2019 Energy Code Accessory Dwelling Units



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Agenda ENERGY COMMISSION

- Review Energy Code basics
- ADUs Definitions and clarifications
- ADUs Additions
- ADUs New construction
- Modeling tips
- Plan check and inspection
- Resources



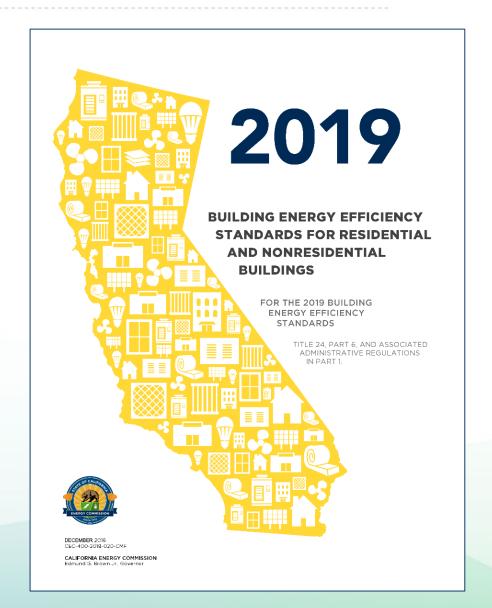
2019 Energy Code Basics



2019 Energy Code

Effective January 1, 2020

- Building permit applications submitted on or after effective date
- Must use 2019 software and forms





2019 Documents Online



- Energy Code
- Reference Appendices
- Compliance Manuals
- Forms
 - Fillable dynamic
 - o Energy Code Ace



2019 Compliance Software

Performance approach compliance use most recently approved versions

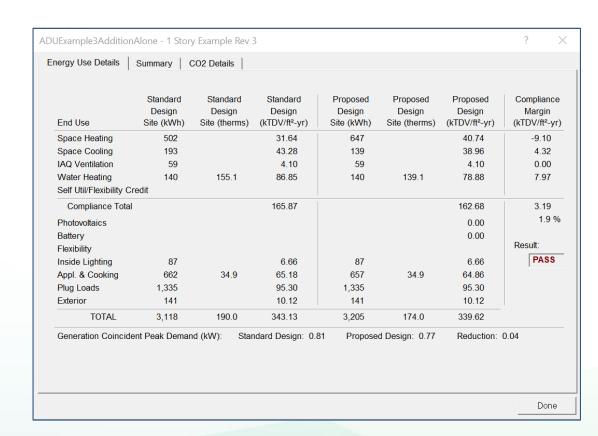
- Residential
 - o CBECC-Res 2019 2.0
 - Permit applications on or after 1/1/22 must use CBECC-Res 2019.2.0
 - EnergyPro 8.2 Residential
 - Right-Energy 2019.1.1

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Performance Approach

- Software updated to model ADUs
- Mandatory measures must still be met
 - IAQ fan HERS verified
 - Mandatory insulation requirements
 - Duct insulation
- Trade-offs of prescriptive requirements are allowed





2019 Energy CodeADU - Definitions and Clarifications



Low-Rise Residential Buildings



- Single family and duplexes
 - Any number of stories
- Multifamily and townhouses
 - No more than three habitable stories



Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)

Accessory dwelling unit

- Secondary dwelling unit on residential lot
- Residential "R" occupancy
- Attached, detached, converted
- Independent living space

ADUs have many names

- Carriage house
- Garage apartment
- Garden cottage
- Granny flat
- In-law unit
- Junior ADU
- Secondary suite
- Tiny house





Energy Code Compliance





Must meet Energy Code

- ADUs, Junior ADUs
- Efficiency units
- Factory-built homes

Meet HUD and HCD requirements

- Manufactured housing
- Mobile home
- Factory-built homes

Meet ANSI and NFPA standards

- RVs
- Park trailers



Energy Code Definitions

Newly constructed building

Building that has never been used or occupied for any purpose

Addition

- Any change to existing building that increases conditioned floor area (CFA) and conditioned volume
- Newly conditioned space
 - Any space being converted from unconditioned space to directly or indirectly conditioned space

