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Single Family: Energy Code Implementation Series, with 2025 Code Updates

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Energy Code Implementation Series

This series focuses on current best practices for implementation of energy strategies, as well as what's around the corner with the new code that will take effect Jan. 1, 2026. With particular focus on the Central Coast region, we'll discuss on what to include in construction documents to streamline the permitting process and tips for construction to ease signoffs and occupancy for each building type:

- Energy Code Implementation: Non-Residential
- Energy Code Implementation: Single Family New Construction
- Energy Code Implementation: Single Family Additions and Alterations
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Today's Learning Objectives

- Understand the current and upcoming metrics and standards used in the energy code for evaluating energy performance and indoor air quality, and how choices for electric or gas equipment may impact compliance with those standards.
- Within each building type, review key mandatory measures related to energy performance, ventilation, refrigerants and insulation and review potential challenges for integration into design and construction.
- Review the prescriptive "recipe card" approach versus a building performance approach and discuss when to use each strategy to best incorporate energy efficiency and healthy interior environments into the specific project design.
- Recognize where barriers or stumbling blocks may occur within permitting and construction and tips for documentation to smooth out the process, ultimately increasing the energy efficiency, health and safety of our buildings.

Learning Units:

1.5 AIA HSW LU approved for this course 0.15 ICC CEU approved for this course



Agenda

- 1. 2025 Energy Code Overview
- 2. Single Family Residential –High Level
- 3. Domestic Water Heating
- 4. Windows and Attics/Rafter Roof Insulation
- 5. Battery and Electric Ready
- 6. Heat Pump for Space Conditioning
- 7. IAQ Ventilation





2025 Energy Code Overview

2025 Building Code will go into affect January 1, 2026

- Project that apply for permit on or after January 1, 2026 will fall under the 2025 Code
- Documents available at: <u>https://www.energy.ca.gov/2025EnergyCode</u>

Big Picture Goals for the 2025 Code

THE PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR 2025 ARE COST-EFFECTIVE AND ARE ESTIMATED TO PROVIDE \$4.8 BILLION IN STATEWIDE ENERGY COST SAVINGS

- Encourage energy efficient heat pump technology for space and water heating
- Expand PV systems and battery storage standards
- Improve indoor air quality by strengthening ventilation standards
- Save water and save energy by reducing water use in homes and nonresidential buildings
 - References to following Plumbing Code for pipe sizing
 - New Requirements for Chillers and Cooling Towers



Multi-year Process – Adoption Timeline for the 2025 Energy Code

	2022	\rangle	2023	\rightarrow	2024	ļ.	\rightarrow	202	25	
Data Gathering (Pre-Rulemaking)						Formal Rulemaking				
March 2022November 20232025 Energy CodePre-Rulemaking LanguageKickoff WorkshopComment Period				2023 Language eriod	June, 2 15-Da Comme	August 024 y Public nt Periods	January Building (Market R	– Decembe Code Public eadiness Ac	e r 2025 ation & ctivities	
July 2022 – September 2023 CEC-Hosted Pre-Rulemaking Workshops (x19)				l Star Co	March 2024 t 45-Day Public mment Period	h 2024September 2024Day PublicCEC Adoption ofent Period2025 Energy Code			January 1, 2026 2025 Energy Code in Effect	

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Title 24 Part 6, 2025 Standards and Manuals







T24 Part 6 Energy Code – Subchapter Organization



TABLE 100.0-A Application of Standards

					Additions
Occupancies	Application	Mandatory	Prescriptive	Performance	Alterations
Single-Family	General	150.0	150.1(a, c)	150.1(a),	150.2(a), 150.2(b)
				150.1(b)	
Single-Family	Envelope	110.6, 110.7, 110.8,	150.1(a, c)	150.1(a),	150.2(a), 150.2(b)
	(conditioned)	150(a), 150.0(b),		150.1(b)	
		150.0(c), 150.0(d),			
		150.0(e), 150.0(g),			
		150.0(q)			
Single-Family	HVAC	110.2, 110.5, 150.0(h),	150.1(a, c)	150.1(a),	150.2(a),
	(conditioned)	150.0(i), 150.0(j),		150.1(b)	150.2(b)
		150.0(m), 150.0(o)			
Single-Family	Water Heating	110.3, 150.0(j, n)	150.1(a, c)	150.1(a),	150.2(a),
				150.1(b)	150.2(b)
Single-Family	Indoor Lighting	110.9, 130.0, 150.0(k)	150.1(a, c)	150.1(a),	150.2(a),
	(conditioned,			150.1(b)	150.2(b)
	unconditioned				
	and parking				
	garages)				
Single-Family	Outdoor Lighting	110.9, 130.0,150.0(k)	150.1(a, c)	150.1(a),	150.2(a),
				150.1(b)	150.2(b)
Single-Family	Pool and Spa	110.4, 150.0(p)	N. A.	N.A.	150.2(a),
	Systems				150.2(b)
Single-Family	Solar Ready	110.10	N. A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Buildings				
Single-Family	Electric Ready	150.0(s), 150.0(t),	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
		150.0(u), 150.0(v)			
Single-Family	Solar PV Systems	N.A.	150.1(c)14	150.1(a),	N.A.
				150.1(b)	

TABLE 100.0-A APPLICATION OF STANDARDS (continued)









Single Family Residence

Review High Level Changes Highlight Key Changes under the Performance Method

Single Family High-Level Topics 2022 Code

- Performance method added new source energy design rating (EDR) metric
- Baseline space conditioning and water heating updates include heat pumps
- Attic system insulation
- Kitchen range hood air flow rates
- Ventilation duct sizing
- Electric ready
- Battery ready

Many of the changes effecting energy efficiency have become part of the Mandatory requirements.



