



# THE CASp REPORT

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## New CASp Program Regulations Effective May 2016

In November 2014, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) began the process to amend the Certified Access Specialist (CASp) program regulations; the first amendments to the regulations since the program's inception. The process to establish and amend regulations included the participation of those subject to the regulations: CASps and those in the process of becoming certified.

On May 9, 2016, the Office of Administrative Law approved the amended CASp program regulations, which became effective immediately. A link to the amended regulations is available on DSA's CASp webpage, and can also be accessed here: [CASp Program Regulations](#).

Every CASp, and every individual in the certification process, is required to abide by the amended CASp Program Regulations in order to participate in the CASp program. DSA encourages you to take the time to read the amended regulations in their entirety while paying special attention to the following new or amended regulations:

### DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

A CASp is required to complete a minimum of 15 continuing education units (CEUs) during the three-year certification period. The amended CASp program regulations require that at least five of the CEUs address regulatory updates to the accessibility provisions of the California Building Code (CBC). The regulations also specify how CEUs can be earned. In order to facilitate compliance with the amended CEU regulations, DSA will provide a grace period for enforcement of this provision: CASps submitting certification renewal information on or after January 1, 2017, must demonstrate compliance with this amended regulation.

The CASp program regulations also address how the remaining 10 CEUs can be earned, which includes in-person and webinar coursework, and examples of equivalent activity credit. DSA will consider credit for equivalent activity not listed, but reserves the right to evaluate and deny an activity as not meeting equivalent activity requirements. For example, investigating the applicable standards for a specific project or client does not meet the research project requirements for equivalent activity credit because this research is a normal part of CASp services, is beneficial to only the CASp and the client, and the CASp is compensated by the client for the specific purpose of the research.



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The CASp Program will consider for CEU credit the repeat of a paid course within a three-year period if an update to state and/or federal standards or a regulation has occurred in between class offerings, or if the CASp attends each offering of the class in-person, because interaction with the instructor and course attendees offers a varied class experience and opportunity for learning.

## Requirement Differences

A CASp's scope of work is governed by both statutory requirements and regulations. Many do not know or understand the difference between requirements in statute and requirements in regulation, but there is an important distinction.

### STATUTE

A statute is a written law proposed and passed by the legislature, or by the people through a ballot referendum.

### REGULATION

A regulation is adopted by a state agency to implement, interpret, or make specific the law it enforces or administers, or to govern its procedure.

In 2003, as part of Chapter 872, Statutes of 2003 (Senate Bill 262 – Kuehl) the Legislature gave DSA the authority through statute (Government Code section 4459.5), to establish the CASp program. In order to set forth the requirements for those who volunteer to participate in the program, DSA was required to establish and maintain regulations.

In addition, the Legislature also stipulates requirements for a CASp through statute, such as the requirements for report content, issuance of disability access inspection certificates, and posting notices as stipulated in the Construction-Related Accessibility Standards Compliance Act (CRASCA). DSA does not have the authority to establish regulations on provisions directed to CASps in the Civil Code; however, DSA may offer guidance on statutory requirements under the authority provided by Government Code section 4465(a)(2), which permits DSA to establish best practices for CASps.

## CERTIFICATION EXPIRATION AND DELINQUENCY IN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL FEE

Under the amended CASp program regulations, an expired certification may be renewed within one year of expiration, provided that the individual meets all certification renewal requirements and pays a \$150 delinquency fee, in addition to the certification renewal fees. Exercising the delinquency fee option for renewal does not extend the certification renewal period for the individual; upon meeting the requirements for renewal, the three-year certification period is established from the day after the original expiration date of the previous certification period.

This new process replaces the previous practice that permitted CASps to petition for an extension of time to complete certification renewal requirements prior to certification expiration. DSA will no longer offer time extensions to complete certification renewal. If a CASp fails to complete the certification renewal process prior to certification expiration, the CASp will be required to pay the delinquency fee in order to renew certification. After one year post certification expiration, the individual must complete the certification process anew to re-establish certification, including re-taking and passing both portions of the CASp examination, and paying examination and certification fees.

