in this Section requires inspector experience on a minimum number of  
24 buildings or systems, the experience must include all the inspections typically performed by an inspector during  
25 construction of the building or system. Inspections do not have to be performed on the same building.

26 (f) Whenever a provision of the rules in this Section requires a high school education or other education and  
27 experience qualifications, the Board may approve equivalent qualifications. Whenever a provision of the **Rules rules**  
28 in this Section requires the possession of a diploma or degree from an accredited college, university, or trade school,  
29 accredited shall mean accreditation from a regional accrediting **association, association, for Note: as an** example,  
30 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

31 (g) Every applicant for a standard certificate shall:

- 32 (1) provide documentation that the applicant possesses a minimum of a high school education or a  
33 high school equivalency certificate; and
- 34 (2) provide notarized certification by a city or county manager, clerk, or director of inspection  
35 department that the applicant will be performing "code enforcement", as defined in G.S. 143-  
36 151.8(a)(3), as an employee of or under contract with that city or county jurisdiction; or provide  
37 certification by the head of the Engineering and Building Codes Division of the North Carolina  
38 Office of State Fire Marshal that the applicant will be performing "code enforcement", as defined  
39 in G.S. 143-151.8(a)(3), for a state department or agency; and
- 40 (3) make a passing grade of at least 70 percent on a law and administration course administered and  
41 taught by a Board-approved sponsor; and
- 42 (4) make a passing grade of at least 70 percent on courses for certification in building, electrical, fire  
43 prevention, mechanical, or plumbing inspection at Levels I, II, or III, unless exempted by 11  
44 NCAC 08 .0707. For the purpose of entry into the state examination, courses must be completed  
45 within five years of the exam in Subparagraph (g)(5) of this Rule. These courses shall be  
46 administered and taught by the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal and the North Carolina  
47 Community College System or other educational agencies accredited by a regional accrediting  
48 association; for example, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and
- 49 (5) make a passing grade of 70 percent on the state examination administered by the Board for each  
50 inspector type and level of certification, unless exempted by 11 NCAC 08.0707.

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52 History Note: *Authority G.S. 143-151.12(1); 143-151.12(9); 143-151.13;*  
53 *Eff. January 15, 1980;*  
54 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2004; July 18, 2002; February 1, 1991; August 1, 1990; July 1, 1983;*  
55 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9,*  
56 *2018;*

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*Amended Eff. February 1, ~~2025~~, 2025;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. November 7, 2025;*  
*Amended Eff. April 1, 2026.*

1 11 NCAC 08 .0737 is amended as published in 40:06 NCR 507 as follows:  
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3 **11 NCAC 08 .0737 BUILDING INSPECTOR LEVEL I, II AND III**

4 (a) A Building Inspector, Level I, ~~(Residential)~~ (Residential), certified on or after January 1, 2027 shall be qualified  
5 to perform code-enforcement official duties for residential buildings up to three stories in height with no more than  
6 four dwelling units, in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Residential Code.

7 (b) A Building Inspector, Level ~~II~~ II (Commercial), certified on or after January 1, 2027 shall be qualified to  
8 perform code-enforcement official duties for commercial buildings up to four stories in height, except for hazardous  
9 and institutional occupancy classifications.

10 (c) A Building Inspector, Level III, shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties for any residential  
11 or commercial building or structure occupancy classification.

12 (d) Building Inspectors, Levels I, II, or III certified on or before December 31, 2026 shall be qualified to perform  
13 code-enforcement official duties for the types of structures described in Rule .0706(a)(2) of this Section until  
14 December 31, 2032.

15 ~~(d)(e)~~ Building Inspector, Level I. A standard certificate, Building Inspector, Level I, shall be issued to any  
16 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
17 applicant possesses one of the following:

- 18 (1) A license as a professional engineer, architect, residential or building contractor or a registered  
19 interior designer;
- 20 (2) A one-year diploma in building construction from an accredited college or an equivalent  
21 apprenticeship or trade school program in building construction;
- 22 (3) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in building construction, electrical,  
23 mechanical, or plumbing contracting, construction management or engineering technology;
- 24 (4) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university;
- 25 (5) At least six months of residential inspection experience, with a probationary Level I building  
26 inspection certificate, on a minimum of two Level I buildings while working under the direct  
27 supervision of a standard certified building inspector I, II, or III, with a supporting letter from the  
28 applicant's supervisor which complies with of Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 29 (6) At least one year of residential design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of  
30 two Level I buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional  
31 engineer, architect, or residential or building contractor, with a supporting letter from the  
32 applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 33 (7) At least two years of residential design, construction, or inspection experience while working  
34 under a licensed residential contractor;
- 35 (8) At least two years of experience as an owner, manager, supervisor, or qualifier, as that term is  
36 defined in G.S. 87-10(b), of a residential construction company, who has a license as a residential  
37 contractor, and who has construction experience on a minimum of two Level I buildings (this does  
38 not include a business partner providing monetary backing for the company);
- 39 (9) At least two years of construction experience as a subcontractor or employee of a residential  
40 contractor in the building trades, or work in building construction, on a minimum of two Level I  
41 buildings and under the direct supervision of a licensed residential contractor who at that time had  
42 at least three years of experience;
- 43 (10) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level I building inspection certificate  
44 inspecting residential construction on a minimum of two Level I buildings.

