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Hi Folks,

Thank you to Michele Cotton and Winona McMorrow who sent me a link to the Summary of the Changes to the OBC.

I have attached what I am going to be sharing with our AACs, which includes a link to the Summary as well as the current version of the OBC.

Feel free to tweak and make your own!

Have a good day!

Warm regards,  
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# Changes to Barrier-Free Design Section of Ontario Building Code

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**Effective January 1, 2020.**

## **Section 3.8. – Accessibility**

There have been several changes within Section 3.8. of the Building Code that provide clarification and enhance accessibility and safety. These include the following:

### **Article 3.8.1.5.(1) - Controls**

#### **New**

This Sentence has been amended regarding location and operation of accessible controls related to building services and safety devices.

### **Article 3.8.3.3. - Doorways and Doors**

#### **Reorganization**

Requirements related to power door operators in Sentence (16) and (17) have been clarified and integrated into one sentence.

### **Article 3.8.3.8. - Water Closet Stall**

#### **Clarification**

Design requirements for water closet stalls have been revised for clarification.

### **Article 3.8.3.9. - Water Closets**

#### **New**

This Article has been revised for clarification and updated to add location and operational criteria for flush controls where there is no automatic flush.

### **Article 3.8.3.10. - Urinals**

#### **Clarification**

This Article has been revised for clarification and some duplications related to controls have been removed.

### **Article 3.8.3.11. - Lavatories**

#### **Clarification**

This Article has been revised to provide additional clarification on accessibility requirements for lavatories, mirrors and washroom accessories.

### **Article 3.8.3.12. - Universal Washrooms**

#### **Clarification**

A change has been made to clarify the requirement for power door operators and self-closing devices in universal washrooms.

### **Article 3.8.3.13. - Showers and Bathtubs**

#### **New**

This Article was revised to clarify and enhance accessibility and safety for showers and bathtubs including requirements for grab bars, clear floor spaces, shower heads and faucets, and individual bathtub requirements in some institutional occupancies.

Source: Ontario Building Code Changes 2020 Summary <sup>1</sup>

Link: Ontario Building Code ON Reg. 332/12 <sup>2</sup> (See Section 3.8 for Barrier-Free Design)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ontario.ca/document/changes-2012-building-code/part-3-fire-protection-occupant-safety-and-accessibility#section-27>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/120332>