## SUBMISSION OF RECORDS

A CASp requesting certification renewal will be required to submit, if applicable, a record of disability access



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inspection certificates (DAIC) issued to the CASp by DSA during the certification period. The DAIC record shall include the certificate number and the name and address of the facility inspected. The DAIC record should indicate a status of “VOID” for any certificates voided by the CASp, and “UNISSUED” for any certificates that have not yet been issued. When initially subject to this requirement at certification renewal, the CASp is expected to include all DAIC issued to the CASp, even if issuance of DAIC occurred during a previous certification period. For subsequent certification renewals, the CASp will only need to account for DAIC issued during the three-year certification period, and DAIC indicated as “UNISSUED” on the previous record.

The record submitted to DSA contains less information than what is required by Civil Code section 55.53(e). The DAIC record to be submitted to DSA should not include determinations such as “inspected by a CASp,” “meets applicable standards,” “CASp determination pending,” or “CASp-inspected.” These must be redacted prior to submittal of the record to DSA. The CASp is advised that any information submitted to DSA, unless specifically exempted, is subject to California Public Records Act disclosure; therefore, CASps are advised to submit only the requested information.

## **The CASp Program Regulations Are Not Related to SB 269**

The amendments to the CASp program regulations were approved May 9, 2016, by the Office of Administrative Law. Coincidentally, Chapter 13, Statutes of 2016 (SB 269 – Roth) was signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and took immediate effect on May 10, 2016. SB 269 enacted new laws (statutes) that, in part, give certain small businesses who hire a CASp, and correct all violations noted in the CASp report within 120 days, relief from statutory damages if a construction-related accessibility claim is filed regarding a violation in the inspected area. SB 269 places responsibility on CASps to fulfill specific statutory obligations related to inspections of facilities that qualify for these legal benefits. (See [page 7](#).)

Although DSA may undertake future amendments to the CASp program regulations to implement the new statutes enacted by SB 269, the recent changes to the CASp program regulations are unrelated to SB 269. A singular email that alerted CASps of both the new statutory requirements of SB 269 and the new requirements under the CASp program regulations caused confusion among some CASps that the requirements of the former generated the latter regulations. DSA apologizes for any confusion.

The submission of this record is a new regulation for the CASp Program, and applies to CASps who perform or have performed inspections under CRASCA. This record does not replace the record required by statute in CRASCA. The CASp is advised to maintain an ongoing record of DAIC issued to clients according to the statutory requirements of CRASCA, as maintenance of the DAIC record according to Civil Code section 55.53(e) is a statutory requirement placed on the CASp by the California Legislature, and is in addition to the requirement in the CASp program regulations.



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CASps who have been issued DAIC by DSA have a statutory requirement to account for issuance of DAIC to business/facility owners. Although there is no statutory requirement for the CASp to account for DAIC that have not been issued to a business/facility owner, the amended CASp program regulations require this accountability.

CASps are advised not to transfer ownership of DAIC to another CASp without first contacting the CASp Program. A CASp who elects not to renew certification may request reimbursement of unused DAIC from DSA, provided the DAIC are in saleable condition.

## **WRITTEN AGREEMENTS**

The amended CASp program regulations require a CASp to enter into a written agreement for services, bearing signature of both contracting parties. The agreement shall state the scope of work, the certification number of the CASp, the expiration date of certification, and shall indicate if the services provided include an inspection report and issuance of a DAIC in accordance with Civil Code section 55.53. A CASp providing services through employment by, or under the retainer of, an authority having jurisdiction is not required to comply with the requirement for a written agreement.

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF CASP SIGNATURE**

The amended CASp program regulations

state that the signature of the CASp on an inspection report or inspection record shall signify that the CASp has been on the subject site as part of the scope of services, and can confirm the information stipulated in the inspection report or inspection record. Where CASp signature is required, such as on an inspection report according to CRASCA, it shall be accompanied by the CASp's certification number.