45 ~~(e)(f)~~ Building Inspector, Level II. A standard certificate, building inspector, Level II, shall be issued to any  
46 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) and who provides documentation that the applicant  
47 possesses one of the following:

- 48 (1) A license as a professional engineer, architect, building contractor or registered interior designer;
- 49 (2) A one-year diploma in building construction from an accredited college or an equivalent  
50 apprenticeship or trade school program in building construction;
- 51 (3) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in architecture, civil or architectural  
52 engineering, building construction, or construction management and at least one year of building  
53 design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings while  
54 working under the direct supervision of a certified building inspector II or III, licensed engineer,  
55 architect, or building contractor;

- 1 (4) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university and at least one year of design,  
2 construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings while working  
3 under the direct supervision of a certified building inspector II or III, licensed professional  
4 engineer, architect, or building contractor;
  - 5 (5) At least six months of commercial inspection experience with a probationary Level II building  
6 inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level II buildings while working under the direct  
7 supervision of a standard certified building inspector II or III, with a supporting letter from the  
8 applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
  - 9 (6) At least one year of commercial design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of  
10 two Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional  
11 engineer, architect, or building contractor, with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor  
12 which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
  - 13 (7) At least two years of commercial building inspection experience including one year of inspection  
14 experience with a probationary Level II building inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level  
15 II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified building inspector II or III,  
16 with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
17 Section;
  - 18 (8) At least two years of commercial building design, construction, or inspection experience on a  
19 minimum of two Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed  
20 engineer, registered architect, or licensed intermediate or unlimited building contractor, with a  
21 supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
22 Section; or
  - 23 (9) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level II building inspection certificate  
24 inspecting construction of a minimum of two Level II buildings.
- 25 ~~(f)~~(g) Building Inspector, Level III. A standard certificate, building inspector, Level III, shall be issued to any  
26 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
27 applicant possesses one of the following education and experience qualifications:
- 28 (1) A license as a professional engineer, architect, or unlimited building contractor with design,  
29 construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two Level III buildings and specialization  
30 in architecture, civil or architectural engineering, or fire protection engineering;
  - 31 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university in architecture, civil or architectural  
32 engineering, building construction or construction management and at least one year of building  
33 design, construction, or inspection experience while working under the direct supervision of a  
34 certified building inspector III, licensed professional engineer, architect, or unlimited building  
35 contractor, at least at the level of supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of two Level III  
36 buildings;
  - 37 (3) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in architecture, civil or architectural  
38 engineering, building construction, or construction management and at least three years of  
39 building design, construction, or inspection experience while working under the direct supervision  
40 of a certified building inspector III, licensed professional engineer, architect, or unlimited building  
41 contractor with at least one year at the level of supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of  
42 two Level III buildings;
  - 43 (4) At least four years of inspection experience including one year of building inspection experience  
44 with a probationary Level III building inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level III  
45 buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified building inspector III, with a  
46 supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
47 Section;
  - 48 (5) At least four years of building design, construction, or inspection experience while working under  
49 the direct supervision of a licensed engineer, architect, or unlimited building contractor, two years  
50 of which have been performed at the level of supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of  
51 two Level III buildings with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies  
52 with Rule .0706(b) of this Section; or
  - 53 (6) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level III building inspection certificate  
54 inspecting the construction of a minimum of two Level III buildings.

55 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143-151.12(1); 143-151.12(3); 143-151.13;*

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*Eff. February 1, ~~2025~~ 2025;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. November 7, 2025;*  
*Amended Eff. April 1, 2026.*

1 11 NCAC 08 .0738 is amended as published in 40:06 NCR 507 as follows:  
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3 **11 NCAC 08 .0738 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR LEVEL I, II AND III**

4 (a) An Electrical Inspector, Level I, ~~(Residential)~~ I (Residential), certified on or after January 1, 2027, shall be  
5 qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties for electrical systems that serve individual residential dwelling  
6 units and equipment including its accessory structures and equipment, except for those systems described in  
7 Paragraph (b) or (c) of this Rule.

