

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and Title 28 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings (DOB) hereby adopts amendments to its rules regarding site safety managers, site safety coordinators and construction superintendents. This rule was first published on May 26, 2022, and a public hearing thereon was held on June 27, 2022.

Dated: 7/7/22
New York, New York

/s/
Eric A. Ulrich
Commissioner

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Rule

The 2014 Construction Codes require a Department-registered Construction Superintendent to be designated for work subject to Building Code section 3301.13.3 on buildings up to 9 stories in height. The 2014 Codes further require either a Department-certified Site Safety Manager or Site Safety Coordinator to be designated for work subject to Building Code section 3310.1 on buildings 10 stories or greater in height.

The 2022 Construction Codes will require both a Construction Superintendent and either a Site Safety Manager or Coordinator to be designated for work subject to Building Code sections 3301.13.3 and 3310.1 on buildings 10 stories or greater in height.

The amendments to rule 104-08 remove the prohibition on a Site Safety Manager or Site Safety Coordinator also holding a Construction Superintendent registration. This allows qualified individuals to register or certify as both a Construction Superintendent and as a Site Safety Manager or Site Safety Coordinator, giving an individual flexibility to determine which role they wish to assume at any given jobsite.

In anticipation of Site Safety Managers and Site Safety Coordinators seeking to obtain a Construction Superintendent registration so that they may serve as a Construction Superintendent at buildings 10 stories or greater in height, the amendments to rule 3301-02 create a pathway for Site Safety Managers and Site Safety Coordinators to register as a Construction Superintendent.

The rule also recognizes a “Certified Safety Professional” designation from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals as an acceptable pathway to registering as a Construction Superintendent. This certification is presently recognized as an acceptable pathway to be certified as a Site Safety Manager.

Lastly, the rule revises outdated language concerning the courses required to be completed by an individual seeking a Construction Superintendent registration and recognizes the completion of Site Safety Supervisor Training required by Local Law 196 of 2017 as being an acceptable alternative.

The Department of Buildings’ authority for these rules is found in sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter and section BC 3301.13.17 of the New York City Building Code.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

Asterisks (***) represent ellipses (i.e., unamended text).

Section 1. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of section 104-08 of subchapter D of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(2) A holder of a site safety manager certificate may not simultaneously hold [either] an active site safety coordinator certificate [or an active registration as a superintendent of construction].

§2. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 104-08 of subchapter D of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(2) A holder of a site safety coordinator certificate may not simultaneously hold [either] an active site safety manager certificate [or an active registration as a superintendent of construction].

§3. Paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b) of section 3301-02 of chapter 3300 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York are re-numbered (2) and (3), respectively and a new paragraph (1) is added to read as follows:

(1) Holds a valid site safety manager or site safety coordinator certificate; or

§4. Subparagraphs (i) through (v) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 3301-02 of chapter 3300 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, as re-numbered by section 3 of this rule, are amended to read as follows:

(i) Is a registered design professional and has satisfactorily completed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the application, [an 8-hour Site Safety Coordinator] a course in site safety that is at least 8 hours in length and approved by the department;

(ii) Holds a Certified Safety Professional (“CSP”) designation or a Construction Health and Safety Technician (“CHST”) designation from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (“BCSP”) and has satisfactorily completed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the application, [an 8-hour Site Safety Coordinator] a course in site safety that is at least 8 hours in length and approved by the department;

(iii) Has five (5) years of experience, within ten (10) years prior to the date of the application, as a building code enforcement official charged with enforcement of the provisions of the New York City Building Code, and has satisfactorily completed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the application, [an 8-hour Site Safety Coordinator] a course in site safety that is at least 8 hours in length and approved by the department. The enforcement must have included inspections of buildings under construction or demolition and thus this basis for qualification excludes officials whose primary role is to perform inspections of occupied or vacant buildings;

(iv) Has five (5) years of full-time field experience in the United States, within 10 years prior to the date of the application, working on buildings as a safety official for a governmental entity or construction firm or as a safety manager or safety engineer for a safety consulting firm specializing in construction or demolition and has satisfactorily completed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the application, [an 8-hour Site Safety Coordinator] a course in site safety that is at least 8 hours in length and approved by the department; or

(v) Has five (5) years of full-time experience in the United States, within ten (10) years prior to the date of the application, as verified by employer affidavit, working with plans in a relevant construction trade in furtherance of the construction, vertical or horizontal enlargement, or full demolition of a building or structure, and has satisfactorily completed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the application, a [40-hour Site Safety Manager] course in site safety that is at least 40 hours in length and approved by the department.

§5. Subdivision (c) of section 3301-02 of chapter 3300 of Title 1 of the rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(c) Credits. For purposes of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of this section, the following credits may be applied:

(1) Educational credit. [For purposes of paragraph (2) of this subdivision, each] Each year of full-time formal training or education in a program with emphasis on construction at a college, technical or trade school may be substituted for one year of work experience, up to a maximum of three years.

(2) Training credit. Possession of a valid Site Safety Training Supervisor Card will be accepted in lieu of providing proof that the applicant has completed the OSHA and site safety courses specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of this section.
