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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

JUNE 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.*

June 2 | 8am-10:30am

Building Planning

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

This class covers Chapter 3 of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code including design criteria and minimum fire separation for townhouses and one and two family dwellings.

June 3 & 4 | 8am-3pm (both days)

OSHA 10 Training

No RI credit hours; OSHA 10 card is issued. 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.

June 4 | 8am-10:30am

Effective Communication in Code Enforcement

2 ½ 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).

June 11 | 8am-10:30am

Residential Blueprint Reading

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Luis Rivera

This is an intro to residential blueprint reading, construction documents/calculations, and project specifications. Learn to read the legend, details, specifications, effectively use a scale ruler and find the different trade sections of blueprints and drawings.

(Note: this is a basic level class; a more advanced class will be held on July 9th)

June 12 | 8am-10:30am

Contract Law

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Merrill Friedemann ESQ

This course is designed to provide fundamental and advanced understanding of contract law in RI.

June 17 | 8am-10:00am

Managing Stormwater With Permeable Pavers

no RI credit hours- taught by Daniel Neviackas

Water issues on your developments? In this class we look at stormwater and impervious coverage solutions with permeable interlocking concrete pavers.

June 18 | 8am-10:30am

Accounting and Cash Flow

½ credit hours – taught by David Lucier

This course helps a contractor understand the basics of accounting and how to manage cash flow.

June 18 | 8am-10:30am

Siding 101 Specifics

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Chris Boilard (IN-PERSON)

Join us for a hands-on training session on siding. Learn proper installation techniques and best practices - all from the convenience of a state-of-the-art mobile training unit.

June 23 | 8am-10am

Hiring Subcontractors- Dos and Don'ts

no RI credit hours- taught by Andro Hannoush 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.

June 24 | 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 adopted the new Building Codes on December 1, 2025. This class will explain the changes happening with Rhode Island moving from 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.

June 25 | 8am-10am

Using AI in Construction

no RI credit hours- taught by Bill Parmentier

AI is changing every day and affecting many industries. But what are the best AI programs to help the construction industry? Attend this class to get the most up-to-date information.

June 26 | 8am-10:30am

Foundations and Floor Codes

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

A detailed look into Chapters 4 and 5 of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code for foundations and floor construction.

June 29 | 8am-10:30am

Deck Ledger Flashing and Lateral Load Connections

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Mike Guertin

One of the leading contributors to deck collapses is decay of the house rim joist due to poorly detailed or damaged deck ledger flashing. See how to flash a ledger that meets new code requirements and an above-code system that prevents water from leaking into the wall above and below a deck. And learn options to resist lateral loads that satisfy the building code requirements.

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 indicated.



*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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