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1. What are the new internship program requirements?

The internship program is a new path for licensure and cannot be implemented until rulemaking is completed, which should be early 2018. However, the primary provisions of the program will include:

- Internship programs are only offered for inspector or plans examiner categories;
- Interns must be employed full-time by a municipality, county, or other governmental jurisdiction;
- Interns must be under the direct supervision of a certified building official;
- Interns may exchange year-to-year internship experience requirements with proof of graduation with a vocational degree or college degree or verifiable work experience, with reduction of the internship experience to no less than one year;
- Interns must have passed the ICC technical exam in the certification category sought prior to entering the internship program;
- Interns must complete the Principles and Practice exam before completion of the internship program;
- Interns must complete a Board-approved 40-hour code training course in the certification category sought before completion of the internship program;
- Interns must obtain a favorable recommendation from the supervising building official after completion of the internship program;
- Partial completion of an internship program may be transferred between jurisdictions on a form prescribed by the Board;
- After successful completion of an internship program, individuals may apply for a standard license, on a form prescribed by the Board;
- Interns may apply for a standard license at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before completing an internship program; and
- Individuals who hold a standard license may obtain an additional license in another category by completing an additional nonconcurrent one-year internship program in the certification category sought, coupled with the passage of the associated ICC exam and the associated 40-hour Board-approved code training course.

2. When will the internship program be available?

The Board, along with the stakeholders and any other interested parties, are currently working on the development of rules to implement internship programs. It is tentatively anticipated that the rules will be effective in early 2018, but stay tuned to the Board's website as to the official effective date of the rules.

3. Am I able to be notified as the rules are updated?

Board staff is developing an Interested Parties List of individuals wanting to be notified with the most current information related to the development of these rules. Individuals may sign up at the August 2017 Board meeting, or you may email Melinda Gray at Melinda.Gray@MyFloridaLicense.com to be added to the Interested

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Parties List. Also note that rule updates will be posted on the Board's webpage at www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Our Businesses & Professions > Building Code Administrators and Inspectors.

4. Where can I obtain a copy of the latest version of the draft rules?

An up-to-date version of the draft rules will be posted on the Board's website at www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Our Businesses & Professions > Building Code Administrators and Inspectors.

5. Are there any other changes in the bill that impact BCAIB licensees?

- Sections 468.603(1) and (2), Florida Statutes, amend the definitions of "building code administrators" or "building officials" and "building code inspectors" to include individuals under contract with local or state governments. It allows building code administrators to perform inspections and plan reviews for jurisdictions whose population is 50,000 or fewer through an inter-agency agreement;
- The requirement that a provisional license only be issued to a newly hired or promoted building code inspector or plans examiner and allowing all provisional license applicants to work as a building code inspector or plans examiner for 120 days, under the direct supervision of a licensed building code administrator, once their application has been submitted, **is eliminated**;
- The Board is authorized to establish a reciprocity procedure for an ICC exam administered by another state; this should be available when the Board's rules are updated, so stay tuned to the Board's website as to the official effective date of the rules;
- Building code administrators or building code officials are authorized to offer building code administrator services to county or municipal governments, school boards, community college boards, state universities, or state agencies; and
- Building code administrators are included in the definition of "private provider"; private providers have authority to offer building code administrator services in addition to plans review and building code inspections.