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Florida Building Code 9th Edition: Advanced Course

Course Syllabus

Course Description:

PDH Academy's 2 CE-hour course "Florida Building Code 9th Edition: Advanced Course" analyzes many highlights and changes from the previous Florida Building Code 8th Edition. The course is provided in accordance with the requirements of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) for the required Advanced Florida Building Code Module under Fla. Admin. Code 61G4-18.001(2)(b).

The Florida Building Code 9th Edition is based on the 2024 International Building Code and the 2023 National Electrical Code, replacing the 2021 IBC and 2020 NEC referenced by the 8th Edition. Pursuant to Section 553.73(7)(e), Florida Statutes, the 9th Edition becomes effective December 31, 2026. Permit applications submitted before that effective date will generally be processed under the 8th Edition.

This course is designed to cover the most significant changes from the 8th Edition to the 9th Edition. It does not cover every change between the codes. Building professionals will have their own areas of expertise, making it essential that every architect, engineer, and contractor carefully study the code sections that most affect and pertain to their professional practice.

Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Define and apply key regulatory terms and thresholds, including the new Section 202 definitions (Major Structural Component, Milestone Inspection, Primary Structural Member, Primary Structural System, and Substantial Structural Deterioration) and the \$15,000 permit threshold for substantial improvements under Section 105.3.1.2.
2. Explain the requirements and enforcement of milestone inspections, including their scope, phases, and timing under Chapter 18, and the enforcement authority granted to building officials under Sections 113 and 115.
3. Apply revised high-rise and occupancy provisions, including impact-resistance requirements for stairway and elevator hoistway enclosures (Section 403.2.3),

sprinkler riser calculations based on building height (Section 403.3.1), and the new Occupiable Roof provisions (Section 503.1.4).

4. Apply revised means-of-egress and opening protection requirements, including frontage area increase calculations under the revised Section 506.3 methodology, the clarified Sections 1011, 1014, and 1015 requirements using the defined term nosing, and the revised Section 1015.8 window opening protection requirements.
5. Interpret new material- and system-specific requirements, including saltwater corrosion provisions across Sections 1403.12, 1506.5–.7, and 1711, Insulated Metal Panel (IMP) requirements under Section 1412, and Metal Building Systems requirements under Section 2213 with the supporting Section 202 definition.
6. Implement the expanded Section 3103 Temporary Structures requirements, including the new public-occupancy temporary structure framework.
7. Interpret coordination and site safety requirements during construction, including how Section 3301.1 now aligns with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, the new Section 3302.1 Site Safety Plan requirement and its required components, the site safety director's role and responsibilities under Section 3302.2, and the new daily fire safety inspection requirement under Section 3302.3.
8. Recognize the relocation of reroofing provisions from former Section 706.3.

Number of Hours:

2 CE hours

Course Category:

Advanced Building Code Module

Code Edition:

Florida Building Code 9th Edition

Method of Presentation:

Online (Internet)

Method of Evaluation:

Participants will complete review questions and a final exam. They must achieve a score of 70% or higher to receive a certificate of completion.

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Course Outline and Timeline

Module / Topic	Time
Introduction <i>Learning Objectives:</i> - Identify the effective date of the 9th Edition Florida Building Code - Recognize that the 9th Edition is based on the 2024 International Building Code (replacing 2021) - Complete the begin-course personal-completion attestation	—
Table of Contents + Course Overview + Learning Objectives	3 min
Module 1 — Scope, Administration & Milestone Inspections (Chapters 1, 2, 18)	—
Section 105.3.1.2 — Permit dollar threshold (\$5,000 → \$15,000)	2 min
Section 110.9 + Chapter 18 — Mandatory milestone inspections	8 min
Section 113 — Violations	3 min
Section 115 — Unsafe Building and Equipment	4 min
Section 202 — New definitions (incl. Occupiable Roof)	3 min
Module 1 Knowledge Checks	3 min
Module 2 — High-Rise, Heights and Areas, Means of Egress (Chapters 4, 5, 10)	—
Section 403.2.3 — Structural integrity of stair/elevator enclosures	3 min
Section 403.3.1 — Sprinkler risers at high-rise buildings	3 min
Section 503.1.4 — Occupied roofs (NEW)	2 min
Section 506.3 — Frontage increase clarification	4 min