High-Level Changes 2025 Code

- EDR Metric is Replaced
- Revised IAQ Ventilation
- Prescriptive requirements expanded
 - Fenestration
 - Heat Pumps
 - ERV/HRV
- Roof/Attic Insulation Increased for some climate zones





The Energy Code – Three Compliance Terms

Mandatory Requirements

Energy efficiency measures that are applicable to all projects.

Prescriptive Component Package

Mandatory Requirements are applicable

Follow all the parts of the prescriptive package

Note: used to determine the Standard Design Building

Essentially a **checklist** approach

Performance Method

Mandatory Requirements are applicable

Other components or measures can be traded-off as long as the Proposed Design Building can be shown to be more energy efficiency than a similar sized Standard Design Building (baseline building)

Energy modeling approach

Long-Term System Cost (LSC) – The New Metric

- Long-term system cost (LSC) All electricity, gas or propane used within the modeled buildings shall be converted to LSC. LSC includes the efficiency LSC, which is the sum of LSC energy for space-conditioning, water heating, and mechanical ventilation, and total LSC, which includes efficiency LSC and LSC energy from photovoltaic, energy storage systems, lighting, demand flexibility, and other plug loads.
- Long-Term System Cost (LSC) is the CEC-projected present value of costs to the California's energy systems over a period of 30 years. Note: LSC does not represent a prediction of individual utility bills.
- Source energy The energy used within the modeled buildings shall be represented as long-run marginal, hourly source energy.
- **Source** Energy is defined as the long run marginal source energy of **fossil fuels** that are combusted as a result of the building energy consumed either directly at the building site or caused to be consumed to meet the electrical demand of the building...



Example of Single Family Performance Method Results

When all three –Source EDR1, Efficiency EDR2, and Total EDR2 –have a positive compliance margin value, the project complies.

	Energy Design Ratings:		Compliance Margins:					
	Source (EDR1)	Efficiency ¹ (EDR2)	T(S	Source I	Energy	LSCe	LSC <i>t</i>	
Standard Design	38.4	48.6	34.9					
Proposed Design	25.2	47.0	26.5		13.2	1.6	8.4	
Result ³ : COMPLIES								

¹ Efficiency measures include improvements like a better building envelope and more efficient equipment

- ² Total EDR includes efficiency, photovoltaics and batteries
- ³ Building complies when all source, efficiency and total margins are greater than or equal to zero

Standard Design PV Capacity: 2.42 kWdc

PV System resized to 2.42 kWdc (a factor of 1.208) to achieve 'Standard Design PV' PV scaling

Single Family Metrics for Performance Method

Code Cycle	New Constructi	on (Includes Stan	Additions &/or Alterations	
2022	EDRe	EDRt	EDRs	TDV
2025	LSCe	LSCt	Source	LSCe

TDV = Time Dependent Valuation (kbtu/ft2-yr)

- EDR*e* = Energy Design Rating -*efficiency* (Score 0-100)
- EDR*t* = Energy Design Rating -*total* (Score 0-100)
- EDRs = Source Energy Design Rating (kbtu/ft2-yr as a proxy for carbon)

LSCe = Long-term System Cost -*efficiency* (\$/ft2) LSCt = Long-term System Cost -*total* (\$/ft2) Source = Total Annual Source Energy

Source Energy is based on the impacts of fossil fuel combustion, both at the site and as a source of creating electricity.



HERS — Gets a New Name

HERS Rater:

- Duct Leakage Testing
- Blower Door / Envelope Leakage Testing
- Field Verifications:
 - Refrigerant Charge
 - Exhaust Fan and Kit Hood Fans
 - HVAC Efficiency and Capacity
- Assist/Complete: CF-2R and CF-3R, etc







Residential and Multifamily – HERS will be replaced by ECC



Performance Method (Computer Modeling)



Key Take-Away for 2022: The **Standard Design** now includes efficient electric **heat pump space heating and heat pump water heating.**



2025 New Prescriptive Requirements – Applies to CZ 1-16

- Heat Pump Space Conditioning; Gas no
 longer applicable for Prescriptive compliance
- Heat Pumps Refrigerant Charge
 Verification; ECC-Rater to verify –all CZs
- Fault Indicator Display (FID) required, if ERV/HRV is installed –ECC field verified.
- Heat Pump Water Heaters; Gas water heaters allowed only under the Performance method.



