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2014 Updates Assessment Quality Minister's Guidelines and Recording and Reporting Information for Assessment Audit and Equalized Assessment Manual

The Minister of Municipal Affairs has approved Ministerial Order No. L: 144/14, October 27, 2014. This order establishes the 2014 Alberta Assessment Quality Minister's Guidelines, and the 2014 Recording and Reporting Information for Assessment Audit and Equalized Assessment Manual (the Manual). The order is effective for the 2015 and subsequent tax years.

There are no changes from last year to the Assessment Quality Minister's Guidelines, but there are a few clarification changes related to coding, updating tables to reflect current requisitioning bodies and the timeline for reporting the assessment baseline for Community Revitalization Levy areas. Please see the attached concordance document for the details on those changes.

The order, the Guidelines, the Manual, and the respective concordance table outlining the changes are available on the Municipal Affairs' website at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca, under Municipalities and Communities/Property Assessment and Taxation.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the Assessment Services Branch at Igsmail@gov.ab.ca, or at 780-422-1377 (toll free from anywhere in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000).

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R Residential	T Subject to all Requisitions	NAA	C Corporation	SS Separate School	School Separate % of assessment		no longer have legislative authority to
F Farmland	S Subject to School and Other Requisitions	MGA317(d)	M Municipal	SP Public School	School Public % of assessment		requisition property taxes from municipalities.
NR Non-Residential	G Grant in Place of Taxes	MGA351(1)(b)	P Provincial Crown in Right of Alberta	SU School Undeclared (ASFF)	School Undeclared (ASFF) % of assessment		
NRL Non-Residential Linear (primary code, Table 18)	E Exempt from Taxation	MGA361(b)-(c)	F Federal Crown in Right of Canada	F Management Body (providing lodges)	Other Requisitioning Body Types (A, P, HR, R) must default to 100%	Codes for each municipality are provided	
NRR Non-Residential Railway	EI The exempt incremental portion of the assessment	MGA362(1)(a)- (p)	l Individual	*A Ambulance Authority		by the department	
NRC Non-Residential Co-generation	X Excluded from equalized, but subject to Municipal Tax	MGA363(1)(a)- (c)		*P Fire Protection Area			
ME Machinery and Equipment	N Inactive	MGA364(1)- (1.1)		*HR Health Region			
		MGA365(2) MGA368(4)(a)		*R Recreation Area			

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F	100%	Management Bodies Management bodies providing lodge accommodation	

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144	Community Revitalization Levy 1. Assessment Baseline Report When a CRL bylaw is approved the municipality must provide a Baseline Assessment Report to the Minister by January 31 of the year the bylaw takes effect.	This section provides information about the timeline for reporting assessment baseline information that is used for monitoring assessment growth in a CRL area.

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144	Community Revitalization Levy 1. Assessment Baseline Report When a CRL bylaw is approved the municipality must provide a Baseline Assessment Report to the Minister by January 31 of the year following the year the CRL bylaw is approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.	This amendment clarifies the timeline for reporting assessment baseline information to the province.