Sections 1011 / 1014 / 1015 — Stairways, handrails, guards	9 min
Module 2 Knowledge Checks	3 min
Module 3 — Exterior Walls, Steel, Special Construction (Chapters 14, 22, 31)	—
Sections 1403.12, 1506.5–.7 + 1711 — Saltwater corrosion zone (NEW)	5 min
Section 1412 — Insulated Metal Panel (NEW)	9 min
Section 2213 — Metal Building Systems (NEW)	3 min
Section 3103 — Temporary Structures	10 min
Module 3 Knowledge Checks	3 min
Module 4 — Safeguards During Construction + Reroofing Note (Chapter 33 + Existing Building)	—
Section 3301 — General	2 min
Section 3302 — Owner's Responsibility for Fire Protection	3 min
Reroofing note: Exception 5 of 706.3 relocated to 1507.2.10 / R905.2.10	2 min
Module 4 Knowledge Checks	2 min
Conclusion + Final Exam	—
Conclusion	1 min
Knowledge Check Review (10 questions)	5 min
Final Exam (20 questions, 70% to pass)	10 min
TOTAL	100 min

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Course Evaluation

Thank you for completing this evaluation. We want to ensure our courses are as meaningful as possible and appreciate your feedback.

Date: _____

Analysis of Changes to the Florida Building Code 8th Edition: An Advanced Course					
Course Number: #####					
<i>Using a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is "Poor" and 5 is "Excellent," please evaluate the course in the following areas: (circle one number per question)</i>					
	Poor				Excellent
1. Overall satisfaction with this course	1	2	3	4	5
2. Course learning objectives clearly stated and met:	1	2	3	4	5
3. Satisfaction with the format of this course:	1	2	3	4	5
4. Met overall personal objectives for attending:	1	2	3	4	5
5. Quality of course content:	1	2	3	4	5
6. Applicability/value of new knowledge, ideas or information:	1	2	3	4	5

How could these courses be improved?

What other topics would be of interest?

Additional Comments:

Outline:

Florida Building Code, Building (9th Edition):

- Chapter 1 — Scope and Administration (Sections 105.3.1.2, 110.9, 113, 115)
- Chapter 2 — Definitions (Section 202: new milestone-inspection and occupiable-roof terms)
- Chapter 4 — Special Detailed Requirements Based on Occupancy and Use (Section 403 — High-Rise Buildings: 403.2.3, 403.3.1)
- Chapter 5 — General Building Heights and Areas (Sections 503.1.4 Occupied Roofs; 506.3 Frontage Increase)
- Chapter 10 — Means of Egress (Sections 1011 Stairways; 1014 Handrails; 1015 Guards, including 1015.3 Height and 1015.8 Window openings)
- Chapter 14 — Exterior Walls (Section 1412 Insulated Metal Panel; new saltwater corrosion cross-references at 1403.12)
- Chapter 15 — Roof Assemblies and Rooftop Structures (saltwater corrosion at 1506.5–.7)
- Chapter 17 — Special Inspections (new Section 1711 Saltwater Corrosion)
- Chapter 18 — Minimum Requirements for Mandatory Milestone Inspections
- Chapter 22 — Steel (Section 2213 Metal Building Systems)
- Chapter 31 — Special Construction (Section 3103 Temporary Structures)
- Chapter 33 — Safeguards During Construction (Sections 3301 General; 3302 Owner's Responsibility for Fire Protection)

Florida Building Code, Existing Building (9th Edition):

- Chapter 7 — Alterations Level 1 (Section 706.3 reroofing rule, with note on relocation of Exception 5 to new Sections 1507.2.10 and R905.2.10)