Ducted Heat Pump



Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pump







Domestic Hot Water

Heat Pump Water Heater Types Defined

WATER HEATER definitions include the following:

- **CONSUMER WATER HEATER** is a water heater that meets the definition of a consumer product under USDOE 10 CFR 430.
- HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER (HPWH) is a water heater that transfers thermal energy from one temperature level to another temperature level for the purpose of heating water, including all ancillary equipment such as fans, storage tanks, pumps, or controls necessary for the device to perform its function.
 - INTEGRATED HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER is a HPWH which has all components, including fans, storage tanks, pumps, or controls necessary for the device to perform its function contained in a single factory-made assembly.
 - SPLIT-REFRIGERANT HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER is a HPWH which has a single outdoor section and one or more indoor sections connected to the outdoor section via a refrigerant circuit.
 - SPLIT-HYDRONIC HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER is a HPWH that consists of multiple separate sections. One section houses all the refrigerant components, while one or more additional sections are designated for water storage. These sections are interconnected through a hydronic circuit.
- **MULTI-PASS** WATER HEATER is a water heater which the cold water passes through multiple times. The water temperature increases with each pass, until the storage tank reaches the intended storage temperature.
- **SINGLE-PASS** WATER HEATER is a water heater which the cold water passes through once and is heated to the intended use temperature.



Example of Split-Hydronic Heat Pump Water Heater System



Air-to-Water Heat Pump (AWHP)

Added Definition:

AIR-TO-WATER HEAT PUMP (AWHP) is a factory-made packaged heat pump system containing one or more compressors, and heat exchangers for transferring heat between refrigerant and air, as well as between refrigerant and water, and various other components. Its primary purpose is to generate heated or cooled water to meet space conditioning loads, and/or and domestic hot water loads, or both.



Solstice® Inverter Monobloc Air-to-Water Heat Pump



- Hot or Cold water circulates within the house –not refrigerant
- Uses a ducted system to deliver cooling
- Uses Mitsubishi Inverter for high performance



Integrated HPWH Considerations

- Integrated HPWH tanks taller than standard gas or electric units
- Sound Level is typically around 50 db
- Cold dehumidified air is expelled
- Condensate Drainage needs to be addressed
- Needs 700 1000 cubic feet volume, or ducted vent kit, newer models only need 450 cu ft
- Operating temperature starts around 45 deg F, some models 37 deg F







Code Requirements – Energy, Plumbing, and Electrical





- Energy Code (2022)
 - Type and Efficiency Allowable, "Electric Ready" when not installing a heat pump water heater (HPWH)
 - Distribution System (piping, insulation, recirculation loops, energy and water impacts, etc.)
- Plumbing Code
 - Chapter 3 General Regulations re: Protection of piping, materials, and structures
 - Chapter 5 Water Heaters re: Installation requirements, dielectric prevention, seismic provisions, drainage pan, etc.
- 3C

Electrical Code

New Mandatory Requirements for HPWH Installations

Section 110.3 Service Hot Water

110.3 (c) Installation:

- 1. Outlet temperature controls
- 2. Control for hot water distribution systems
- 3. Insulation
- 4. Water heating recirculation loops serving multiple dwelling units
- 5. Service water heaters in state buildings
- 6. Isolation valves
- 7. Air-Source Heat Pump Water Heaters (HPWHs)





New Mandatory Requirements for HPWH

7. Air-Source Heat Pump Water Heaters (HPWHs). HPWH shall meet the following requirements:

A. Backup Heat. Backup heat is required for systems when inlet air is unconditioned, unless the compressor cut-off temperature is below the Heating Winter Median of Extremes for the closest location listed in Table 2-3 from Reference Joint Appendix JA2. Backup heat may be internal or external to the HPWH.

B. Ventilation. Consumer integrated HPWHs shall meet one of the ventilation requirements below. Minimum volume and opening size requirements shall be the sum of all HPWHs installed within the same space. Compressor capacity shall be determined using AHRI 540 Table 4 reference conditions for refrigeration with the "High" rating test point:

1. Installed using a method provided by the manufacturer to meet or exceed the level of performance provided by the ventilation requirements of Section 110.3(c)7B2 through Section 110.3(c)B4.



110.3

New Mandatory Requirements for HPWH no Ducts

2. For HPWH installation without ducts, the installation space shall have a volume not less than the greater of 100 cubic feet per kBtu per hour of compressor capacity, or the minimum volume provided by the manufacturer for this method; or

3. For HPWH installation without ducts, the installation space shall be vented to a communicating space via permanent openings, according to the following requirements:

i. Communicating space shall meet the minimum volume of section 110.3(c)7B2 above, minus the volume of the HPWH installation space; and

ii. Permanent openings shall consist of a single layer of fixed flat slat louvers or grilles, with a total minimum **Net Free Area (NFA)** the larger of 125 square inches plus 25 square inches per kBtu per hour of compressor capacity, or the minimum provided by the manufacturer for this method. The permanent openings shall be fully louvered doors or two openings of equal area, one in the upper half of the enclosure and one in the bottom half of the enclosure. The top of the upper opening must be 12 inches or less from the enclosure top and the bottom of the lower vent must be 12 inches or less from the enclosure bottom; or

Note:

4200 Btu/h or 4.2 kBtu/h compressor capacity is common for many residential units, i.e. 40-80 gal.



NFA = 125 sq in + 25 sq in per kBtu/h of compressor capacity or manufacturer specifications, whichever is larger.



Sidebar: New Definition –Net Free Area (NFA)

- NET FREE AREA (NFA) is the total unobstructed area within the air gaps between louver and grille slats in a vent, allowing the passage of air. The narrowest distance between two slats, perpendicular to the surface of both slats is the air gap height. The narrowest width of the gap is the air gap width.
- The NFA is the air gap height multiplied by the air gap width multiplied by the total number of air gaps between slats in the vent.