Alteration

 Any change to building components with requirements in the Energy Code



Attached ADU

- Connected to the existing dwelling
 - Common wall, ceiling, floor
- Addition newly constructed or newly conditioned space
- Alteration previously conditioned space
- Never considered newly constructed building

Detached ADU

- Separate from the existing dwelling
 - No shared walls, ceilings, floors
- Newly constructed built from the ground up
- Addition newly conditioned space



ADU Scenarios Addition

- 1. A new ADU is built sharing a common wall with an existing home
 - Addition
 - Shares common wall
 - Increases CFA and volume
- 2. Converting an existing attached unconditioned garage to an ADU
 - Addition
 - Shares common wall
 - Increases CFA and volume in existing garage







3. Converting existing detached unconditioned structure to ADU

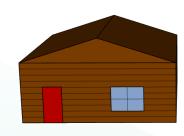
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- Shares common ceiling/floor
- Increases CFA and volume in existing garage





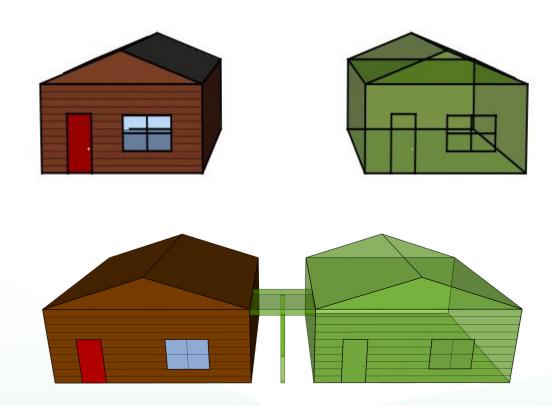






ADU Scenarios New Construction

- 1. ADU built new, detached from the existing home
 - Newly constructed building
- 2. ADU built new, attached to existing home by breezeway or covered walkway
 - Newly constructed building
 - No shared common wall or adjacent ceiling/floor





- 1. Converting existing conditioned space, like conditioned basement, into ADU or junior ADU
 - Alteration
 - May trigger additional requirements if altering components
 - o Water heater, HVAC system, lighting, envelope, etc.

ASHRAE 62.2

Note: Alterations to components that previously met any requirements of ASHRAE 62.2 must continue to meet requirements upon completion of the alterations



2019 Energy Code ADUs - Additions

§150.2(a)



Envelope Fenestration Prescriptive Requirements

§150.2(a)1

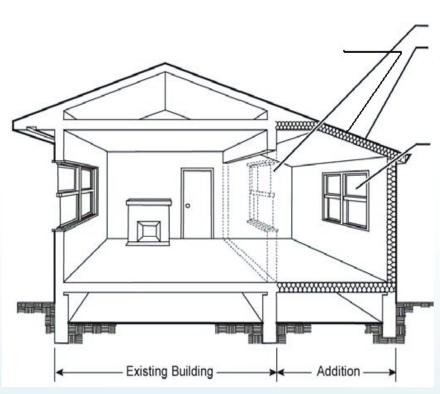
New windows, skylights, and glazed doors meet § 150.1(c) with modifications

Addition Square Feet	Max Total Fenestration Area	Max West-Facing Area Climate Zones 2, 4, 6-15
Over 700	The larger of 175 ft ² or 20% CFA	70
401 to 700	The larger of 120 ft ² or 25% CFA	60
400 or less	The larger of 75 ft ² or 30% CFA	60



Envelope Insulation Prescriptive Requirements

§150.2(a)1



All additions

- Wall extensions, and existing walls where existing siding is unaltered
 - o R-21 in 2x6 wood-framed, no continuous
 - o R-15 in 2x4 wood-framed, no continuous
 - QII exceptions
 - No insulated headers for existing doors and windows
 - No air sealing if existing air barrier not altered

Additions ≤ 700 square feet

- Ceiling insulation
 - o R-38 in climate zones 1,11-16
 - o R-30 in climate zones 2-10
 - Radiant barrier in climate zones 2-15
 - Exception: R-22 allowed in rafter roofs
- QII not required