This regulation addresses consistency and reliability of CASp services and addresses statutory requirements that inspections and reports under the CRASCA umbrella can only be provided by a CASp. For an architect who is a CASp, the privilege of responsible control under the Architect's Practice Act does not extend to statutorily regulated CASp services. This regulation requires the CASp to be personally present on the subject site as part of the scope of services, including when assisted in inspections by others not certified. Being present on site affords the CASp the ability to communicate with the client, determine use of the specific areas of the facility, gain an understanding of the facility in its context, and fully grasp the scope of the inspection. This regulation also means the inspection visit to the subject site must occur after execution of the written agreement to perform the specified work.

Inspection reports under the umbrella of CRASCA require the CASp's signature

## **Update Your CASp Profile**

Please keep your information up to date on the DSA [Find a CASp Web page](#). Information can be edited through the [CASp Account Log-in](#), on the "Update My Contact Information" page.

CASps who perform services as an **Independent CASp** are required to indicate a "yes" under the category for inspections, and list the counties he/she serves.

and certification number. In addition, if the site's new construction or improvement was approved by a local building department inspector who is a CASp, Civil Code section 55.54(b)(2)(B) affords to a business/facility owner the legal benefits of a court stay, an early evaluation conference, and the reduction of statutory damages to \$1,000 if violations are corrected within 60 days of being served with the complaint. In order to ensure that business/facility owners are aware of this legal benefit, a CASp who is employed or retained by a jurisdictional agency and performs and approves the final inspection of a project that is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title III public accommodation should sign the inspection record and provide his/her certification number on the inspection record.



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## GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The grounds for disciplinary action are new to the regulations, and are applicable to all CASps and those who are in the process of obtaining certification. CASps are encouraged to read carefully which acts warrant disciplinary action by DSA.

Familiarity with the regulations will help you navigate the certification process and know the expectations for maintaining certification. We encourage you to read through the CASp program regulations in their entirety. For a limited time, the Final Statement of Reasons detailing the reasons for the changes will be posted online. These documents, as well as updated versions of the *CASp Best Practices Manual* and the *CASp Examination, Certification, and Practice Standards Handbook*, are available on the Voluntary Certified Access Specialist Program webpage. Additional questions may be directed to Ida Clair, Senior Architect, at [ida.clair@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:ida.clair@dgs.ca.gov). ■

## 2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE IN OCTOBER CASp EXAM

Beginning October 12, 2016, the CASp examination will test the provisions of the newly published 2016 California Building Standards Code for both the Open Book and Closed Book examinations. While the code is not in effect until January 1, 2017, the materials are available.

## CASp Examination Results

### OCTOBER 2015

EXAM	CANDIDATES	PASSED
Open Book	91	23%
Closed Book	100	14%

**Total New CASps in October 2015: 12**

### New CASps by Profession

Jurisdictional	6
Access Consultant	3
Civil Engineer	1
Intern Architect	1
Structural Engineer	1

### FEBRUARY 2016

EXAM	CANDIDATES	PASSED
Open Book	87	45%
Closed Book	77	27%

**Total New CASps in February 2016: 32**

### Breakdown of New CASps by Profession

California Architect	11
Field Inspector	6
Civil Engineer	5
Access Consultant	2
Government Agency	2
Structural Engineer	2
ADA Coordinator	1
Building Official	1
Designer/Space Planner	1
General Contractor	1

*Total certified including June 2016: 699*



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## New Metrics for the CASp Closed Book Exam

Starting with the October 12, 2016 examination, DSA will provide metrics for the questions in the closed book portion of the CASp exam. The closed book portion is comprised of 60 questions which examinees have 90 minutes to answer. Results for the closed book exam will include the examinee's score by category:

### CLOSED BOOK CASp EXAM METRICS

- Knowledge of California Building Code (CBC) Standards and Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities: Scoping and General/Technical
  - 24 questions.
  - Questions will assess knowledge and application of the 2016 CBC Title 24 Part 2, 2016 California Historical Building Code Title 24 Part 8, 1991 ADAAG, and 2004 ADAAG.
- Knowledge of State and Federal Regulations and Guidelines for Housing
  - 12 questions.
  - Questions will assess knowledge and application of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA); Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS); Fair Housing Act (FHA) and FHA Accessibility Guidelines; 2016 CBC Chapter 11A (Private Housing); and 2016 CBC Chapter 11B (Public Housing).
- Knowledge of Federal Regulations for accessibility
  - 8 questions.
  - Questions will assess knowledge and application of the ADA, ABA, Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas.
- CASp Responsibility and California Statutory Requirements for Disability Access
  - 8 questions.
  - Questions will assess knowledge of the CASp Program Regulations, and knowledge and application of California laws related to access in the Civil Code, Government Code, and Health and Safety Code.
- Identifying Applicable Standards
  - 8 questions.
  - Questions will assess a candidate's understanding of identifying and applying the requirements of one or more applicable standards in a given scenario.

DSA will continue to release the Open Book exam project type two months prior to the examination date. The Open Book exam tests the ability to identify accessibility requirements in construction documents, and an understanding of the application of the scoping and technical requirements of the CBC in a review of construction documents for a specific project type.



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## Senate Bill 269 Requirements and Best Practices

On May 10, 2016, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed SB 269 (Chapter 13, Statutes of 2016), establishing a grace period from liability for statutory damages for businesses with 50 or fewer employees if the business owner corrects all violations noted in a CASp inspection report within 120 days of the inspection. Since SB 269 is an urgency measure, its provisions became immediately effective.

To assist CASps with their new responsibilities under this statute, DSA developed a fillable form for the [Notice of Access Inspection and 120-Day Grace Period](#) and supplemental [instructions](#). This form and the posted list of businesses eligible for the grace period are on the [CASp website](#).

SB 269 enacted statutory requirements affecting CASp work. CASps should read the requirements of statute to ensure that work is performed in accordance with the requirements. DSA does offer, however, best practices to consider when providing a CASp inspection and report under CRASCA, in an effort to provide consistency in CASp services.

SB 269 does not change the legal benefits of a 90-day stay and early evaluation conference extended to all business owners who hire a CASp and receive an inspection and report. However, for businesses that employ 50 or fewer

employees, the business owner now has an additional option for reduced liability for minimum statutory damages, in addition to an option that existed under a previously enacted statute:

### **Option A (pre-existing option for**

**businesses of all sizes):** The business/facility owner is offered a reduction in liability for minimum statutory damages to \$1000 per occasion if a claim is filed on a violation in the inspected area, and the violation is corrected within 60 days. The owner must have completed or be in the process of correcting violations noted in the CASp report in order to be eligible for a reduction in liability for minimum statutory damages. Under this option, the CASp must provide a report under CRASCA in which, for an “inspected by a CASp” determination, a reasonable schedule for corrections of violations needs to be established.

### **Option B (new option created by SB 269 only for businesses with 50 or fewer employees):**

The owner is offered a grace period from liability for minimum statutory damages if the owner achieves compliance within 120 days of the inspection. Statute provides an extension to 180 days if the owner is in the active permit process. Under this option, the CASp must provide a report under CRASCA within 30 days of the inspection.

## UPCOMING CASp EXAM

**OCTOBER 12, 2016**

Sacramento and Hawthorne

Please refer to [www.dgs.ca.gov/casp](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/casp) for examination details and reference materials.

Register through your [CASp Account](#).  
Registration closes September 12, 2016.

The Open Book project type will be announced on August 12, 2016.