New Mandatory Requirements for HPWH with Ducts

4. For HPWH installations with ducts, the following requirements shall be met:

i. The space joined to the installation space via ducts shall meet the minimum volume of section 110.3(c)7B2 above, minus the volume of the HPWH installation space; and

ii. All duct connections and building penetrations shall be sealed; and

iii. Exhaust air ducts and all ducts which cross pressure boundaries shall be insulated to minimum of R-6; and

iv. Where only the HPWH inlet or outlet is ducted, installation space shall include permanent openings which consist of a single layer of fixed flat slat louvers or grilles in the bottom half of the room, and/or a door undercut. With a ducted inlet, the minimum NFA shall be equal to the cross-sectional area of the duct. With a ducted exhaust, the minimum NFA shall be the larger of 20 square inches or the minimum NFA provided by the manufacturer for this method; and

v. Where the inlet and outlet ducts both terminate within the same pressure boundary, airflow from the termination points shall be diverted away from each other;

Note: Ducting only the inlet or the exhaust across the pressure boundary could interfere with balanced ventilation systems. This should be considered when specifying HPWH location and ventilation method.


Prescriptive Water Heating Options



If a heat pump space heating system is used, then Greekstantaneous (< 200 kBtu/h) water mater is allowable



THEN GAS is Allowable



Water Heaters – New Construction and Additions (all Climate Zones)

- Heat pump water heater
- Solar thermal
- Note: A 120V HPWH may be installed in place of a 240V HPWH for new dwelling unit with 1 bedroom or less.



 For additions and dwelling units that are 500 sq ft or less, an instantaneous electric water heater with point of use distribution as specified in RA4.4.5 is allowable



Update for 2025: POU Electric for 500 sf or less

Point of Use (POU) -Second Water Heater, Addition < 500sf and New Dwellings < 500ft



Instantaneous electric water heater with point of use distribution



Take most direct path with truck-branch line. If two pipe sizes are used in a single run, half the length of pipe shall be considered for each pipe size.



Point of Use (POU) –2025 Code -Second Water Heater, Addition < 500sf and New Dwellings < 500sf



POU - Point of Use Distribution

2025 Code Update: Can install tankless or tank type electric water heater

Table 4.4.5							
Size Nominal (Inch)	Length of Pipe (feet)						
3/8″	15						
1/2″	10						
3/4"	5						

Line size vs Length for each run

Take most direct path with truck-branch line. If two pipe sizes are used in a single run, half the length of pipe shall be considered for each pipe size. ³⁄₄" Hot Water Line Directly from Water Heater





Insulation for Piping and Tanks

- Eliminated the additional requirements from MM Section 150.0(j)
- **Greater alignment** with Section 609.12
- All hot water piping shall be insulated per 609.11 609.12
- **Unchanged**: Piping surrounded with a minimum of 1 inch of wall insulation, 2 inches of crawl space insulation, or 4 inches of attic insulation, shall not be required to have pipe insulation.

Key Change: Energy Code points to the Plumbing Code



Reference: Section 609.11 of the CA Plumbing Code

609.11 Pipe Insulation. Insulation of domestic hot water piping shall be in accordance with Section 609.11.1 and Section 609.11.2.

- 609.11.1 Insulation Requirements. Domestic hot water piping shall be insulated.
- **609.11.2 Pipe Insulation Wall Thickness.** Hot water pipe insulation shall have a minimum wall thickness of not less than the diameter of the pipe for a pipe up to 2 inches (50 mm) in diameter. Insulation wall thickness shall be not less than 2 inches (51 mm) for a pipe of 2 inches (50 mm) or more in diameter.

Exceptions:

- Piping that penetrates framing members shall not be required to have pipe insulation for the distance of the framing penetration.
- (2) Hot water piping between the fixture control valve or supply stop and the fixture or appliance shall not be required to be insulated.

Reminder: Plumbing Code Section 609.11 moved to 609.12



Main Take Away: Pipe insulation thickness shall be at least as thick as the pipe diameter







Envelope: Attics / Rafter Roof Insulation and Windows

New Mandatory Measure – Vented Attic, with Ducts in the Attic

Climate Zones (CZ) 4 and 8-16:

- Weighted average U-factor of roof deck assembly cannot exceed U-0.184
- Applies to insulation either above or below the roof deck or a combination of the two
- Examples: R-19 under roof-deck or R-5 exterior continuous insulation.





Performance



Image credit: CEC

Space; HERS

New Construction Roofs/Ceiling –*Prescriptive* Vented Attics

	TABLE 150.1-A COMPONENT PACKAGE – Single-Family Standard Building Design							NR = Not Required											
	Single-Family		Climate Zone																
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Duct	s						Buildi	ng Enve	lope In	sulatior	า								
in the Attic	e Option B	n B	Below Roof Deck Insulation1,2 (With Air Space)	NR	NR	NR	R 19	NR	NR	NR	R 19	R 19	R 19	R 19					
	(mee	ts	Ceiling Insulation	R 38	R 38	R 30	R 38	R 30	R 30	R 30	R 38	R 38	R 38	R 38					
	Ceilings Option C (meets 150.1(c)9B)	(9A)	Radiant Barrier	NR	REQ	REQ	NR	REQ	REQ	REQ	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
			Ceiling Insulation	R 38	R 30	R 30	R 30	R 30	R 30	R 30	R 30	R 30	R 30	R 38	R 38	R 38	R 38	R 38	R 38
		n C ts)9B)	Radiant Barrier	NR	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	NR
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standard installation of concrete or clay tile. 2. R-values shown for below roof deck insulation are for wood-frame construction with insulation installed between the framing members. Alternatives including insulation above rafters or above roof deck shall comply with the performance standards



