

Inspection and Technical Services

Code Adoption for Elevating Devices

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The Manitoba government has modernized the province's approach to the regulation of Elevating Devices through implementation of the Technical Safety Regulation (TSR) under The Technical Safety Act (TSA). This bulletin serves as the basis for which codes are adopted and enforced, when it comes into force, use of non-mandatory appendices, variance requests, and what elevating devices are excluded. Where there is any conflict in the adopted code, the Manitoba Acts and Regulations prevail.

Effective **September 1, 2026**, Manitoba will be adopting and enforcing the following codes for elevating devices without amendments:

- ASME A17.1/CSA B44 (2019) – Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators
- CSA B355 (2019) – Platform Lifts and Stair Lifts for Barrier-Free Access
- CSA B311 (2024) – Safety Code for Manlifts
- CSA Z185 (2023) – Safety Code for Personnel Hoists

Use of Non-Mandatory Appendices and Referenced Publications

Non-mandatory appendices and referenced publications in the code and standards are intended to provide additional guidance, explanatory notes, and reference tables that support the application of mandatory code sections and use them as enforceable requirements.

Below highlights Non-Mandatory Appendices that are used as additional adopted requirements for the TSR or important reference material used to aid in acceptance of the elevating device installations and alterations.

CSA B44-2019

- ASME A17.6 Standard for Elevator Suspension, Compensation, and Governor Systems
- Non-mandatory Appendix N: *RECOMMENDED INSPECTION AND TEST INTERVALS*
 - *Required Category 1, 3, and 5 Testing Intervals*

CSA B355-2019

- Annexes A, B, and D.

CSA B311-2024

- All

CSA Z185-2023

- All

Existing Elevators

Elevating devices accepted under previous code adoptions may continue to operate provided they are maintained safe working condition and comply with applicable safety, maintenance, inspection and testing requirements, as noted in the codes. However, the TSR includes additional provisions for elevating devices built before 1963 that were not subject to a predecessor edition of ASME A17.1-2019/CSA B44:19, *Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators*. For reference, Schedule C, section 3 sets out the minimum standards.

Modernizations and Alterations

Modernizations and alterations do not automatically require upgrading of every part or system of an elevating device. When a component or system is altered, that specific component or system must comply with the newly adopted code. Components that are not part of the scope of work are not required to be retrofitted solely as a result of the alteration/modernization.

This principle was taken into the account in the development of the code to encourage safety-improving alterations while recognizing that full-system upgrades are not always reasonable or necessary.

References:

- [The Technical Safety Act](#)
- [The Technical Safety Regulation](#)

For more information:

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