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With Option B, it is assumed that a CASp need not work with the owner to establish a reasonable schedule for each correction, because the owner has opted to achieve compliance within 120 days from the inspection date. It is recommended, however, that the CASp includes a statement in the report that indicates the client has agreed to a compliance schedule of 120 days to take advantage of the grace period for liability from statutory damages as provided in California Civil Code Section 55.56(g)(3)(A).

Statute also states that the owner is offered only one 120-day grace period. To clarify, once an owner receives an inspection and report, and 120 days expires without the completion of corrections, the owner is ineligible to have the CASp perform another inspection, issue a report, and achieve another 120-day grace period. For owners who cannot complete the corrections within 120 days (or within 180 days, if the owner qualifies for the extension), the CASp should advise the owner of the requirement that in order to be eligible for a reduction in statutory damages under Option A, the owner must demonstrate that he/she has implemented reasonable measures to correct alleged violations within a reasonable timeframe. The legal benefits of a 90-day stay and early evaluation conference remain in place whether or not the owner achieves compliance within the schedule.

If the area is altered after compliance is achieved, a CASp inspection must occur and a report with a determination must be provided to restore the legal benefits, including reduced liability for minimum statutory damages offered by CRASCA if a violation is found and corrected within 60 days. In addition, if an area is altered after compliance is achieved and the owner previously selected Option B, the owner must obtain an additional CASp inspection within 30 days of final approval by the building department in order to reinstate protection from liability for minimum statutory damages. The owner can request that this subsequent CASp inspection be performed by a building inspector who is a CASp employed or retained by the agency that issued the permit.

SB 269 also provides for expedited review of permit applications submitted to the local jurisdictional agency, if the project is necessary to address either an alleged violation of a construction-related accessibility standard or a violation noted in the inspection report. In order to qualify for expedited review, the owner must submit a copy of the disability access inspection certificate and have a CASp review the project plans. The owner may be subject to a fee for expedited review as determined by the local jurisdictional agency. This benefit is offered to all business/facility owners who receive an inspection and report under CRASCA.

Information regarding SB 269 and best practices on providing CASp services will be added to the *CASp Best Practices Manual* shortly. In the meantime, the [full text of SB 269](#) is available online. For questions regarding SB 269 requirements, please contact [CASProgram@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:CASProgram@dgs.ca.gov). ■

## Advisory To All CASps . . .

**DSA does not review for accuracy nor endorse any publications from individuals outside of DSA, or from third-party vendors, that claim to provide interpretive assistance with the accessibility requirements of the CBC.**

**California statute gives weight to the opinion of a CASp in rendering determinations after an inspection; therefore, it is imperative that opinions and interpretations are made by each CASp based on the use of the applicable CBC and the applicable federal standards, and not based solely on an analysis provided by an interpretive manual.**



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## Recent Statutes and Regulations

### State of California

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed into law two accessibility-related bills in October 2015:

#### **CHAPTER 787, STATUTES OF 2015 (ASSEMBLY BILL [AB] 1230)**

##### **California Americans With Disabilities Small Business Capital Access Loan Program**

This bill establishes the California Americans with Disabilities Act Small Business Capital Access Loan Program. This self-sustaining program will provide incentives to lenders to make private loans to California small business owners to cover the costs of projects that alter or retrofit existing small business facilities to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and increase access to their customers. The program will fall within the Capital Access Loan Program (CalCAP/ADA), administered by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority.

AB 1230 places the following statutory limits for participation in the program:

- Small business of 15 or fewer full-time employees.
- Loan proceeds limited to eligible project costs of an existing facility less than 10,000 square feet.
- Less than \$1,000,000 in total gross annual income.
- No overnight accommodations.
- Qualified loan is limited to \$50,000.

The services of a CASp and a CASp inspection report will be a critical component for participation in the CalCAP/ADA Program. Details on program development activities, including statewide outreach efforts, are available on the [CalCAP/ADA webpage](#). Once regulations have been developed and approved, small businesses will work with private lending institutions to obtain financing. The program is anticipated to launch in September 2016.