New Construction – Option B, Vented Attic - Ducts in the Attic



New Construction – Option B, Vented Attic - Ducts in the Attic



Note: Applies to Climate Zones (CZ) 1-3 and 5-7

Footnote 1: Air-space between the *Roofing* and the *Roof-Deck* (aka Sheathing)

Radiant Barrier, per CZ

R-30 or R-38, per CZ Prescriptive Ceiling Insulation This is the Baseline for the Performance Method



Modified CEC Image

2025 New Construction – Option C, Vented Attic or Rafter Roof -Ducts in Conditioned Space

2025 Update – Climate Zones (CZ) 8, 9, and 10 got an upgrade to R-38



2025 Update – New Prescriptive Option: All Climate Zones are R-38





Performance Method

Vented Attic with above Roof-Deck Continuous Insulation (CI)



Rafter Roof Assemblies – Vented or Unvented



Un-Vented Attics



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Performance Method – Key Attributes (Inputs)

Vented or Unvented Attic	General JA4 Reside Attic Unventilated	ential T24 Performance Layers	This tab is used to ed of the assembly used Title 24 Performance	it the attributes for Residential calculations in	
Re: Insulation Depth at Roof Deck	Truss Heel Height:	9.5 inches	the software.		
	Location	Insulation	Framing	Thickness	Unvented Attic with a
Location and Total	Ceiling:	- no insulation - V	2x4 @ 24 in. O.C.	~	Thermal Boundary
R-value, with or	Above Roof Deck:	0 R-value	None	~ 0 inches	
without Framing	Below Roof Deck:	30 R-value	Wood	✓ 3.5 inches	
	Other				
	Exterior Wall Finish:	Stucco v			

Note: The Energy Code does not specifically address condensation potential , nor the amount and area of attic ventilation or vapor diffusion, nor insulation type(s)... those regulations are in the Residential Code

California Residential Code – Title 24, Part 2.5

R806.5 Unvented Attic and Unvented Enclosed Rafter Assemblies

- Section R806.5 Primary intention is to mitigate against condensation at the roof structural sheathing.
- 'Spells out' the requirements for use of air-permeable and airimpermeable insulations.
- List the requirements for unvented attics that use *only* airpermeable insulation for IECC Climate Zones 1,2, & 3
 - Vapor diffusion ports (20 perm min rating), and shall serve as an air barrier between the attic and the exterior of the building
 - Where only air-permeable insulation installed directly below the roof structural sheathing, an air supply flow rate of 50 cfm per 1,000 sf of ceiling area must be provided





Part 2.5 is Based on the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

TABLE R806.5

INSULATION FOR CONDENSATION CONTROL

CLIMATE ZONE	MINIMUM RIGID BOARD ON AIR-IMPERMEABLE INSULATION <i>R</i> -VALUE ^{a, b}					
2B and 3B tile roof only	0 (none required)					
1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C	R-5					
4C	R-10					
4A, 4B	R-15					
5	R-20					
6	R-25					
7	R-30					
8	R-35					





Keep in Mind: The IECC Climate Zones Differ from California's Energy Code Climate Zones





T24, Part 2.5 Chapter 7 Walls Section R702

3C-REN is comprised of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, and are IECC climate zone '**3C**' or '**3(marine)**'

TABLE R702.7(5) IECC VS. CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE CLIMATE ZONE COMPARISON

IECC ^a	CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE	DESCRIPTION ^b					
6	16	Includes Alpine, Mono Counties					
5	11, 12, 16	Includes Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Nevad Counties					
4 (marine)	1, 2, 16	Includes Del Norte and Humboldt Counties					
4	2, 12, 13, 16	Includes Inyo, Trinity, Lake, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa Counties					
3	8, 9, 10,11,12, 13, 14, 15, 16	Includes Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yuba, Contra Costa, Sutter, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside Counties					
3 (marine)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 16	Includes Mendocino, Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Diego Counties					
2	14, 16	Includes Imperial County					

a. IECC Climate Zones 1, 7 and 8 do not occur in California, nor do any IECC moist climate zones.

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b. IECC boundaries are defined by county political boundary lines. California Energy Code boundaries are based on metes and bounds specifications aligned with climate-affecting geographic features, which often do not coincide with county lines.

Unvented Rafter Roof – Blown-in over Spray Foam

Keep in Mind: Typically, 2" of Closed-Cell Spray Foam is needed as an Air-Impermeable Insulation





Unvented Rafter Roof with a Continuous Air and Thermal Boundary

Excerpts from R806.5.5.1.3

- Where both <u>air-impermeable</u> <u>and air-permeable</u> insulation are provided, the <u>air-</u> <u>impermeable insulation</u> shall be applied in direct contact with the underside of the structural roof sheathing...
- ...[meet the] R-values in Table R806.5 for condensation control.
- ... <u>air-permeable</u> insulation shall be installed directly under the <u>air-impermeable insulation</u>.

