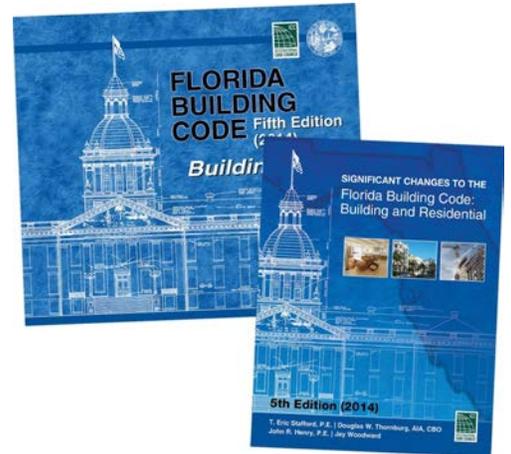


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## Two Months Left to Complete "Advanced" Florida Building Code Course CE Requirement



If you weren't already aware, if your practice involves designing buildings, structures, facilities or systems covered by the Florida Building Code, you are required per **Florida Statute 471.0195**, and **61G15-22.001 F.A.C.** to complete an "Advanced" Florida Building Code course within 12 months of each edition of the Florida Building Code effective date.

Therefore, licensees whose practice includes the design of engineering works or systems in connection with buildings, structures, facilities or systems covered by the Florida Building Code have until **June 30, 2016** to:

1. Complete at least one "Advanced" Florida Building Code course approved by the FBPE within the disciplines of civil, structural, mechanical, electrical or general engineering, **AND**
2. Provide the Board with a copy of a certificate of completion which shows: course number, course hours, Code edition year and Code or course focus.

While these classes cannot be applied toward the *Laws & Rules* (1 hour) or *Ethics* (1 hour) continuing education requirements, they **CAN** be applied toward the *Area of Practice* (4 hours) or *Topics Pertinent to the Practice of Engineering* (12 hours) requirements.

When FBPE receives proof of an appropriate course having been completed, each licensee's record will be updated on DBPR's licensure portal. This is the portal that municipalities and various jurisdictions use to verify licensure. If the Board has not received proof of an appropriate course having been completed, the designation "Building Code Core Course Credit" listed under "Special Qualifications" will be removed as required by **Florida Statute 471.0195**.

Keep in mind that many of these municipalities and jurisdictions have an obligation to notify FBPE when design documents are submitted by Florida licensees who are not in compliance with this requirement. The Board is then required to take those actions deemed appropriate when such noncompliance is determined to exist.

To view a list of Florida approved "Advanced" Building Code Course Providers, go to *Latest News* section on FBPE's Home page at [www.fbpe.org](http://www.fbpe.org). **NOTE:** You will have to conduct an internet search to obtain contact and website information for listed

providers, since only the provider's address information is available on DBPR's web portal. The number and types of courses offered varies from provider to provider, so they will need to be contacted directly to obtain available courses.

To view the most current laws and rules as it relates to the practice of engineering including the Florida Statute and Florida Administrative Code mentioned here, go to the *Legal* section of FBPE's website, and select the *Statutes and Rules* page or access this link: <https://www.fbpe.org/index.php/legal/statutes-and-rules>.

If you have any questions regarding the information discussed in this article feel free to contact the Board office at (850) 521-0500 or send an email to [board@fbpe.org](mailto:board@fbpe.org).

I hope that you find this reminder helpful, especially since there are only 2 months left to obtain these hours.

In Service to Florida's Licensees,  
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