#### **CHAPTER 755, STATUTES OF 2015 (AB 1521)**

##### **Disability Access: Construction-Related Accessibility Claims**

Businesses that have been served with a complaint filed by a high-frequency litigant are entitled to a court stay and early evaluation conference. If requested by the defendant, this bill additionally requires the court order to direct the parties and their counsel to meet at the premises, or other place as specified, no later than 30 days after issuance of the court order, to jointly inspect the premises, and review any programmatic or policy issues, that are claimed to constitute a violation of a construction-related accessibility standard. For cases filed by or on behalf of a high-frequency litigant, this bill requires the complaint to also state whether the complaint is filed by, or on behalf of, a high-frequency litigant, the number of complaints alleging a construction-related accessibility claim that the high-frequency litigant filed during the 12 months prior to filing the complaint, and the reason why the individual visited the place of public accommodation. In addition, this bill requires a high-frequency litigant to pay a \$1,000 filing fee per claim to court, of which, fifty-percent of the collected fees is earmarked for the California Commission on Disability Access. ■



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## Free CEU Spotlight

In each newsletter, the CEU Spotlight highlights free online Continuing Education Unit (CEU) opportunities for CASp certification maintenance.

The **GREAT LAKES ADA CENTER** has launched the first of archived webinars approved for CEU credits. Due to the verification process, the criteria to earn CEU credit requires that you view the entire webinar in addition to completing the pre-test and post-test in one continuous sitting. If you stop at anytime, whether during the video or in a test, you must start the process again.

The following sessions are available for on-demand viewing as [Self-paced Webinars](#). Additional sessions will be added periodically to this series.

- Accessibility Standards: “The Basics”
- Accessible Routes (including doors and entrances)
- Accessible Toilet and Bathing Facilities
- Accessible Doors and Maneuvering Clearances

The ADA Audio Conference Series provides in-depth information on the ADA. This program is designed to enhance an individual’s existing knowledge base or facilitate continued learning regarding regulations and trends under the ADA. The Great Lakes ADA Center has scheduled its next offering in the ADA Audio Conference Series:

### Lessons Learned: Common Errors in the Design and Construction of Accessible Lodging Facilities

- August 16, 2016 at 11 a.m., Pacific Time
- [ADA Audio Conference Registration](#)

Although design and construction professionals strive to comply with the ADA standards, design and/or construction mistakes often result in new or altered buildings with ADA violations. This presentation provides examples of common ADA design and construction errors made in lodging facilities, including parking, exterior routes, common areas, dining areas, restrooms, guestrooms and recreation areas. These examples are based on many years of experience providing plan and construction reviews for the hospitality industry. ■

## Marketing Materials

An easy-to-print [CASp Benefits Flyer](#) is available for download at [www.dgs.ca.gov/casp](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/casp). Use it to begin a discussion with a business owner on the benefits of an inspection by a CASp.

A similar, smaller version is available to city and county offices for distribution with business licenses. For details, contact [DSACommunication@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:DSACommunication@dgs.ca.gov).





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## DSA Academy Presents...

**ACCESSIBILITY CLASSES** In this suite of seminars, we will discuss the access code and its application. If you would like to take the four Accessibility classes consecutively, you'll receive one of the classes *free!* Please contact Larry Meade at [Laurence.Meade@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:Laurence.Meade@dgs.ca.gov), before registering, if you would like to choose this option.

### PLAN REVIEW – ACCESSIBILITY (2013 CBC)

The [Plan Review – Accessibility](#) course equips participants with essential concepts, reference materials and job aides for conducting timely, consistent and accurate plan review for access compliance. The course is oriented to Chapter 11B of the 2013 CBC.

### ACCESS COMPLIANCE – 2013 AND 2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

The [Access Compliance – 2013 and 2016 California Building Code](#) course highlights access provisions in Chapter 11B of the 2013 CBC, including the Intervening Code Adoption Cycle Supplement and the 2016 CBC approved by the Building Standards Commission in January 2016.

