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### **Third Edition of CAN/ULC-S561:2020, STANDARD FOR INSTALLATION AND SERVICES FOR FIRE SIGNAL RECEIVING CENTRES AND SYSTEMS**

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**To:** Members of the ULC Advisory Council of Underwriters Laboratories of Canada Listees of the Commercial and Financial Burglar Alarm Service Certificate Programs (DAYIC & DAYYC)  
Members of the ULC Technical Committee on Fire Alarm (S500A)  
Other Interested Parties

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This Bulletin is a follow-up to the publication of the Third Edition of the Standard for Installation and Services for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems CAN/ULC-S561:2020.

This National Standard of Canada was approved by the ULC Standards Technical Committee on Fire Alarm Equipment and Systems and has been published as of June 1, 2020. Underwriters Laboratories of Canada Inc. (ULC) has adopted the provisions of this Edition of the Standard and all new submittals for Fire Signal Receiving Centre and Installation Company investigations are being investigated in accordance with these requirements.

This Standard prescribes requirements applicable to fire signal receiving centre facilities, protection service, service centres, satellite centres, remote data entry centres, hosted fire signal receiving centres, bridging centres, clearing house centres and protected premises.

#### **Some of the highlighted changes from the second edition of the Standard are:**

- Updated Glossary of terms;
- Harmonized pertinent requirements with CAN/ULC-S301 (Standard for Signal Receiving Centres Configurations and Operations);
- A 1-hr fire separation of the centre operations area within buildings that are provided with an automatic fire suppression and / or extinguishing system(s);
- The enhancement of the signal receiving centre automation system section that includes new SRCAS performance and configurations, remote access, and back-up storage;



- New configuration and testing options for signal receiving centre emergency power
- The addition of a hosted fire signal receiving centre facility type;
- The addition of a clearing house facility type;
- A requirement for a redundant fire signal receiving centre location; and
- Requirements for a temporary operating centre.

These requirements become effective immediately for new companies applying for ULC listings and for existing listees the effective date is **January 1, 2021**; with the exception of the requirement for a redundant fire signal receiving centre, which will become effective on January 1, 2025.

All currently listed Alarm companies are required to comply with these requirements by the effective date in order for them to maintain their ULC Listings. Noncompliance may result in the withdrawal of their ULC Listing and consequently their ability to issue ULC Certificates

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Sincerely,

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