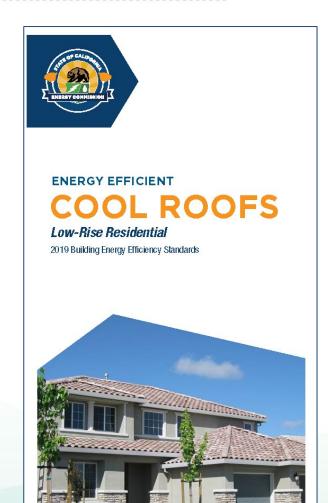


Envelope Roofing Prescriptive Requirements

§ § 150.2(a)1, 150.1(c)11

Additions more than 300 square feet

- New portion of roof must meet aged solar reflectance (SR) and thermal emittance (TE)
- Low-sloped roofs climate zones 13, 15
 - oMinimum aged SR 0.63
 - oMinimum TE 0.75
- Steep-sloped roofs in climate zones 10-15
 - oMinimum aged SR 0.20
 - oMinimum TE 0.75
- Multiple exceptions





Space Conditioning Mandatory Requirements

§ § 150.2(a)1, 150.0(m)



Completely new space conditioning systems (ducting and equipment)

- Duct insulation
- HERS testing
 - Leakage testing
 - Airflow and fan efficacy
 - Refrigerant charge in climate zones 2, 8-15
- Air filtration
 - Mandatory MERV 13 filters



Ventilation Mandatory Requirements

§ § 150.2(a)1, 150.0(o)

Mechanical ventilation for indoor air quality

- Additions which add a new dwelling unit to existing building must meet mandatory ventilation requirements
 - 150.0(o)1C for single family detached
 - 150.0(o)1E for multifamily with individual dwelling unit ventilation systems
 - 150.0(o)1F for multifamily with central ventilation systems



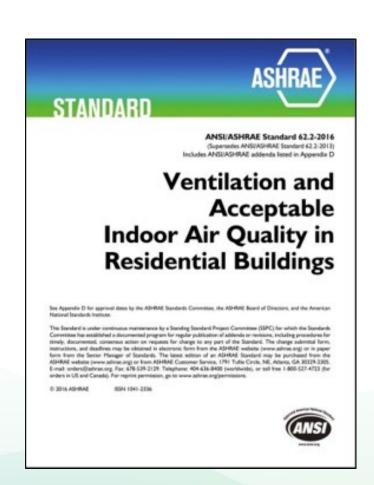


Ventilation Mandatory Requirements

§ § 150.2(a)1C, 150.0(o)

All new dwelling units must meet ASHRAE 62.2

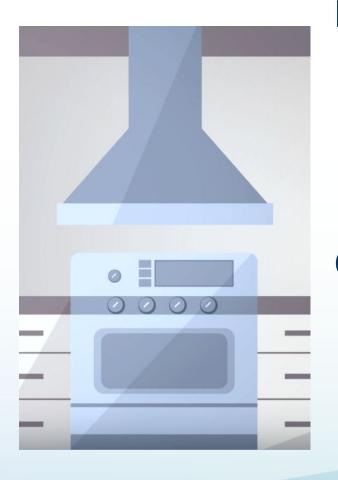
- 2019 Equation 150.0-B
 - \circ Q_{tot} = **0.03** x A_{floor} + 7.5 x (Nbr + 1)
 - Q_{tot} = total required ventilation rate, cfm
 - A_{floor} = dwelling-unit floor area, ft²
 - Nbr = number of bedrooms (not less than 1)
- Bathroom local exhaust requirements
 - 50 CFM intermittent fan in bathrooms
 - Manually controlled





Ventilation Mandatory Requirements

Residential § 150.0(o)1G, 2B



Kitchen vented range hoods

- HERS verification of airflow and sound ratings
 - HVI or AHAM
- Minimum airflow of 100 CFM
- Maximum sone rating of 3.0
 - Fans over 400 CFM exempt

Other kitchen exhaust fans

- Includes downdraft
- Minimum airflow of 300 CFM
- Enclosed kitchens option 300 CFM or 5 ACH

ASHRAE 62.2

kitchen whose permanent openings to interior adjacent spaces do not exceed 60 square feet in total



Water Heating Prescriptive Requirements

§ § 150.2(a)1, 150.1(c)8

Gas or propane

- Instantaneous water heater, no storage
- Storage water heater allowed
 - Additional efficiency measures
- Heat pump ready measures