Reminder:

Table R806.5 for IECC Climate Zone 3C is R-5 for condensation control.

Unvented Rafter Roof – Batt over Spray Foam

Excerpt from form CEC-CF2R-ENV-21-QII-H:

A. Air Barrier Materials

Note: SPF insulation is an acceptable air barrier and sealant when installed to a minimum thickness of 2 inches for closed cell and 5.5 inches for open cell, except where not allowed by manufacturer (e.g., flues, vents, can lights, etc.).



2" Closed Cell Spray Foam is adhered to underside of roof deck.





Include the heels and walls of the attic



A Vented Rafter Roof Assembly with a 'Smart' Membrane



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Window Performance Prescriptive 2025 Change

Just about all brands of windows offer dual or triple paned options

Options:

- Dual Paned Low-e
- Triple paned Low-e
- Air/Argon/Krypton
- Thermally Broken
- Visible Transmittance
- Sound Transfer



	Panes	U-Factor	Delivered Cost
Alpen			
	Double	0.15	\$75,878.51
	Double	0.16	\$85,311.14
Andersen			
A-Series	Triple	0.23	\$135,873.69
Loewen			
Alum Clad	Double	0.25	\$152,826.18
Marvin			
Essential & Ultimate Drs	Double	0.29	\$118,620.61
SeemRay			
	Double	0.21	\$64,000.00

2022 Code: U-0.30 for all CZs

2025 Code Update:

- U-0.27 decreased for CZ 1-5, 11-14, and 16
- U-0.30 no change for CZ 6-10 and 15

Exception: New dwelling units with a conditioned floor area of **500 sf** or less in **CZ 5** may comply with a max **U-0.30**.





Battery Energy Storage Ready and Electric Ready

Energy Storage System (ESS) - "Battery Ready"

- Applicable only to new construction
- Infrastructure is Mandatory
- Battery is an optional credit
- Performance pathway:
 - Min Battery Size of 5 kWh
 - · Needs to interface with the 'Grid'
 - Performance credit is relatively small
 - Battery with PV system can be cost effective

Key Concept:

Intent is to increase a household's electric generation and storage system to be able to offset evening **electrical grid** usage and address **resiliency**



Mandatory

"Battery Ready" – Infrastructure Required

- At least one of the following required:
 - Interconnection equipment with minimum backed up capacity of 60 amps
 - Dedicated raceway (min 1") from the main service to subpanel that supplies the branch circuits
- A minimum of 4 branch circuits shall be identified feeding:
 - Refrigerator
 - One lighting circuit near the primary egress
 - A sleeping room receptacle outlet
- Main panel must have busbar rating of **225 amps minimum**
- Sufficient space shall be reserved to allow future installation of a system isolation equipment or transfer switch within 3 feet of the main panelboard
- Raceways shall be installed between the panelboard and the system isolation equipment or transfer switch location to allow the connection of backup power source



150.0(s)

Change for 2025: Clarifies that only the load serving entity with a service greater than 125 amps shall meet the BESS ready requirements.

150.0(n), 150.0(t), 150.0(u), and 150.0 (v)

"Electric Ready" Infrastructure Required *only where* propane or natural gas appliances are installed in new construction

- <u>Water heaters</u>: gas or propane water heaters must be installed in or adjacent to a space large enough for a heat pump water heater HPWH. (2.5' x 2.5' x 7') Must install 240v/20amp or 240v/30amp circuit depending on location 150.0(n) Minor change for 2025: a 30amp branch circuit required for both situations.
- Furnaces: provide conductors rated at 240 volt/ 30 amp to the furnace for future heat pump installation-150.0(t)
- <u>Cooktops</u>: provide conductors rated at 240 volt/ 50 amp for future cooktop- 150.0(u)
- <u>Dryers</u>: provide conductors rated at 240 volt/ 30 amp feed to dryer - 150.0(v)

Electric ready items require breaker space and labeling in panel AND Electrical feed within 3 ft of nonelectric appliance location



2025 Energy Code – BESS and Self-Utilization Credit



Definition Updated:

SELF-UTILIZATION CREDIT is the limited Efficiency LSC energy budget compliance credit available for combined PV and battery energy storage systems for single-family, as specified by the Residential ACM Reference Manual, and low-rise multifamily, as specified by the Nonresidential and Multifamily ACM Reference Manual.

For Example: New Construction 2000 SF home in Atascadero (climate zone 4) a 2.38 kW system would be required. Santa Barbara and Ventura coastal areas would be slightly less.



New Construction Solar Required, Battery Storage Optional



Impact Week < Oct 21 - Oct 27 Self-Powered 93% 55% Solar • 38% Powerwall • 7% Grid Time-of-Use Peak **Partial Peak** Off-Peak 14.8 kWh 20% Solar 80% Powerwall Grid 0%



Depending on one's driving milage, electric cars can add significant loads.



Heat Pumps for Space Conditioning and the VCHP Credit

Heat Pump (HP) Space Heating

CZ 2, 4, 12, and 14 Under 2025: All Climate Zones Heat pump space heating is Prescriptively required Including HP refrigerant charge verification

Note:

Under the Performance pathway HP and/or Gas Furnaces are allowable

Note this exception still applies: EXCEPTION to Section 150.1(c)6: A supplemental heating unit may be installed in a space served directly or indirectly by a primary heating system, provided that the unit thermal capacity does not exceed 2 kW or 7,000 Btu/hr and is controlled by a time-limiting device not exceeding 30 minutes.



