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CALL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

of the

Draft National Building Code for Vanuatu 2025

Final Date to provide comments to BCTWG	June 7, 2025
Who can participate	All society, citizens, professionals, organizations, etc...
Where to find the draft VNBC 2025 (public consultation copy)	https://duap.gov.vu/index.php/documents/documents#
Format for Sending comments	If sending by email, please use the stakeholder feedback form
Where to provide comments	By Email: buildingcode_vu@vanuatu.gov.vu In Person or by Phone: Please contact Public Works Department, PMB 9044, Port Vila, VANUATU, (678) 22888, c/o Shem Iauko, Principal Architect

The Vanuatu National Building Code (VNBC) is a fundamental regulatory document that guides the design, construction, and maintenance of buildings and infrastructure across the country. It aims to ensure the safety, resilience, sustainability, and cultural appropriateness of the built environment for all communities in Vanuatu.

The Vanuatu National Building Code (VNBC) hasn't been updated in over 20+ years. This draft National Building Code for Vanuatu 2025 (VNBC 2025) is presented for public consultation and reflects the Government of Vanuatu's continued commitment to modernizing building standards in response to increasing urbanization, climate change, natural hazards, and evolving community needs. The review process has drawn upon lessons learned from recent natural disasters, including the 2024 Efate Earthquake, to promote resilient and inclusive construction practices.

The draft VNBC 2025 has been developed under the joint administration of the **Ministry of Internal Affairs** and the **Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities**, with technical coordination through the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP), and the Public Works Department (PWD) through the Vanuatu Building Code Technical Working Group (BCTWG). The draft VNBC 2025 reflects input from a broad range of stakeholders, including government agencies, local municipal councils, provincial authorities, technical experts, builders, and community representatives.

We now invite all citizens, professionals, companies, and organizations to contribute to the development of the VNBC 2025. Your constructive feedback, reflections, and recommendations are welcome and will be reviewed by the Vanuatu BCTWG as they finalize the VNBC 2025.

Your contributions will be essential in shaping a robust, inclusive, and future-ready Building Code that supports safer and more sustainable communities across Vanuatu.

Sincerely,



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