Electric

- Heat pump water heaters allowed
- High efficiency or additional measures
- Must be located indoors



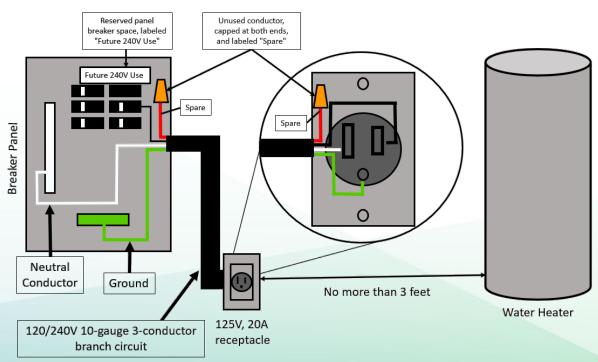


Water Heating Mandatory Requirements

Residential § 150.0(n)

High efficiency water heater ready requirements

- Allows for simple and cost-effective installation of heat pump water heaters as a replacement
- Dwellings with gas or propane water heaters
 - o Dedicated 125 volt, 20 amp receptacle
 - o 3 conductor, 10 AWG copper branch circuit
 - Within 3 feet of water heater
 - o Labeled "Future 240V Use"





Lighting Mandatory Requirements

§ § 150.2(a)1, 150.0(k)



- Newly installed and replaced hardwired lighting, indoor and outdoor, must be high efficacy
 - Table 150.0-A or JA8-2019
- JA8-2019-E required
 - Recessed downlights, no screw base
 - Enclosed luminaires
- JA8 light sources must have a dimmer or vacancy sensor
- JA8-2016 still acceptable
- All indoor general lighting LEDs must be JA8 certified



2019 Energy Code ADUs – New Construction



Quality Insulation Installation Prescriptive Requirements

§150.1(c)1E

Quality insulation installation (QII)

- Requires HERS verification of installed insulation and exterior air barrier
- Meet criteria in Reference Residential Appendix RA3.5
- Not mandatory, but difficult to offset
- Modeling without can have 7-11% penalty

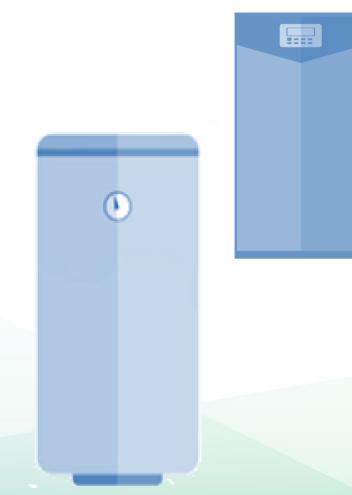




2019 Prescriptive Paths

Two parallel prescriptive paths for compliance

- 1. Mixed fuel homes
 - Gas water heater and furnace
- 2. All-electric homes
 - Heat pump space conditioners meet prescriptive compliance requirements
 - NEEA Tier 3 heat pump water heater models meet or exceed water heater baseline efficiencies



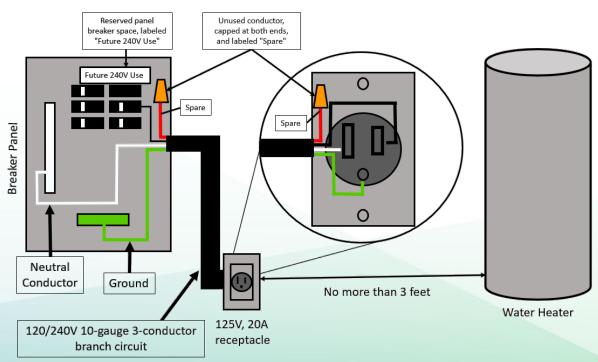


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Water Heating Prescriptive Requirements

§150.1(c)8A

Options for gas or propane serving individual dwelling units

- Instantaneous water heater, no storage
- Storage water heater ≤ 75,000 Btu per hour and volume ≤ 55 gallons
 - Installed fenestration products must have maximum weighted average U-factor
 0.24 and field verified compact distribution system or drain water heat recovery system
- Storage water heater ≤ 75,000 Btu per hour and volume > 55 gallons
 - US DOE has higher efficiency requirements over 55 gallons



