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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM JANUARY 2026

RIBA continues to offer a variety of educational offerings for Members & Employees! Also, all RI Residential Contractors may be eligible to take the classes noted below for FREE subject to enrollment in the Contractor Development Program.*

January 7 | 8am-10:30am

Updates to the RI Residential Building Code
2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier
Attention Builders and Remodelers!

The State of Rhode Island will be adopting new Building Codes on December 1, 2025. This class will explain the changes happening when Rhode Island moves from the present 2021 RI Residential Building Code (SBC-2021) to the new 2025 RI Residential Building Code (SBC-2025). The material will include the updates to the residential building code and what RI Amendments have been added, amended or deleted.

January 9 | 8am-11am

Comprehensive Energy Code Update
2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)

Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials! The 2024 Energy Code went into effect last year. Learn what you need to know about changes to the Code and learn options on how to be compliant. This class is an NAHB training module (#1) in partnership with RIBA. There will be a ½ hour Q & A following the class.

January 12 | 8am-10:30am

Wall Construction in the Building Code
2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)

The class covers Chapter 6 of the RI One and Two Family Dwelling Code regarding the design and construction of wood, cold-formed steel, masonry, concrete and structural insulated panel (SIP) walls, and covers code changes pertaining to the new wind charts. Chapter 6 also regulates exterior windows and doors installed in walls.

January 13 | 8am-10:30am

WRBs, Flashings and Exterior Water Management

2½ credit hours - taught by Mike Guertin
Review water resistive barrier product options, performance characteristics, and installation requirements; and learn the code provisions for window, door and other wall flashing.

January 14 & 15 | 8am-3pm | Both Days

OSHA 10 Training (OSHA 10 card is issued)

NO credit hours - taught by Scott Asprey (IN PERSON)
Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Outreach Training Program's 10-hour safety course covers general safety and health hazards for entry-level workers.

January 16 | 8am-10:30am

Using Photography & Video for your Construction Business

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Bill Parmentier

Learn to use photography and video to enhance and grow your construction business.

January 20 | 8am-10:30am

Introduction to the Design-Build Process

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Joe Cracco

In this 2.5-hour intro class, presenter Joe Cracco will describe what the Design-Build Process is, discuss its many benefits as well as who's involved and what they do. The course concludes with an overview of the 4 steps in the process. This course is a prerequisite for the 5-hour Advanced Design-Build class in which will go into the 4 steps in significant detail.

January 21 | 8am-10am

Hiring Subcontractors- Dos and Don'ts

NO credit hours - taught by Francesco DeLuca and Gary Convertino

Hiring independent contractors is a big part of the construction industry but the misclassification of employees as independent contractors is a serious issue that the State of RI has made a priority to address. Recent legislation imposes significant penalties, including criminal penalties, on construction-industry employers who misclassify employees. This class will go into detail on what to do to avoid these issues.

January 22 | 8am-10:30am

Residential Estimating

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Luis Rivera

This course covers basic construction math and how it is used to estimate the labor and material costs of a residential construction project. (Note: this is a beginner level class; a more advanced class will be held on January 29)

January 23 | 8am-10:30am

Effective Communication in Code Enforcement

2½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier

Strong communication is key to successful code enforcement and compliance. This class helps building inspectors strengthen their communication and problem-solving skills while reviewing important Rhode Island code amendments. Contractors will also gain insight into working effectively with building officials to resolve issues and keep projects on track. (this class is also called Building Inspector Skills).

January 27 | 8am-10am

Getting the Most out of a Tradeshow or Expo

no RI credit hours - taught by Bob Salvas

Displaying your business at a tradeshow or expo takes an investment of both time and money. Are you getting the most out of that investment? Learn the tips and tricks and best practices to get the most out of this experience.

January 28 | 8am-10:30am

Start & Grow Your Construction Business

2 ½ credit hours - taught by David Lucier

If you are looking to start or re-start your business, this class is for you. It covers all aspects of successful business ownership.

January 29 | 8am-10:30am

Residential Estimating Advanced

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Luis Rivera

This course picks up from where the intro to estimating left off. More advanced construction math and examples will be given for determining the costs of a residential construction project.

January 30 | 8am-10:30am

Existing Buildings with the New Energy Code

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier

Desormier Does your business focus on remodeling and additions? If you do, you will want to take this class to learn how the NEW energy code will affect that part of your business. This class is an NAHB training module (#3) in partnership with RIBA.

Contact Margarita Robledo for course offerings taught in Spanish at 401-374-1044

All classes will be taught via ZOOM unless otherwise indicated

All classes are approved by the RICRLB for continuing education credits, unless otherwise



*The Contractor Development Program is sponsored by Real Jobs, DLT and the Residential Workforce Partnership.

To register or for more information, contact Bob Salvas via email at:

bsalvas@ribuilders.org or by calling the RI Builders Association at 401-438-7400

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RIBA EDUCATION BENEFITS

JANUARY 2026

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