



# Enforcement of the 2021 International Codes goes into effect January 1, 2026.

On October 16, 2025, the Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) reviewed and approved the [rule making](#) updating 34 Pa. Code, Part XIV, Chapters 401 and 403 (Pennsylvania UCC). The effect of this action is the update of the Uniform Construction Code of Pennsylvania, including the move to the 2021 International Codes as amended.

This will also be the effective date for the provisions of Section 304 (c) 4.

*(4) Where a design or construction contract was signed before the effective date of regulations for a subsequent Uniform Construction Code or International Fuel Gas Code issued under this act, the permit may be issued under the Uniform Construction Code or International Fuel Gas Code in effect at the time the design or construction contract was signed if the permit is applied for within six months of the effective date of the regulation or the period specified by a municipal ordinance, whichever is less. (304 amended Oct. 25, 2017, P.L. 356, No. 36)*

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## **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026, ALL PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND PLANS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE 2021 EDITION OF THE CODE, AS AMENDED.**

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