

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

UNDER SECTION 9-1306 OF THE PHILADELPHIA CODE  
RELATING TO SPECIAL INSPECTION QUALIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 9-1306(7)(c) of The Philadelphia Code authorizes the Department to “develop regulations regarding the qualifications of individuals authorized to perform special inspections in special inspection categories pursuant to requirements of the Building Code”;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department adopts the following amendments to Regulations Relating to Special Inspector Qualifications under Section 9-1306(7) of The Philadelphia Code (last amended September 10, 2022), with matter deleted by amendment set forth in ~~Strikethrough~~ and matter added by amendment set forth in Underline):

§ 9-1306(7)(R) Special Inspections and Registration Qualifications

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6. **Special Inspection Categories and Qualifications.** The qualifications for registration in the following special inspection categories are as follows:

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- l. **Sprayed Fire-Resistant Materials, ~~and Mastic and Intumescent Fire-Resistant Coatings,~~ and Sealing of Mass Timber.**

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- y. **Air Leakage Testing, Residential**

An inspector in this class shall be authorized to perform building envelope and duct leakage testing for buildings used solely as one or two-family dwellings.

Inspectors shall be in possession of:

(.1) A minimum of one year experience performing building envelope and duct leakage testing; and

(.2) One of the following certifications:

(.a) Residential Energy Services Network - Home Energy Rating System Rater;

(.b) Residential Energy Services Network- Certified Rating Field Inspector;

(.c) Building Performance Institute- Energy Auditor;

(.d) Building Performance Institute-Building Analyst Technician/Professional;

(.e) Building Performance Institute-Infiltration & Duct Leakage; or

(.f) Building Performance Institute- Quality Control Inspector.

**z. Air Leakage Testing, All Occupancies**

An inspector in this class shall be authorized to perform building envelope and duct leakage testing for all buildings.

Inspectors shall be in possession of one of:

(.1) A minimum of one year experience performing whole-building and/or compartmentalized envelope testing for both residential and commercial buildings; and

(.2) One of the following certifications:

(.a) National Environmental Balancing Bureau – Building Enclosure Testing Certified Professional;

(.b) Air Barrier Association of America – Whole Building Airtightness Technician or

(.c) Passive House Institute United States- Certified Rater.

**aa. Mass Timber Construction**

An inspector in this class shall be a Pennsylvania licensed Professional Engineer (PE) or Registered Architect (RA), qualified to perform special inspections, with a minimum of one (1) year of documented experience in the design and/or construction-phase inspection of mass timber structural elements and their connections.