



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Zero Carbon Step Code in the Peace River Regional District

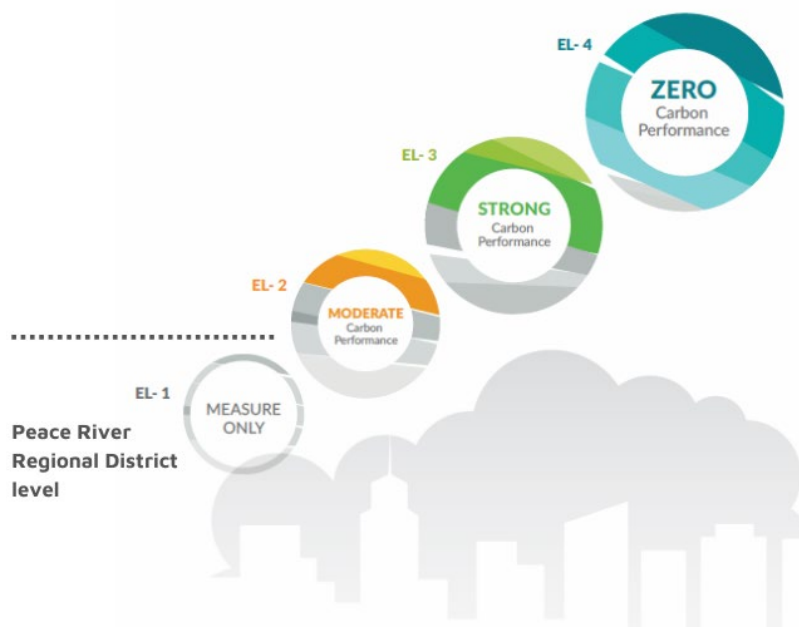
Effective March 10, 2025, all new BC building permit applications must comply with the [2024 BC Building Code](#), which introduces enhanced seismic design (specifically for lateral load bracing in Section 9.23.13) and new "zero carbon" GHG emission standards.

The [BC Energy Zero Carbon Step Code](#) is a tiered system designed to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions while improving energy efficiency. It includes four emission levels, beginning with a "measure only" level (EL-1).

The Peace River Regional District currently requires EL-1 for new construction in its mandatory permit areas.

EL-1 requires builders to measure and report their project's estimated GHG emissions, with a calculation performed by an Energy Advisor on the pre-construction report, which the Peace River Regional District reviews before issuing a building permit. An Energy Advisor is a third-party consultant registered with Natural Resources Canada-licensed service organizations, and qualified advisors can be found using the [CleanBC Better Homes search tool](#).

If you need assistance navigating the changes to the BC Building Code, please contact the Development Services Department at the Peace River Regional District.



Peace River Regional District
Development Services
planning@prrd.bc.ca

Dawson Creek Office
Box 810, 1981 Alaska Ave.
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8
T: 250-784-3200
F: 250-784-3200

Fort St. John Office
9505 100 St.
Fort St. John, BC V1J 4N4
T: 250-785-8084
F: 250-785-1125