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THE BIM WIZARD

Codes and Regulations: User Guide

The index of building codes and authority regulations

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BBM-CODES-AND-REGULATIONS-GUIDE
Companion to BBM-STD-57
Codes and submissions

One index of building codes, regulations, design manuals and authority guides for UAE and KSA work, at `BABOOM-BIM-STANDARD\02-LIBRARIES\04-REFERENCES\00-CODES-AND-REGULATIONS`. **1,286 entries**, each with its authority, title, edition, status, file path, official source and retrieval date. Before you cite a code in a submission, check its edition here.

1 What is inside

Jurisdiction folder	Entries
`01-ABU-DHABI`	919
`02-DUBAI`	161
`04-OTHER-EMIRATES`	87
`05-KSA`	48
`07-AUTHORITY-FORMS`	31
`06-INTERNATIONAL`	22
`03-FEDERAL-UAE`	18

Status	Entries	Meaning
`office PC copy`	1,102	copy collected from office PCs; check the edition on the official page
`downloaded`	151	official file stored here
`access-restricted`	14	needs a login or payment; row gives the official page
`official, link-only`	12	free and official; open the official URL
`superseded`	7	replaced by a newer edition; not stored

2 Search the index

Open 1
Open `CODES-INDEX.xlsx` (or CODES-INDEX.csv). The SUMMARY sheet counts entries by authority.

Filter 2
Data › Filter, then filter jurisdiction, authority, discipline or status. Ctrl+F finds a word in the titles.

Open the file 3
The file_path column gives the file in this folder; official_page gives the authority page.

Check the edition 4
Use only a row whose status is not superseded. For an office PC copy, confirm the edition on official_page first.

3 Rules

- The latest edition here supersedes copies on personal drives, project folders and email.
- Paid standards (ISO, BS, NFPA, ICC, SBC energy parts) are not stored. Use the office licensed copies or the official read-only viewers.
- Files are kept exactly as the authority published them. Do not edit, annotate or rename them in place.
- File names follow `<AUTHORITY>-<Title>-<Edition or year>.<ext>`.

4 How the index is updated

Check 1
At least yearly, and whenever an authority issues a circular, the BIM team opens official_page for each row and looks for a newer edition.

Download 2
A new edition is downloaded from the official domain only and named with the pattern above.

Supersede 3
The replaced file moves to a superseded folder beside it, its row is set to superseded and a new row is added.

Record 4
The new row gets its retrieval date and SHA-256. Rows marked link-only or access-restricted are closed when a public official copy appears.

Waiting in 99-INTAKE: 16 sustainability files (Estidama Pearl rating systems and guidance, Dubai green building forms) copied from the office specification library on 4 Nov 2026. 4 are the same file as one already indexed and are dropped at review; the others get an index row and move to 01-ABU-DHABI/03-DMT-ESTIDAMA or 02-DUBAI/04-DM-GREEN-BUILDING-ALSAFAT. See 99-INTAKE/INTAKE-LIST.csv. Al Sa'fat 2nd edition is already indexed; no LEED reference guide exists in the office.

+ Add a new item

Drop it 1
Copy the file into `04-REFERENCES\00-CODES-AND-REGULATIONS\99-INTAKE` with a one-line note: what it is, where it came from, licence, who asked.

BIM team checks 2
It works, holds no client or project data, is not a duplicate (same SHA-256) and may be used by the office.

Filed and named 3
The BIM team renames it (<AUTHORITY>-<Title>-<Edition>; row added to the index) and moves it to its numbered folder. Rejected items go to 98-ARCHIVE.

Pages rebuilt 4
build_all.py regenerates this guide, the catalogue and the front page. Nothing is deleted.

Send a new circular or code to the BIM team with its official link; codes are not dropped into the folder directly because every file needs an index row. Full rules: README.md in this folder.

Who to ask
The BIM team: questions, corrections, installs and new items. Do not edit files in the library; it is read-only for users.