8 (b) An Electrical Inspector, Level II, ~~(Commercial)~~ II (Commercial), certified on or after January 1, 2027, shall be  
9 qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties for electrical systems that serve non-residential structures and  
10 equipment including common areas of multi-family residential structures, except for those systems described in  
11 Paragraph (a) or (c) of this Rule.

12 (c) An Electrical Inspector, Level III, (Special Systems) shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement official  
13 duties for any residential or commercial building or structure and the following special systems:

- 14 (1) Photovoltaic systems
- 15 (2) Electrical power production facilities and equipment with a generating capacity of 5,000 kW or  
16 greater.

17 (d) Electrical Inspectors, Levels I, II, or III certified on or before December 31, 2026 shall be qualified to perform  
18 code-enforcement official duties for electrical systems that serve the types of structures described in Rule  
19 .0706(a)(2) of this Section until December 31, 2032.

20 ~~(d)~~ (e) Electrical Inspector, Level I. A standard certificate, electrical inspector, Level I, shall be issued to any  
21 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
22 applicant possesses one of the following:

- 23 (1) A one-year diploma in electrical construction from an accredited college or an equivalent  
24 apprenticeship or trade school program in electrical construction;
- 25 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university;
- 26 (3) At least six months of electrical inspection experience with a probationary Level I electrical  
27 inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level I buildings while working under the direct  
28 supervision of a standard certified electrical inspector I or III, with a supporting letter from the  
29 applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 30 (4) At least one year of electrical design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two  
31 Level I buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer or  
32 licensed electrical contractor, with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which  
33 complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 34 (5) A restricted (one family dwelling) license or license as an electrical contractor;
- 35 (6) At least two years of electrical installation or inspection experience while working under a  
36 licensed electrical contractor; or
- 37 (7) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level I electrical inspection certificate  
38 inspecting electrical installations on a minimum of two Level I buildings.

39 ~~(e)~~ (f) Electrical Inspector, Level II. A standard certificate, electrical inspector, Level II, shall be issued to any  
40 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
41 applicant possesses one of the following:

- 42 (1) A license as a professional engineer;
- 43 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university in electrical engineering or electrical  
44 construction;
- 45 (3) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university and at least two years of electrical  
46 design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings while  
47 working under the direct supervision of a certified electrical inspector II or III, licensed engineer,  
48 or intermediate or unlimited licensed electrical contractor;
- 49 (4) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in electrical engineering or electrical  
50 construction and at least two years of electrical design, construction, or inspection experience on a  
51 minimum of two Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified  
52 electrical inspector II or III, licensed engineer, or intermediate or unlimited licensed electrical  
53 contractor;
- 54 (5) An intermediate or unlimited license as an electrical contractor with experience on a minimum of  
55 two Level II buildings;

- 1 (6) At least three years of electrical inspection experience including one year of inspection experience  
2 with a probationary Level II electrical inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level II  
3 buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified electrical inspector II or III,  
4 with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
5 Section
- 6 (7) At least three years of electrical design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of  
7 two Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional  
8 engineer or licensed intermediate or unlimited electrical contractor, with a supporting letter from  
9 the applicant's supervisor which complies Rule .0706(b) of this Section; or
- 10 (8) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level II electrical inspection certificate  
11 inspecting electrical installations on a minimum of two Level II buildings.
- 12 ~~(f)~~(g) Electrical Inspector, Level III. A standard certificate, electrical inspector, Level III, shall be issued to any  
13 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
14 applicant possesses one of the following:
- 15 (1) A license as a professional engineer with design, construction, or inspection experience on Level  
16 III buildings and specialization in electrical engineering;
- 17 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited university in electrical engineering or electrical  
18 construction and at least one year of electrical design, installation, or inspection experience while  
19 working under the direct supervision of a certified electrical inspector III, licensed professional  
20 engineer, or licensed unlimited electrical contractor at least at the level of supervisor in responsible  
21 charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings;
- 22 (3) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in electrical engineering or electrical  
23 construction and at least three years of electrical design, installation, or inspection experience  
24 while working under the direct supervision of a certified electrical inspector III, licensed  
25 professional engineer, or licensed unlimited electrical contractor with at least one year at the level  
26 of supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings;
- 27 (4) An unlimited license as an electrical contractor with experience on a minimum of two Level III  
28 buildings;
- 29 (5) At least four years of electrical inspection experience including one year of inspection experience  
30 with a probationary Level III electrical inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level III  
31 buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified electrical inspector III, with a  
32 supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
33 Section;
- 34 (6) At least four years of electrical design, construction, or inspection experience while working under  
35 the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer or licensed unlimited electrical  
36 contractor, two years of which have been performed at the level of supervisor in responsible  
37 charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings, with a supporting letter from the applicant's  
38 supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section; or
- 39 (7) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level III electrical inspection certificate  
40 inspecting the electrical installations of a minimum of two Level III buildings.

