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Amendments to O. Reg 144/20: Exemption for Temporary Health and Residential Facilities

On March 25, 2024, [amendments](#) to O. Reg. 144/20: Exemption for Temporary Health and Residential Facilities made under *the Fire Protection and Prevention Act* came into force.

The amended regulation extends measures that exempt temporary health or residential facilities from compliance with certain requirements under the Ontario Fire Code (OFC) until March 31, 2027. The extension is aligned with changes made to the Ontario Building Code (OBC) through O. Reg. 156/24. Together, these measures will facilitate continued flexibility to respond to Ontario's health and shelter system capacity pressures while ensuring that certain exempted health care facilities are on a pathway to meet the requirements of the OBC. Further extensions to this regulation beyond March 31, 2027 will not be considered.

It should also be noted that O. Reg. 144/20 provisions introduced in 2022, which clarify how the OFC applies to buildings containing temporary health or residential facilities, remain in force. Specifically, these provisions establish that while temporary health or residential facilities are exempt from certain OFC requirements that might compel building upgrades, these facilities continue to be subject to all other requirements, including those applicable to buildings containing vulnerable occupants.

Fire departments with enquiries regarding O. Reg. 144/20 may contact their Fire Protection Adviser or email askofm@ontario.ca.