Water Heating Prescriptive Requirements

Residential § 150.1(c)8A



Heat pump systems serving individual dwelling units

- Added as prescriptive compliance option
- Located in garage or conditioned space
- Must comply with one
 - 1. NEEA Advanced Water Heater Specification Tier 3 or higher
 - Plus in climate zones 1, 16: increase PV system by 0.3 kWdc or compact hot water distribution
 - 2. Compact hot water distribution and drain water heat recovery
 - 3. Climate zones 2-15: increase PV system by 0.3 kWdc
 - 4. Climate zones 1, 16: increase PV system by 1.1 kWdc



Photovoltaic Prescriptive Requirements

Residential § 150.1(c)14

- PV systems sized to offset annual kWhs of mixed-fuel home
- Meet requirements in Reference Joint Appendix JA11
 - Verification of number of panels, panel type, size, orientation, tilt, and shading
 - Use available solar access tools
 - Remote monitoring capability required, with mobile app
- Heavily shaded buildings exempt
- Disaster area rebuilds under <u>AB 178</u> exempt (2019)





Photovoltaic Prescriptive Requirements

§150.1(c)14

- Exceptions for shading and limited roof solar access areas
- Installation location options:
 - o On ADU
 - On existing primary dwelling or other structures on site
 - Ground mounted
 - No limitation
- Energy Code does not require new meter, though utility company may
- Existing panels cannot be used to meet new ADU's PV system requirement
 - Panels can be added to an existing system
 - Panels must be new to meet requirements
- Community solar option approved for SMUD territories
 - Sacramento area



Modeling Tips for ADUs



User Manual

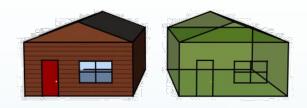
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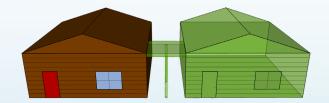


Determine if ADU is a newly constructed building, addition, or alteration

New Construction

Detached New Building





Additions



Attached





Attached Conversion



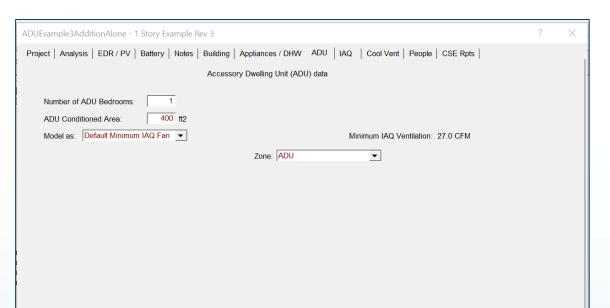
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Addition or Alteration



ADU is modeled as addition

- ADU attached to home
 - Identify ADU as addition alone (AA) or existing plus addition (EAA)
 - Input existing building details
 - Use ADU tab for ADU details
- ADU is converted space attached or detached
 - Identify ADU as AA or EAA
 - Input existing building details
 - Use ADU tab for ADU details



New Construction

ADU is modeled as new construction

- ADU is detached and newly built
 - Do not use ADU tab options
 - Does not calculate IAQ correctly
 - CBECC-Res 1.2 or later will give error message
- Constructing a new home plus new ADU at same time
 - Input primary dwelling details
 - Use ADU tab for ADU details
 - NOTE: This is the only new construction option that will allow ADU tab when using CBECC-Res 1.2 or later



Compliance Software Support

2019 CBECC-Res Software Manual

https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/CBECC-Res_User-Manual_ada.pdf

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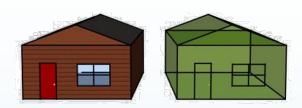
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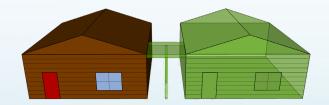


Determine if building is a newly constructed building, addition, or alteration

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COMPLIANCE	RESULTS	ADU bedroom & CFA	
01	Building Complies with Computer Performance	CANNOT be zero	IR 3
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03	This building incorporates one or more Specia	l Features shown below	
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Space Heating	6.15	6.7	-0.55	-8.9
Space Cooling	52.83	48.15	4.68	8.9
IAQ Ventilation	o	0	0	
Water Heating	26.38	26.61	-0.23	-0.9
Self Utilization Credit	n/a	0	0	n/a
Compliance Energy Total	85.36	81.46	3.9	4.6

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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.