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42 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 143-151.12(1); 143-151.12(3); 143-151.13;  
43 Eff. February 1, 2025, 2025;  
44 Temporary Amendment Eff. November 7, 2025;  
45 Amended Eff. April 1, 2026.

1 11 NCAC 08 .0739 is amended as published in 40:06 NCR 507 as follows:  
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3 **11 NCAC 08 .0739 MECHANICAL INSPECTOR LEVEL I, II AND III**

4 (a) A Mechanical Inspector, Level ~~I~~ (Residential), certified on or after January 1, 2027, shall be qualified to  
5 perform code-enforcement official duties in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Residential Code.

6 (b) A Mechanical Inspector, Level ~~II~~ (Commercial), certified on or after January 1, 2027, shall be  
7 qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina  
8 Mechanical Code, North Carolina Fuel Gas Code, and the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code.

9 (c) A Mechanical Inspector, Level III, shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties in accordance  
10 with the provisions of the North Carolina Residential Code, North Carolina Mechanical Code, North Carolina Fuel  
11 Gas Code, and the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code for any residential or commercial building or  
12 structure.

13 (d) Mechanical Inspectors, Levels I, II, or III certified on or before December 31, 2026 shall be qualified to perform  
14 code-enforcement official duties for the types of structures described in Rule .0706(a)(2) of this Section until  
15 December 31, 2032.

16 ~~(d)(e)~~ Mechanical Inspector, Level I. A standard certificate, mechanical inspector, Level I, shall be issued to any  
17 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
18 applicant possesses one of the following:

- 19 (1) A one-year diploma in mechanical construction from an accredited college or an equivalent  
20 apprenticeship or trade school program in mechanical construction;
- 21 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university;
- 22 (3) At least six months of mechanical inspection experience with a probationary Level I mechanical  
23 inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level I buildings while working under the direct  
24 supervision of a standard certified mechanical inspector I or III, with a supporting letter from the  
25 applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 26 (4) At least one year of mechanical design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of  
27 two Level I buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional  
28 engineer or licensed Class I mechanical contractor, with a supporting letter from the applicant's  
29 supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 30 (5) An H-1, H-2, or H-3 Class I license as a mechanical contractor;
- 31 (6) At least two years of mechanical installation or inspection experience while working under a Class  
32 I H-1, H-2, or H-3 licensed mechanical contractor; or
- 33 (7) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level I mechanical inspection certificate  
34 inspecting mechanical installations on a minimum of two Level I buildings.

35 ~~(e)(f)~~ Mechanical Inspector, Level II. A standard certificate, mechanical inspector, Level II, shall be issued to any  
36 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
37 applicant possesses one of the following:

- 38 (1) A license as a professional engineer;
- 39 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university in mechanical engineering or  
40 mechanical construction;
- 41 (3) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university and at least two years of mechanical  
42 design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings while  
43 working under the direct supervision of a certified mechanical inspector II or III, licensed  
44 professional engineer, or licensed Class I mechanical contractor;
- 45 (4) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in mechanical engineering or  
46 mechanical construction and at least two years of mechanical design, construction, or inspection  
47 experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of  
48 a certified mechanical inspector II or III, licensed professional engineer, or licensed Class I  
49 mechanical contractor;
- 50 (5) An H-1, H-2, or H-3 Class I license as a mechanical contractor with experience on a minimum of  
51 two Level II buildings;
- 52 (6) At least three years of mechanical inspection experience including one year of inspection  
53 experience with a probationary Level II mechanical inspection certificate on a minimum of two  
54 Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified mechanical inspector II  
55 or III, with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b)  
56 of this Section;

