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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

AUGUST 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.*

August 4 | 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.

August 6 | 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.

August 12 | 8am-10:30am

EWP Flooring Systems

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Bill Walker (IN-PERSON CLASS)

This course will teach the design and framing of residential flooring systems using engineered wood products (EWP).

August 18 | 8am-10:30am

Accounting and Cash Flow

2½ credit hours – taught by David Lucier

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

August 18 | 3:30pm-6pm

Project Management: Leveraging Office Tools

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Brian Hall

Are you using computer programs like Excel and Word to help your construction business manage projects, help with estimates, create reminders, and more? This class will show you how to best leverage those tools for more success

August 19 | 8am-10:30am

Updates to the RI Residential Building Code PART 1

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). This session will cover Chapters 1-11).

August 20 | 8am-10:30am

Networking to Grow Your Business

No credit hours for this class – taught by Bob Salvas

Many people try networking to grow their business, but they often do it wrong. Find out the best ways to network..

August 21 | 8am-10:30am

Updates to the RI Residential Building Code PART 2

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). This session will cover Chapters 12-Appendices).

August 24 | 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).

August 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.

August 27 | 8am-10:30am

Low-Cost Marketing Tips for Contractors

No credit hours for this class - taught by Betty Galligan

Learn the Top 10 most effective, low- or no-cost, practical, and results-oriented ways to spread the word about your services, reinforce your brand, and attract customers.

August 28 | 8am-11am

Comprehensive Energy Code Update

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

Participants Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials! The 2024 Energy Code is in effect. 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.

August 31 | 8am-10:30am

Deck Guardrails: Codes and Connections

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Mike Guertin

Do your guardrail post installation practices comply with the new deck guard code section? Review the top rail load and guard infill requirements. Decipher the sometimes confusing deck guardrail code and see proven joist blocking and bracket hardware strategies to meet the new requirements for both site-made railings and manufactured railing systems.

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.

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