



Farm Buildings and Code Compliance

Do farm buildings need a building permit?

The recent adoption of the 2020 National Building Code of Canada (NBCC) on January 1, 2024, has caused this question to be asked several times as there are new farm building requirements added in Part 2 of Division A of the NBCC. It is important to note that although there are new requirements for farm buildings outlined in the NBCC, *The Construction Codes Act* does still **exempt farm buildings from construction standards**.

With the change from *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act* to *The Construction Codes Act* on January 1, 2022, there were also changes to the definition and assessment of Farm Buildings. The most significant change to the definition removed the exemption for farm residences – all buildings with residential occupancies/dwellings are required to comply with building standards and as such required a building permit.

For further information regarding farm buildings and farm residences in Saskatchewan, please refer to the QR code for the Construction Codes Advisory issued by the Building and Technical Standards Branch.