- 1 (7) At least three years of mechanical design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of  
2 two Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional  
3 engineer or licensed Class I H-1, H-2, or H-3 mechanical contractor, with a supporting letter from  
4 the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section; or  
5 (8) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level II mechanical inspection certificate  
6 inspecting mechanical installations on a minimum of two Level II buildings.  
7 ~~(g)~~ Mechanical Inspector, Level III. A standard certificate, mechanical inspector, Level III shall be issued to any  
8 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
9 applicant possesses one of the following:  
10 (1) A license as a professional engineer, with design, construction, or inspection experience on Level  
11 III buildings and specialization in mechanical engineering;  
12 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited university in mechanical engineering or mechanical  
13 construction and at least one year of mechanical design, installation, or inspection experience  
14 while working under the direct supervision of a certified mechanical inspector III, licensed  
15 professional engineer, or licensed Class I H-1, H-2, and H-3 mechanical contractor at least at the  
16 level of supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings;  
17 (3) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in mechanical engineering or  
18 mechanical construction and at least three years of mechanical design, installation, or inspection  
19 experience while working under the direct supervision of a certified mechanical inspector III,  
20 licensed professional engineer, or licensed Class I H-1, H-2, and H-3 mechanical contractor with  
21 at least one year at the level of supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of two Level III  
22 buildings;  
23 (4) H-1, H-2, and H-3 Class I licenses as a mechanical contractor with experience on a minimum of  
24 two Level III buildings;  
25 (5) At least four years of mechanical inspection experience including one year of inspection  
26 experience with a probationary Level III mechanical inspection certificate on a minimum of two  
27 Level III buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified mechanical inspector  
28 III, with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of  
29 this Section;  
30 (6) At least four years of mechanical design, construction, or inspection experience while working  
31 under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer or licensed Class I H-1, H-2, and  
32 H-3 mechanical contractor, two years of which have been performed at the level of supervisor in  
33 responsible charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings, with a supporting letter from the  
34 applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section; or  
35 (7) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level III mechanical inspection certificate  
36 inspecting the mechanical installations of a minimum of two Level III buildings.  
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38 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 143-151.12(1); 143-151.12(3); 143-151.13;  
39 Eff. February 1, ~~2025~~, 2025;  
40 Temporary Amendment Eff. November 7, 2025;  
41 Amended Eff. April 1, 2026.

1 11 NCAC 08 .0740 is amended as published in 40:06 NCR 507 as follows:  
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3 **11 NCAC 08 .0740 PLUMBING INSPECTOR LEVEL I, II AND III**

4 (a) A Plumbing Inspector, Level ~~I~~I (Residential), certified on or after January 1, 2027 shall be qualified to perform  
5 code-enforcement official duties for residential buildings up to three stories in height with no more than four  
6 dwelling units in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Residential Code, including NFPA 13D  
7 residential sprinkler systems.

8 (b) A Plumbing Inspector, Level ~~I~~II (Commercial), certified on or after January 1, 2027 shall be qualified to  
9 perform code-enforcement official duties for commercial buildings up to four stories in height.

10 (c) A Plumbing Inspector, Level III, shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties for any  
11 residential or commercial building or structure.

12 (d) Plumbing Inspectors, Levels I, II, or III certified on or before December 31, 2026 shall be qualified to perform  
13 code-enforcement official duties for the types of structures described in Rule .0706(a)(2) of this Section until  
14 December 31, 2032.

15 ~~(d)(e)~~ Plumbing Inspector, Level I. A standard certificate, plumbing inspector, Level I, shall be issued to any  
16 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
17 applicant possesses one of the following:

- 18 (1) A one-year diploma in plumbing construction from an accredited college or an equivalent  
19 apprenticeship or trade school program in plumbing construction;
- 20 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university;
- 21 (3) At least six months of plumbing inspection experience with a probationary Level I plumbing  
22 inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level I buildings while working under the direct  
23 supervision of a standard certified plumbing inspector I or III, with a supporting letter from the  
24 applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 25 (4) At least one year of plumbing design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two  
26 Level I buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer or  
27 licensed Class I plumbing contractor with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which  
28 complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 29 (5) A Class I license as a plumbing contractor;
- 30 (6) At least two years of plumbing installation or inspection experience while working under a  
31 licensed Class I plumbing contractor; or
- 32 (7) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level I plumbing inspection certificate  
33 inspecting plumbing installations a minimum of two Level I buildings.

34 ~~(e)(f)~~ Plumbing Inspector, Level II. A standard certificate, plumbing inspector, Level II, shall be issued to any  
35 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
36 applicant possesses one of the following:

- 37 (1) A license as a professional engineer;
- 38 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university in mechanical engineering or  
39 mechanical or plumbing construction;
- 40 (3) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university and at least two years of plumbing  
41 design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings while  
42 working under the direct supervision of a certified plumbing inspector II or III, licensed  
43 professional engineer, or licensed Class I plumbing contractor;
- 44 (4) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in mechanical engineering or  
45 mechanical or plumbing construction and at least two years of plumbing design, construction, or  
46 inspection experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings while working under the direct  
47 supervision of a certified plumbing inspector II or III, licensed professional engineer, or licensed  
48 Class I plumbing contractor;
- 49 (5) A Class I license as a plumbing contractor with experience on a minimum of two Level II  
50 buildings;
- 51 (6) At least three years of plumbing inspection experience including one year of inspection experience  
52 with a probationary Level II plumbing inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level II  
53 buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified plumbing inspector II or III,  
54 with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
55 Section;