- Insulation below roof deck
- New ductwork added is less than 40 ft. in length

Calculation Description: Title 24 Analysis

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

Building-level Verifications:

None --

Cooling System Verifications:

- Verified EER
- Verified SEER
- Verified Refrigerant Charge

Heating System Verifications:

- Verified HSPF
- Verified heat pump rated heating capacity

HVAC Distribution System Verifications:

Duct Sealing required if a duct system component, plenum, or air handling unit is altered

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Low-leakage Air Handling Unit

ADU

Domestic Hot Water System Verifications:

- None -



What mandatory HERS measure is missing?

IAQ ventilation

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Required 100% of the time for ADUs

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ONE INFORMATION						
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Energy Use (kTDV/ft ² -yr)	Standard Design	Proposed Design	Compliance Margin	Percent Improvement
Space Heating	31.64	40.74	-9.1	-28.8
Space Cooling	43.28	38.96	4.32	10
IAQ Ventilation	4.1	4.1	0	0
Water Heating	86.85	78.88	7.97	9.2
Self Utilization/Flexibility Credit	n/a	• • • •	0	n/a
Compliance Energy Total	165.87	162.68	3.19	1.9

REQUIRED SPECIAL FEATURES

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

- Cool roof
- Insulation below roof deck
- Window overhangs and/or fins

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

Building-level Verifications:

- Indoor air quality ventilation
- Kitchen range hood

Cooling System Verifications:

-- None --

Heating System Verifications:

-- None --

HVAC Distribution System Verifications:

-- None --

Domestic Hot Water System Verifications:

-- None --

IAQ ventilation Kitchen range hood

Registration Number: Registration Date/Time: HERS Provider:

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Field Inspection

For Newly Constructed Buildings

- ADUs are no different than primary dwelling units
- Verify HERS inspections complete
- Verify all forms are registered
- Ask for Project Status Report

For Additions

- Require HERS verification 100% of the time
- Verify all forms are registered
- Ask for Project Status Report
- Ensure IAQ fan is installed,
 - Listed and complete on Project Status Report
- If gas water heater, ensure heat pump ready measures







Project Status Report



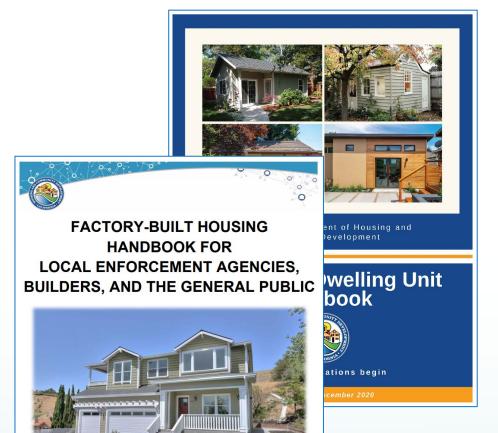
- Summarizes status of all required forms
- Available for all projects registered with HERS provider
- Online access to registry
- Request hard copy at final inspection to verify compliance
- HERS and overall status marked Complete to pass inspection



Resources



ADU Resources



- HCD Accessory Dwelling Unit Handbook
- 2016 HCD Tiny Homes Info Bulletin
- HCD Factory Built Housing Handbook

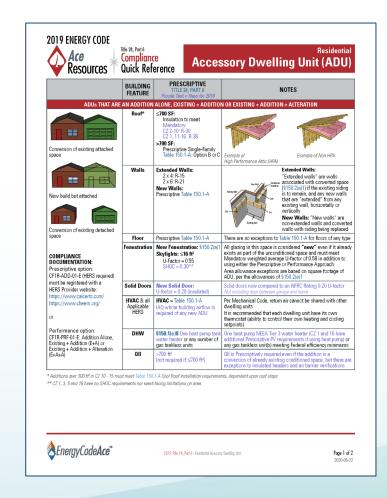
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ADU Resources