Outdoor condensing units for the electric heat pump systems



Ductless 'Mini-Split' Heat Pump with Variable Capacity



Note: Can typically have four indoor units per each outdoor unit.



Performance

Variable Capacity Heat Pump (VCHP) Compliance Option – High Credit, Required Special Features and HERS Triggered

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REQUIRED SPECIAL FEATURES

The following are features that must be installed as condition for meeting the modeled energy performance for this computer analysis.

- Variable capacity heat pump compliance option (verification details from VCHP Staff report, Appendix B, and RA3)
- Compact distribution system basic credit
- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) rated heat pump water heater; specific brand/model, or equivalent, must be installed

HERS FEATURE SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the features that must be field-verified by a certified HERS Rater as a condition for meeting the modeled energy performance for this computer analysis. Additional detail is provided in the building tables below. Registered CF2Rs and CF3Rs are required to be completed in the HERS Registry

- Quality insulation installation (QII)
- Indoor air quality ventilation
- Kitchen range hood
- Verified EER/EER2
- Verified SEER/SEER2
- Verified Refrigerant Charge
- Airflow in habitable rooms (SC3.1.4.1.7)
- Verified HSPF2
- Verified heat pump rated heating capacity
- Wall-mounted thermostat in zones greater than 150 ft2 (SC3.4.5)
- Ductless indoor units located entirely in conditioned space (SC3.1.4.1.8)

Heat Pumps Installation and HERS

Best time to verify refrigerant charge and equipment capacity, efficiency, etc. is during the installation



Installing Contractor



Refrigerant Line Set



Specs in the Box Needed by HERS Rater

Performance

VCHP Credit

Indoor units shall be installed within the air and thermal boundaries, with air flow to each habitable room, i.e. ea bedrm and living area; wall thermostats required in zones larger than 150 sq ft..

Wall and Ceiling Penetrations for the Mechanical System Refrigerant, Condensate, and Communication Lines need to be Air Sealed.



Ductless Wall Mount



Vented Attic with a Continuous Air and Thermal Boundary

VCHP Compliance Credit Impacts the Envelope Enclosure

Indoor units shall be installed within the air and thermal boundaries





Indoor Air Quality Ventilation

Ventilation –Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

ASHRAE 62.2 continues to be the basis for Section 150.0(o):

- Quantity of outside air (OA) ventilation,
- Allowable methods of meeting the OA ventilation; and
- Field verification of IAQ system(s)

Section 150.0(o)

- Kitchen Hood Exhaust
- Bathroom Exhaust
- Outside Air (OA)
 - Mechanically Induced
 - Infiltration

For newly constructed buildings and additions greater than 1,000 ft²


Mechanical Exhaust – Kitchens and Bathrooms

Local Mechanical Exhaust shall be installed in each kitchen and bathroom. Systems shall be rated for airflow in accordance with ASHRAE 62.2 section 7.1.

- Open (Non-enclosed) Kitchens shall have demand controls and meet min ventilation flow or capture efficiency requirements
- Enclosed Kitchens and Bathrooms can use continuous ventilation systems that are part of Energy or Heat Recovery Balanced Ventilation (ERV/HRV) Systems

Reminder:

All systems must have occupant **accessible ON-OFF** switches –and if part of IAQ ventilation system be label , "This switch controls the indoor air quality ventilation for the home. Leave it switch in the "on" position at all times unless the **outdoor air quality is very poor**."



150.0(o)1G, H, I, J

Local Mechanical Exhaust

Mandatory

Kitchen – Range Hood and Other Exhaust Fans

New Tables 150.0-E, F and G

- Table 150.0-G based on home size and fuel type
- Capture Efficiency (CE) performance standard or rated air flow rate

<u>Table 150.0-G Kitchen Range Hood Airflow Rates (cfm) and ASTM E3087 Capture Efficiency (CE) Ratings</u> According to Dwelling Unit Floor Area and Kitchen Range Fuel Type

Dwelling Unit Floor Area (ft ²)	Hood Over Electric Range	Hood Over Natural Gas Range		
<u>>1500</u>	50% CE or 110 cfm	70% CE or 180 cfm		
<u>>1000 - 1500</u>	50% CE or 110 cfm	80% CE or 250 cfm		
750 - 1000	55% CE or 130 cfm	85% CE or 280 cfm		
<750	65% CE or 160 cfm	85% CE or 280 cfm		
Note: The smaller the dwelling unit, the higher the CE or cfm needed –with gas range requiring the highest ratings				

- Other exhaust fans, such as downflow, shall be 300 cfm er 5 ACH for enclosed or nonenclosed kitchens.
- Continuous local exhaust for enclosed kitchens shall be 5 ACH



Mandatory

Mechanical Exhaust Ducts – Kitchen and Bathrooms

- Installer to *field test* with air flow hood/grid, or
- Follow Table 150.0-H Prescriptive Ventilation System Duct Sizing (ASHRAE 62.2 Table 5-3)
 - Reference cfm of the ventilation exhaust system
 - Minimum duct diameter for both rigid and flex duct
 - Where Duct System:
 - Total duct length is ≤ 25 ft
 - Duct system has no more than 3 elbows
 - Duct system has exterior termination fitting with a hydraulic diameter ≥ to the minimum duct diameter and > than the hydraulic diameter of the fan outlet.

