

This is vitally important as the fire service throughout New Jersey and the nation is increasingly required to rely on mutual aid. In addition, the inclusion in the proposed certifications as being recognized by IFSAC and ProBoard will ensure that New Jersey’s fire personnel are recognized throughout the country as meeting these minimum standards. The Department respectfully disagrees with the commenter that the training and credentialing standards will hinder the recruitment or retention of fire service members. Employers are currently required to ensure that their employees are trained in their expected duties and responsibilities. The rulemaking will give the fire service and governing bodies the ability to meet existing training requirements through State certifications and training programs included in this rulemaking. The term “grandfathering” is now being implemented through an “equivalency” determination process to meet the specific credentialing standard job performance requirements (JPRs). Previously documented training that has been completed by fire service personnel that meets the specific standard JPRs and credentialing requirements can be submitted for review toward issuance of certifications. The intent of the rulemaking is not to require the fire service personnel to retake courses previously completed.

Federal Standards Statement

No Federal standards analysis is required because is the readopted rules are not being adopted under the authority of, or in order to implement, comply with, or participate in any program established under Federal law or under a State statute that incorporates or refers to Federal Law, standards, or requirements.

Full text of the readopted rules can be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 5:73.

(a)

**DIVISION OF CODES AND STANDARDS
Notice of Readoption
Regulations Governing New Home Warranties and
Builders’ Registration
Readoption: N.J.A.C. 5:25**

Authorized By: Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver, Commissioner,
Department of Community Affairs.
Authority: N.J.S.A. 46:3B-1.
Effective Date: June 26, 2018.
New Expiration Date: June 26, 2025.

Take notice that, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 5:25 were scheduled to expire on September 7, 2018. This chapter prescribes the form and coverage of the minimum warranty established by the New Home Warranty and Builders’ Registration Act and establishes requirements for registration as a builder.

This chapter contains five subchapters, as follows: Subchapter 1 contains general provisions. Subchapter 2 contains the provisions for builder registration. Subchapter 3 governs warranty coverage and standards. Subchapter 4 contains requirements for private alternate new home warranty security plans, and Subchapter 5 contains requirements for the State new home warranty security plan.

The Department of Community Affairs has reviewed the rules and has determined that they should be readopted without amendment. The rules are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 45, these rules are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.

(b)

**DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
Notice of Extension of Chapter Expiration Date
Local Authorities
N.J.A.C. 5:31**

Take notice that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (Division), in the Department of Community Affairs (Department) informed Governor Phillip D. Murphy that the Local Authorities rules, N.J.A.C. 5:31, were scheduled to expire on July 18, 2018, pursuant to the sunset provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.

The Local Authorities rules serve to regulate the budgetary practices and financial reporting procedures for local authorities, including fire districts, pursuant to the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1 et seq.). The rules also set guidelines for regulating the budgetary practices of fire district-sponsored length of service award programs (LOSAP). Continuing these rules will allow the Division of Local Government Services to continue monitoring the budgetary and financial practices of 445 authorities (181 fire districts and 264 all other authorities) in a manner essential to protecting the fiscal integrity of these independent agencies and safeguard the use of public funds.

By the authority vested in him pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.d(2), Governor Phillip D. Murphy, on June 28, 2018, directed that the seven-year sunset provision of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1 be extended for N.J.A.C. 5:31 for a period of twelve months, from July 18, 2018 to July 18, 2019.

(c)

**DIVISION OF CODES AND STANDARDS
Notice of Administrative Correction
Uniform Construction Code
State Enforcing Agencies - Establishment
N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.9**

Take notice that the Department of Community Affairs has discovered an error in the text of N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.9. As originally adopted, the text of N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.9(a)1 contained a typographical error, spelling “alteration” as “alternation” (see 29 N.J.R. 3387(a); 4285(a)). This misspelling has persisted in the Administrative Code since the paragraph was first adopted and is now being corrected.

This notice of administrative correction is published pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.7.

Full text of the corrected rule follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletion indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 4. ENFORCING AGENCIES; DUTIES; POWERS;
PROCEDURES

5:23-4.9 State enforcing agencies—establishment

(a) Department of Community Affairs:

1. (No change.)

2. Pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 004-1996, the Department is constituted as the sole plan review agency for the administration and enforcement of Federal and State standards applicable to the construction, [alternation] **alteration**, demolition, or maintenance of health care facilities, as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.4.

(b) (No change.)