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Building codes are generally intended to be applied by architects, engineers, interior designers, constructors and regulators but are also used for various purposes by safety inspectors, environmental scientists, real estate developers, subcontractors, manufacturers of building products and materials, insurance companies, facility managers, tenants and others. Codes regulate the design



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- Some important topics that the upcoming code has touched upon are:
- 'Outline of Bangladesh Building Regulatory Authority (BBRA)' in the chapter 'Organization and Enforcement'
- Table on 'Jurisdiction of Building Officials of Designated Offices/Authorities'
- Table on 'Eligible Registered Professionals for Signing Design, Drawings/ Documents'
- Chapter on 'Energy Efficiency and Sustainability'
- Chapter on 'Maintenance Management, Repairs, Retrofitting and Strengthening of Buildings'
- Chapter on 'Rainwater Management'
- Chapter on 'Steel-Concrete Composite Structural Members'
- Chapter on 'Bamboo Structures'
- 'Universal Accessibility' as appendix
- Revised figure on 'Basic Wind Speed Map'

SUSTAINABILITY:
To enhance the design and construction

AREA	AUTHORITY
1. Areas falling under the master plan control of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK)	RAJUK
2. Areas falling under the master plan control of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA)	CDA
3. Areas falling under the master plan control of Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA)	RDA
4. Areas falling under the master plan control of Khulna Development Authority (KDA)	KDA
5. Areas falling under the master plan control of any development authority to be established in future	Relevant development authority
6. Areas falling under the geographical jurisdiction of any city corporation where no development authority exists	Relevant city corporation
7. Areas falling under the geographical jurisdiction of any municipality where no development authority exists	Relevant municipality
8. Areas not falling under any of the above	Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department (PWD).
9. Special areas, if any	To be declared by the government as and when necessary

***NEW INCLUSION**

Bangladesh has its own code since 1993, but enforcement of this code is not at all satisfactory. For safer Bangladesh as well as the wellbeing of people and properties, we have no other alternative but to implement the national building code all over the country.

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