Key Take Away: Field test exhaust ducts or follow Prescriptive design



Prescriptive

Ventilation Cooling with a Whole House Fan (WHF) CZ's 8-14 Prescriptive Requirement (or Performance Baseline)

Exception to section

150.1(c)12: New dwelling units with a conditioned floor area of 500 square feet or less shall not be required to comply with the WHF requirements.

Note:

Prescriptive Table 150.1-A is largely unchanged





150.1(c)12

Quiet Cool



Requirements for Ventilation Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

This equation is for calculating the *'Total required ventilation rate'* for the dwelling:

 $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{total}} = \mathbf{0.03A}_{\text{floor}} + \mathbf{7.5(N}_{\text{br}} + \mathbf{1})$

Where:

 Q_{total} = Total required ventilation rate (CFM) A_{floor} = Conditioned floor area in square feet (ft²) N_{br} = Number of bedrooms (not fewer than one)

This equation can be a good *estimate* for the required IAQ Ventilation. The calculated required IAQ Ventilation is also dependent on several infiltration rate equations, which can lower the required IAQ Ventilation rate overall. Required IAQ is based on the total required ventilation rate for the dwelling minus the calculated annually averaged infiltration rate.

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Balanced Ventilation with Heat Recovery (HRV)

- Whole House Systems
- 'Spot' HRV/ERVs





- Performance Credit Available
- Must be HVI Certified Products Directory listed for credit (HVI.org)



Managing client expectations

- Unit Access: Can homeowner easily access filters?
- Expectation: Is homeowner / occupant able to locate and purchase the proper filters?
- Owner Maintenance: MERV 13 / HEPA filters may need replacing 4 times/yr; Other dust filters need washing/vacuuming 4 times/yr; Core HRV/ERV Filters need to be cleaned once a year min.
- Owner Operation: Does homeowner / occupant know how to turn off the system in case of poor outdoor air quality? Are the controls easily accessible and labeled?
- Unit Location: Reminder that noise and cold/cool air can be problematic for some occupants





Equipment Access Criteria – Visual HERS Verification

Table 22: IAQ System Component Accessibility Criteria

Dwelling Unit Ventilation System Component	Location	Accessible Determination
Outdoor Air Intake	All locations	Intake louvers, grilles, or screens shall be >3/8 inches except where prohibited by local jurisdictions or other code requirements.
Outdoor Air Intake	Exterior wall, soffit, or gable end	A point on the perimeter of the outdoor air intake shall be located within 10 feet of a walking surface or grade or the system shall meet the IAQ System FID requirements in the ACM Reference Manual.
Outdoor Air Intake	Roof	Access shall be provided in accordance with California Mechanical Code Section 304.3.1 requirements for appliances.
Filters and Heat Exchangers	Serviceable from conditioned space, unconditioned basements, or mechanical closets. Heat exchangers may also be serviceable from unconditioned attics if the IAQ system meets the FID requirements in the RACM Reference Manual.	The H/ERV or supply ventilation system access panel shall be located within 10 feet of the walking surface.

New for 2025: Mandatory Measures for IAQ and HRV/ERV Systems

Applicable to balanced and supply-only ventilation systems:

Air Filters and HRV/ERV Recovery Cores:

- Accessible from occupiable spaces
- Located no more than 10 feet above a walking surface
- Attic locations require Fault Indicator Display (FID) and have walkway to the HRV/ERV.

Outdoor Air Intakes

- Be "weather/rain proof"
- Located no more than 10 feet above a walking surface, or utilize FID
- Roof locations have additional access requirements









2025 New Section

iv. Requirements for balanced and supply only ventilation systems

a. IAQ filter and HRV/ERV accessibility.

System air filters and HRV/ERV heat/energy recovery cores shall be located such that they are accessible for service from within occupiable spaces, basements, garages, balconies, and mechanical closets. Filters and heat/energy cores behind access panels, access doors, or grilles located no more than 10 feet above a walking surface inside a space specified above comply with this requirement.

Exception to Section 150.0(o)1Civa: Systems that require servicing from inside the attic shall have the following:

- 1. A Fault Indicator Display (FID) meeting the requirements of Reference Appendix JA17; and
- 2. An attic access door located in a wall or, where attic access is provided through a ceiling, an attic access hatch that includes an integrated ladder; and
- 3. A walkway from the attic access door to the HRV/ERV.
- b. IAQ System component accessibility: Fans, motors, heat exchangers, filters and recovery cores shall meet all applicable requirements of California Mechanical Code Section 304.0 accessibility for service.

c. Outdoor air intake design: Outdoor air intakes shall comply with California Mechanical Code Section 402.4.1.

d. Outdoor air intake location and accessibility: To provide access for cleaning, outdoor air intakes shall be accessible. Air intakes located not more than 10 feet above a walking surface comply with this requirement. If located on roofs, they shall meet the requirements of California Mechanical Code Section 304.3.1.

Exception to Section 150.0(o)1Civd: Outdoor air intake serving equipment with an FID meeting requirements of Reference Appendix JA 17.



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