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**NOTICE TO UPDATE LOS ANGELES CITY RESEARCH REPORTS TO COMPLY WITH THE 2017 LOS ANGELES BUILDING CODE.**

The 2017 Los Angeles Building Code (LABC) has been effective since January 1, 2017. The 2017 LABC is based on the 2015 International Building Code (IBC). All Los Angeles Research Reports used for projects submitted after January 1, 2017, must comply with the 2015 IBC to be used in projects permitted under the 2017 LABC.

Los Angeles Research Reports based on an ICC ESR or an IAPMO ER which references the 2012 IBC only can be used for projects permitted under the 2014 LABC.

Once an ESR or ER (from a Nationally Recognized Model Code Agency) has been updated to include the 2015 IBC, it is necessary to file for one of the following:

1. Products **without** testing criteria changes from 2012 IBC to 2015 IBC.

If the updated ER does not include additional changes to the approved products and additional testing or analysis was not required (due to the change from the 2012 IBC to the 2015 IBC) complete and submit the form titled Application for Renewal and Clerical Modification of General Approval to the Building Research Section (BRS). Please do not include data submitted to the Nationally Recognized Model Code Agency. If the report is not subject to a Reevaluation, then a Clerical Modification fee would be required.

2. Products with testing criteria changes from 2012 IBC to 2015 IBC.

If additional testing is necessary in updating the ER to comply with the 2015 IBC, you must complete and submit the form titled Application for New General Approval or Technical Modification to the BRS. Please include the substantiating data submitted to the Nationally Recognized Model Code Agency. The Technical Modification fee would be required.

The form and instructions are found on our website at [www.ladbs.org](http://www.ladbs.org). To view the form select the **Forms & Publications** tab located at the top of the page, under **Publications** select the **LA Research Reports (LARR)**. There will be two options available; select **See more information about getting your product approved**. Select **Building Research Section (BRS)** under Product Approval Sections, and select the appropriate form (s) by expanding the **Applications** tab on the left side of the page. The direct link is: [www.ladbs.org/services/core-services/plan-check-permit/product-approval/building-research-section-\(brs\)](http://www.ladbs.org/services/core-services/plan-check-permit/product-approval/building-research-section-(brs))

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the LADBS research section at (213) 202-9812.

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