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## Update to Solar Hot Water Ready Regulation

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In 2011, 36 municipalities adopted a new building regulation that requires all new single-family homes in their communities to be built to accommodate future installation of a solar hot water system. The Solar Hot Water Ready requirement is a provincial regulation that communities can voluntarily choose to adopt. The regulation provides consistent provisions across the Province while still allowing flexibility for local governments to adopt provisions that work for their community.

Due to strong interest, and to clarify several technical requirements, the Province has updated the Solar Hot Water Ready Regulation, effective June 21, 2013. Updates include adding 12 local governments to the regulation, and amending Section 4 to provide loading requirements for stick frame roofs and to clarify the requirement to address point loads for truss roofs.

The new regulation applies to all building permits submitted on and after June 21, 2013, in the 48 listed solar communities.

More information, including the accompanying Solar Hot Water Ready Guideline, can be found on the [Building and Safety Standards Branch website](#).

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