

SERVICE UPDATE

New Requirements for Category Testing of Elevators

Beginning January 1, 2022, category testing of elevators must comply with the following *new* requirements in [Local Law 126 of 2021](#):

- The agency performing the category test must notify the Department of Buildings at least five (not seven) days prior to the Category 1 testing of escalators, Category 3 testing of water hydraulic elevators, and Category 5 testing of elevators.
- If a witnessing agency is required in [Table N1 of ASME A17.1, as modified by Chapter K1 of Appendix K of the New York City Building Code](#), the category test report is no longer required to include the signature of the witnessing agency inspector.

NOTE: The report must still include the signature of the witnessing agency director.

New Filing Deadlines

Deadline for Submitting Category Test Report to DOB	Deadline for Correcting Defects Identified in the Category Test Report	Deadline for Submitting Affirmation of Correction to DOB
Within 21 (not 60) days after the date of the category test	Within 90 (not 120) days after the date of the category test (owners may request up to two 45-day extensions)	Within 14 (not 60) days after the date the corrections were made

Review [Local Law 126 of 2021](#) (Article 304 of Title 28 of the Administrative Code) and [Title 1 of the Rules of the City of the New York Sections 101-07 and 103-02](#) for all the changes to the category test requirements that will become effective on January 1, 2022.

Category test reports must be submitted in [DOB NOW: Safety](#). A Service Notice with additional information about changes to DOB NOW related to the new category test requirements will be posted at nyc.gov/buildings.

Periodic Elevator Inspections

Review the [November 30, 2021 Service Update](#) for a description of the changes to the requirements for periodic elevator inspections.