

### **New draft for building rules released**

**MOHAL:** The department of housing and urban development has uploaded a new draft for the Punjab Urban Planning and Development Building Rules, 2017, on its website [pbhousing.gov.in](http://pbhousing.gov.in) and [puda.gov.in](http://puda.gov.in). The proposed rules provide information on construction aspects like building height, building line, courtyard and drainage. They also define buildings as educational buildings, group housing, hostel, hotel, hazardous buildings, among others. Information about energy efficiency, rooftop solar PV installation and rainwater harvesting has also been detailed in the draft. It also allows any architect registered with the Council of Architects, New Delhi, to submit self-certified building plan to the competent authority at least 30 days prior to the date of starting the construction. More than 200 suggestions were received by the department, and it has invited further suggestions from the public till November 22 on the email id [ctpue@gmail.com](mailto:ctpue@gmail.com).

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