- 1 (7) At least three years of plumbing design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of  
2 two Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional  
3 engineer or licensed Class I plumbing contractor with a supporting letter from the applicant's  
4 supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section; or  
5 (8) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level II plumbing inspection certificate  
6 inspecting plumbing installations on a minimum of two Level II buildings.  
7 ~~(g)~~ Plumbing Inspector, Level III. A standard certificate, plumbing inspector, Level III shall be issued to any  
8 applicant who complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the  
9 applicant possesses one of the following:  
10 (1) A license as a professional engineer with design, construction, or inspection experience on Level  
11 III buildings and specialization in mechanical engineering;  
12 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited university in mechanical engineering or mechanical or  
13 plumbing construction and at least one year of plumbing design, installation, or inspection  
14 experience while working under the direct supervision of a certified plumbing inspector III,  
15 licensed professional engineer, or licensed Class I plumbing contractor at least at the level of  
16 supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings;  
17 (3) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in mechanical engineering or plumbing  
18 construction and at least three years of plumbing design, installation, or inspection experience  
19 while working under the direct supervision of a certified plumbing inspector III, licensed  
20 professional engineer, or licensed Class I plumbing contractor, with at least one year at the level of  
21 supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings;  
22 (4) A Class I license as a plumbing contractor with experience on a minimum of two Level III  
23 buildings;  
24 (5) At least four years of plumbing inspection experience including one year of inspection experience  
25 with a probationary Level III plumbing inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level III  
26 buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified plumbing inspector III, with a  
27 supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
28 Section;  
29 (6) At least four years of plumbing design, construction, or inspection experience while working  
30 under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer or licensed Class I plumbing  
31 contractor, two years of which have been performed at the level of supervisor in responsible  
32 charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings, with a supporting letter from the applicant's  
33 supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section; or  
34 (7) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level III plumbing inspection certificate  
35 inspecting the plumbing installations of a minimum of two Level III buildings.  
36

37 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 143-151.12(1); 143-151.12(3); 143-151.13;*  
38 *Eff. February 1, 2025, 2025;*  
39 *Temporary Amendment Eff. November 7, 2025;*  
40 *Amended Eff. April 1, 2026.*

1 11 NCAC 08 .0741 is amended as published in 40:06 NCR 507 as follows:  
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3 **11 NCAC 08 .0741 FIRE INSPECTOR LEVEL I, II AND III**

4 (a) A Fire Inspector, Level I, certified on or after January 1, 2027 shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement  
5 official duties of operational permit issuance, field inspection, and related code enforcement activities for existing  
6 Assembly (limited to 1 story, 20,000 sf), Business, Mercantile, Residential, Utility and Miscellaneous occupancies,  
7 and other existing facilities, premises, and structures within those occupancies as required. A Fire Inspector Level I  
8 is not authorized to conduct inspections on high-rise buildings, inspections on new construction, or plan review for  
9 any occupancy.

10 (b) A Fire Inspector, Level II, certified on or after January 1, 2027 shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement  
11 official duties of plan review, permit issuance, field inspection, certificate of compliance and occupancy, change of  
12 occupancy and code-enforcement activities for existing building occupancies and new construction. A Fire  
13 Inspector, Level II, is limited to Assembly, Business, Educational, Factory-Industrial, Mercantile, Residential,  
14 Storage, Utility and Miscellaneous, and other facilities, premises, and structures within those occupancies as  
15 required. A Fire Inspector, Level II, is not authorized to conduct plan review or inspections of high-rise buildings,  
16 institutional, or hazardous occupancies.

17 (c) A Fire Inspector, Level III, shall be qualified to perform code-enforcement official duties of plan review, permit  
18 issuance, field inspection, certificate of compliance and occupancy, change of occupancy, and related code-  
19 enforcement activities for any existing or new occupancy classification and other facilities, premises, and structures  
20 within those occupancies as required.

21 (d) Fire Inspectors, Levels I, II, or III certified on or before December 31, 2026 shall be qualified to perform code-  
22 enforcement official duties for the types of structures described in Rule .0706(a)(1) of this Section until December  
23 31, 2032.

24 ~~(d)(e)~~ The level of certification required for buildings with multiple occupancy classifications shall be assigned  
25 based on the highest level required as indicated in Paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Rule.

