RESIDENTIAL CHECKLISTKauai Supplement





OVERVIEW

Kauai adopted the 2015 IECC with amendments on November 30, 2018, and the Kauai amendments incorporate those adopted by the State of Hawaii on March 21, 2017 with some changes. This supplemental checklist includes only the requirements that differ in Kauai compared to the State amendments. The complete requirements of the 2015 IECC with State amendment are described in a separate checklist.

AMENDED TROPICAL ZONE REQUIREMENTS

Component/System	Requirement	Code Section	Plan Review Notes	Info on Plans
Tropical zone qualification	 ≤ 50% of occupied space and no more than 1,000 ft² has AC No heating installed Elevation < 2,400 ft² 	R401.2.1*	Dwellings that do not meet all these criteria must use another compliance option.	☐ AC space clearly indicated (if applicable)

^{*} Code section added or modified by Hawaii amendment

AMENDED PRESCRIPTIVE REQUIREMENTS

Component/System	Requirement	Code Section	Plan Review Notes	Info on Plans
Wall – mass	☐ R-3 exterior, R-4 interior or U-0.197	R402.1*	Requires either exterior or interior insulation, typically foam board. CMU integral insulation does not comply.	☐ Insulation location on plans
(CMU or concrete)	☐ Total UA alternative, or			☐ Insulation R-value on plans
	☐ Points option		No insulation is required if the mass wall has an	☐ Wall surface visible light
	Exception: No insulation required if		exterior visible light reflectance of at least 64% or the	reflectance on plans (if
	reflectance ≥0.64, shading PF≥0.3		wall is shaded with overhangs with projection that is at least 0.3 times the height of the wall.	applicable)
Raised floor – wood or	No requirement	R402.1*		
concrete				
Raised floor – metal frame	No requirement	R402.1*		
Ceiling fans	<u>Optional</u>	R404.3*		

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ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

Component/System	Requirement	Code Section	Plan Review Notes	Info on Plans
Alterations – roof replacement	Meet requirements for new construction (see separate checklist), except in cases with at least two of the following: 1. EnergyStar compliant covering 2. Radiant barrier 3. Attic ventilation via solar fan, ridge ventilation or gable vents	R503.1.1*	Compliance option for roofs; choose two or more from this list: 1. Energy Star compliant roof covering 2. Radiant barrier 3. Attic ventilation via solar attic fans or ridge ventilation or gable ventilation	
Changes in space conditioning	A non-conditioned space that is altered to become air conditioned shall be brought into full compliance. Exceptions: 1. If using the simulated performance option, the proposed energy cost can be 10% higher than otherwise allowed 2. If the cost to bring the space into compliance exceeds 5-year payback and the system is a split-system air conditioner with SEER rating in the top 25% of readily available units.	R503.2*		

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