Quick Reference Sheet: Residential Accessory Dwelling Units 2019



	BUILDING FEATURE	PRESCRIPTIVE TITLE 24, PART 6 Purple Text = New for 2019	NOTES
		DETACHED NEWLY CONSTR	UCTED ADU
	Roof*	Any size ADU is subject Prescriptive Single-Family Table 150.1-A	Prescriptive Option B or C (including the provision that attics are to be ventilated) or use the Performance Approach
Newly constructed building	Walls	All walls are considered "new" and are subject to Prescriptive Table 150.1-4 Framed: CZ 1-5, 8-16 U-factor = 0.048 CZ 6-7: U-factor = 0.085	ogen et a som og war het at i de et o topped fless bleder, type fless 4 killy skallender skall bleder type fless skall bleder skall b
	-	B 10 711 4504 A	Example of High Performance Wall = U-factor of 0.051
COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION: Prescriptive option: CF1R-NCB-01-E (HERS required) must be registered with a HERS Provider website: www.calcerts.com/	Floor Fenestration	Prescriptive Table 150.1-A All Fenestration is New: Prescriptive Table 150.1-A Skylights: <16 ft² U-Factor = 0.55 SHGC = 0.30**	Raised four = R-19, Heated slabs = R-5 slab-edge insulation Must meet Mandatury weighted werage U-factor 0.58, in addition to using either the Prescriptive (U-factor = 0.58 and SHBC = 0.53") or the Performance Approach Area allowance 20% of conditioned floor area, 5% west-facing limitation" per \$150,1(c)3
www.cheers.org/	Solid Doors	Solid Door: U-factor = 0.20	Solid doors now compared to an NFRC Rating 0.20 U-Factor Not including door between garage and home
or Performance option: CF1R-PRF-01-E using Energy	HVAV & all Applicable HERS	HVAC = Prescriptive Table 150.1-A IAQ whole building airflow is required of any new ADU	All applicable HERS measures will apply: Duct testing; refrigerant charge; airflow and fan watt draw; IAQ including MERV-13 filters; kitchen hood; whole house fan
Commission-approved software	DHW	Prescriptive Table 150.1-A §150.1(c)8	If recirculation pumps are desired for any type of ADU, Demand Recirculation Systems with manual control pumps per RA4.4 must be used or use the Performance Approach for control options
	QII	Prescriptive Table 150.1-A §150.1(c)1e	Oll required as outlined in Residential Reference Appendix RA3.5
	PV	Prescriptive §150.1(c)14	As determined by Equation 150.1-C; kWPV = (CFA x A)/1000 +(NDwell x B)
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Snow Load and PV

The 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) includes solar photovoltaic (PV) system requirements for all newly constructed low-rise residential buildings per Section 150.1(c)14. The California Building Code (CBC, Title 24. Part 2) and the California Residential Code (CRC, Title 24, Part 2.5) require PV systems. including modules, supports, and attachments, to meet the design and installation requirements for high snow loads in American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Standard 7-16. Simultaneous compliance with the code requirements of the Energy Code. CBC, and CRC should be met, when feasible, in all newly constructed low-rise residential buildings.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has confirmed that the solar PV system requirement does not apply to buildings that cannot meet the PV system structural requirements in the CBC and CRC due to high snow loads.

Site-specific conditions will determine whether a PV system can be installed safely to meet high snow loads. Building permit applicants must address the issues under their control to meet PV system high snow load structural requirements. These include the specific characteristics of the PV modules, method of installation, noof slope and design, and PV module location.

Steps that can be taken to meet high snow load structural requirements include the following:

- Use three-rail mounting or other installation practices to make PV modules resilient to high snow loads.
- Design roof slopes and PV module locations to maximize the roof slope and allow the PV system to qualify as unobstructed slippery surfaces.
- Modify roof designs, roof locations, or PV module mounting to avoid unnecessary snow accumulation or snow sliding off the modulo to undesirable locations on the site.

Local enforcement agencies should ensure that practical approaches are taken to design homes that facilitate the installation of PV systems whenever possible.

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Online Resource Center

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Educational documents and training information for building communities and enforcement agencies to assist with building energy standards compliance.

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2019 HERS Providers



The Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Program tests and rates the energy performance of a home. The California Energy Commission's HERS Program addresses construction defects and poor equipment installation, including HVAC systems and insulation. The Energy Commission has a list of approved HERS providers who train and certify raters.

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