26 ~~(e)(f)~~ Fire Inspector, Level I. A standard certificate, fire inspector, Level I, shall be issued to any applicant who  
27 complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the applicant  
28 possesses one of the following education and experience qualifications:

- 29 (1) A one-year diploma in fire science from an accredited college or an equivalent certificate of  
30 completion from an apprenticeship or trade school program in fire science;
- 31 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university;
- 32 (3) At least six months of fire inspection experience with a probationary Level I fire inspection  
33 certificate on a minimum of two Level I buildings while working under the direct supervision of a  
34 standard certified fire inspector Level I, II, or III, with a supporting letter from the applicant's  
35 supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
- 36 (4) At least one year of fire protection design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of  
37 two Level I buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional  
38 engineer, licensed architect, or licensed building, electrical, or fire sprinkler contractor, with a  
39 supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
40 Section;
- 41 (5) A license as a fire sprinkler contractor;
- 42 (6) At least two years of construction or inspection experience in fire protection systems while  
43 working under a licensed building, electrical, or fire sprinkler contractor;
- 44 (7) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level I fire inspection certificate conducting  
45 fire inspections on a minimum of two Level I buildings;
- 46 (8) At least four years of experience in fire suppression activities for a city, county, volunteer, or other  
47 governmental fire department; or
- 48 (9) Firefighter Level II certification under the North Carolina State Fire and Rescue Commission with  
49 at least one year of fire inspection experience in Level I buildings.

50 ~~(f)(g)~~ Fire Inspector, Level II. A standard certificate, fire inspector, Level II, shall be issued to any applicant who  
51 complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the applicant  
52 possesses one of the following education and experience qualifications:

- 53 (1) A license as a professional engineer or architect;
- 54 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university in architecture, civil or architectural  
55 engineering, building construction, or fire science;

- 1 (3) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university and at least two years of fire  
2 protection design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings  
3 while working under the direct supervision of a certified fire inspector Level II or III, licensed  
4 professional engineer, architect, intermediate or unlimited licensed building contractor, or licensed  
5 fire sprinkler contractor;
  - 6 (4) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in architecture, civil or architectural  
7 engineering, building construction, construction management or fire science and at least two years  
8 of fire protection design, construction, or inspection experience on a minimum of two Level II  
9 building fire protection systems while working under the direct supervision of a certified fire  
10 inspector Level II or III, licensed professional engineer, architect, intermediate or unlimited  
11 licensed building contractor, or licensed fire sprinkler contractor;
  - 12 (5) A license as a fire sprinkler contractor with experience on a minimum of two Level II buildings;
  - 13 (6) At least three years of fire inspection experience including at least one year of inspection  
14 experience with a probationary Level II fire inspection certificate on a minimum of two Level II  
15 buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified fire inspector II or III, with a  
16 supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule .0706(b) of this  
17 Section;
  - 18 (7) At least three years of fire protection system design, construction, or inspection experience on a  
19 minimum of two Level II buildings while working under the direct supervision of a licensed  
20 professional engineer, architect, licensed intermediate or unlimited building contractor, or licensed  
21 fire sprinkler contractor, with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies  
22 with Rule .0706(b) of this Section;
  - 23 (8) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level II fire inspection certificate conducting  
24 fire inspections on a minimum of two Level II buildings; or
  - 25 (9) Completion of the basic, intermediate, and advanced classes of the North Carolina Fire Prevention  
26 School with at least three years of fire inspection experience in Level II buildings.
- 27 ~~(g)~~(h) Fire Inspector, Level III. A standard certificate, fire inspector, Level III, shall be issued to any applicant who  
28 complies with Rule .0706(b) through (g) of this Section and who provides documentation that the applicant  
29 possesses one of the following education and experience qualifications:
- 30 (1) A license as a professional engineer or architect with design, construction, or inspection  
31 experience on Level III buildings and specialization in architecture, civil or architectural  
32 engineering, or fire protection engineering;
  - 33 (2) A four-year degree from an accredited college or university in civil, architectural, construction  
34 management or fire protection engineering and at least one year of fire inspection experience  
35 while working under a certified fire inspector III, licensed professional engineer, architect, or  
36 licensed fire sprinkler contractor on a minimum of two Level III buildings;
  - 37 (3) A two-year degree from an accredited college or university in civil, architectural, or fire protection  
38 engineering and at least three years of fire protection design, installation, or inspection experience  
39 while working under the direct supervision of a certified fire inspector Level III, licensed  
40 professional engineer, architect, licensed unlimited building contractor, or licensed fire sprinkler  
41 contractor with at least one year in responsible charge of a minimum of two Level III buildings;
  - 42 (4) A license as a fire sprinkler contractor with experience on a minimum of two Level III buildings;
  - 43 (5) At least four years of fire inspection experience in fire protection systems including one year of  
44 inspection experience with a probationary Level III fire inspection certificate on a minimum of  
45 two Level III buildings while working under the direct supervision of a certified fire inspector  
46 Level III, with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with Rule  
47 .0706(b) of this Section;
  - 48 (6) At least four years of fire protection system design, construction, or inspection experience while  
49 working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer, architect, licensed  
50 intermediate or unlimited building contractor, or licensed fire sprinkler contractor, two years of  
51 which have been performed at the level of supervisor in responsible charge of a minimum of two  
52 Level III buildings, with a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor which complies with  
53 Rule .0706(b) of this Section; or
  - 54 (7) At least one year of experience with a probationary Level III fire inspection certificate conducting  
55 fire inspections on a minimum of two Level III buildings.