### TRANSIENT LODGING, HOUSING AT A PLACE OF EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER ESTABLISHMENTS

The [Transient Lodging, Housing at a Place of Education, and Social Service Center Establishments](#) course provides the participant an overview of Federal and State regulations with the main emphasis on Chapter 11B of the 2013 CBC for accessible transient lodging, housing at a place of education and social service establishments both public and private.

### ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC HOUSING REGULATIONS, STANDARDS, AND GUIDELINES

The [Accessible Public Housing Regulations, Standards, and Guidelines](#) course provides the participant an overview of Federal and State regulations with the main emphasis on Chapter 11B of the 2013 CBC for accessible public housing.

#### PRESENTER

Sue Moe, CASp, Senior Architect at DSA

**COST**—\$250 per class (or \$750 for four consecutive days)

For more information, visit [www.DSAacademy.dgs.ca.gov](http://www.DSAacademy.dgs.ca.gov). Course registration closes two weeks prior to the class. In the event of cancellations, additional space may become available. Please call (916) 327-8864 to be placed on a waitlist. ■

## CASp Code Discussion Group

DSA offers a monthly code discussion group on the CBC Chapter 11B accessibility provisions. DSA presents a code topic for a 30 to 45-minute discussion, and then phone lines are open for attendees' interpretation questions for group discussion.

DSA Offers one CEU per session to CASps who participate for a minimum of one hour, and who self-report their participation. All sessions are on Wednesdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the following dates:

#### UPCOMING GROUP DISCUSSIONS

August 17, 2016  
September 21, 2016  
October 19, 2016  
November 16, 2016  
December 21, 2016

Architects, building officials, CASps, and other interested parties can participate in the open forum via teleconference or in person at the Sacramento DSA office. Email [ida.clair@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:ida.clair@dgs.ca.gov) for information.



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## New Material for CASp 101 Class

Now is a great time to enroll in an upcoming CASp 101: Certification and Practice class to learn about recent program changes! The course content was recently updated to reflect changes resulting from recent amendments to the CASp program regulations and recently chaptered legislation, SB 269 (Chapter 13, Statutes of 2016). If you completed CASp 101 previously, the class may be repeated for additional continuing education credit.

The learning objectives for the class are as follows:

- Summarize the history of disability access laws in the U.S. and California.
- Understand legislation affecting CASp services:
  - SB 262 (Chapter 872, Statutes of 2003)
  - SB 1608 (Chapter 549, Statutes of 2008)
  - SB 1186 (Chapter 383, Statutes of 2012)
  - SB 269 (Chapter 13, Statutes of 2016)
- Understand what is required in providing CRASCA inspection reports.
- Understand “applicable standards” and state and federal standards for accessibility.
- Understand Practice Standards for both the independent CASp and the CASp employed or retained by an authority having jurisdiction.
- Understand the amended CASp Program Regulations.
- Understand how to use the CBC and approach CASp examination content.

Detailed information, including continuing education units, is available on the [CASp 101 class description webpage](#).

Online registration closes two weeks prior to the class date or when the class reaches the maximum capacity seating, whichever occurs first. Once online registration is closed, please contact us for class availability.

Please direct any registration questions to Larry Meade at (916) 327-8864 or [Laurence.Meade@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:Laurence.Meade@dgs.ca.gov). ▀

## CASp 101 Schedule

### LOCATIONS & DATES

#### Riverside

- Friday, August 12, 2016
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### San Diego

- Thursday, November 3, 2016
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Palo Alto

- Wednesday, November 9, 2016
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENTER**—Ida A. Clair, AIA, LEED AP, CASp, Senior Architect at DSA

**COST**—\$75 per class

## JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Stay up to date. Send an email to [DSAcommunication@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:DSAcommunication@dgs.ca.gov) and ask to join the CASp email list!