1 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 143-151.12(1); 143-151.12(3); 143-151.13;*  
2 *Eff. February 1, ~~2025~~, 2025;*  
3 *Temporary Amendment Eff. November 7, 2025;*  
4 *Amended Eff. April 1, 2026.*

## Request for Changes Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.10

Staff reviewed these Rules to ensure that each Rule is within the agency's statutory authority, reasonably necessary, clear and unambiguous, and adopted in accordance with Part 2 of the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act. Following review, staff has issued this document that may request changes pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10 from your agency or ask clarifying questions.

If the request includes questions, please contact the reviewing attorney to discuss.

In order to properly submit rewritten rules, please refer to the following Rules in the NC Administrative Code:

- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0108 – The Rule addresses general formatting.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0404 – The Rule addresses changing the introductory statement.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0405 – The Rule addresses properly formatting changes made after publication in the NC Register.

### Note the following general instructions:

1. You must submit the revised rule via email to [oah.rules@oah.nc.gov](mailto:oah.rules@oah.nc.gov). The electronic copy must be saved as the official rule name (XX NCAC XXXX).
2. For rules longer than one page, insert a page number.
3. Use line numbers; if the rule spans more than one page, have the line numbers reset at one for each page.
4. Do not use track changes. Make all changes using manual strikethroughs, underlines and highlighting.
5. You cannot change just one part of a word. For example:
  - Wrong: “~~a~~Association”
  - Right: “~~association~~ Association”
6. Treat punctuation as part of a word. For example:
  - Wrong: “day;;and”
  - Right: “~~day,~~ day; and”
7. Formatting instructions and examples may be found at:  
[www.ncoah.com/rules/examples.html](http://www.ncoah.com/rules/examples.html)

If you have any questions regarding proper formatting of edits after reviewing the rules and examples, please contact the reviewing attorney.

Travis Wiggs  
Commission Counsel

Date submitted to agency: February 24, 2026

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board

RULE CITATION: 11 NCAC 08 .0602

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: March 10, 2026.**

***PLEASE NOTE: This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.***

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Lines 12 and 34, please make clear who should make the written request to be placed on inactive status (I assume this should be done by the code-enforcement official).*

**Done.**

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Travis Wiggs  
Commission Counsel

Date submitted to agency: February 24, 2026

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board

RULE CITATION: 11 NCAC 08 .0706

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Page 2, (f), line 27, don't capitalize "Rules". **Done.***

*In (f), lines 29-30, delete ", for example, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools". If you'd like to include this information, you can make a "Note". See 26 NCAC 02C .0110. On line 29, after "association", you could include, "Note: as an example, ...". **Done.***

*In your History Note, is the intended effective date April 1, 2026? **Yes.***

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Travis Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: February 24, 2026

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board

RULE CITATION: 11 NCAC 08 .0737

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Travis Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: February 24, 2026

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

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## **Burgos, Alexander N**

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**From:** Wiggs, Travis C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:07 AM  
**To:** Heuser, Kyle  
**Cc:** Burgos, Alexander N  
**Subject:** RE: RRC Meeting March 2026-Request for Technical Changes

Good morning, Kyle,

I've not received an email in response to my requests for changes. Please reply at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

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**From:** Wiggs, Travis C  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:46 AM  
**To:** Heuser, Kyle <[kyle.heuser@ncdoi.gov](mailto:kyle.heuser@ncdoi.gov)>  
**Cc:** Burgos, Alexander N <[alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov](mailto:alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RRC Meeting March 2026-Request for Technical Changes

Good morning,

I'm the attorney who reviewed the rules submitted by the Code Officials Qualification Board for the March 2026 RRC meeting. The RRC will formally review these rules at its meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person and WebEx attendance, and an evite should be sent to you as we get close to the meeting. If there are any other representatives from your agency who want to attend virtually, please let me know prior to the meeting, and we will get evites out to them as well.

Attached is the Request for Changes Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10. I have only a few requests for these rules due to the review and changes made to the temporary versions (Eff. Feb. 2025). Please submit the revised rules to me via email, no later than 5 p.m. on March 10, 2026. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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