

COMMERCIAL CHECKLIST

2018 IECC with State Amendments



This checklist covers requirements of the 2018 IECC with State-adopted amendments, approved in December 2020. Check with individual counties for county - adopted versions of the code.

- State 2018 IECC amendments: <https://energy.hawaii.gov/hawaii-building-energy-code>
- View the 2018 IECC here: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/iecc2018>

SCOPE

Commercial and high-rise residential buildings. More specifically, all buildings except detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) as well as Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 buildings three stories or less in height above grade plane. The code applies to new construction, additions and alterations. See a separate Residential Checklist for low-rise residential buildings.

COMMERCIAL COMPLIANCE OPTIONS

Prescriptive	Total Building Performance Alternative	ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016
Separate requirements for envelope, mechanical systems, water heating systems, lighting and electrical systems. Also includes "additional efficiency" requirements.	Simulated energy performance analysis for heating, cooling, lighting and SHW. Proposed design must have annual energy cost less than or equal to energy cost of reference design.	Includes both prescriptive and performance compliance options.
See Prescriptive Checklist below	See code Section C407	See separate standard, available from www.ashrae.org

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ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS



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ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS				
Roof – insulation above deck	<input type="checkbox"/> R-25 or U-0.039 (group R) <input type="checkbox"/> R-20 or U-0.048 (others) At least two insulation layers, with staggered edge joints	C402.1, C402.2.1	Typically foam board on the roof deck. If tapered, R-value in some areas can be lower than the requirement if designer shows that weighted-average U-factor complies. Two layers not required where insulation tapers to the roof deck, such as near a drain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Roof – metal building	R-19 + R-11 or U-0.044 (with thermal block and liner system)	C402.1, C402.2	Typically two layers of batt insulation. One parallel to and between purlins supported by fabric liner. The second draped over purlins and compressed when roof deck is installed. Also with R-5 foam block between purlins and metal roof deck.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal block indicated on plans
Roof – attic or other	R-38 or U-0.027	C402.1, C402.2	This category includes attics, cathedral ceilings, and insulation installed under the roof deck. Insulation on top of suspended ceiling is not allowed for compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Roof – skylight curbs	R-5 minimum	C402.2.1.1	Unit skylights with U-factor labeled per NFRC 100 do not need insulated curb	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Wall – mass (CMU or concrete)	R-5.7 or U-0.151 (Insulation not required with reflectance ≥ 0.64 , shading PF ≥ 0.3 or thickness ≥ 6 inches)*	C402.1*, C402.2	Requires either exterior or interior insulation. CMU integral insulation does not comply. State amendment provides exceptions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Wall – metal building	R-13 + R6.5 or U-0.079	C402.1, C402.2	Typically two layers of batt insulation. One installed horizontally between girts. The second layer draped outside the girts and compressed as the wall panel is installed.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation shown on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Wall – metal frame	R-13 + R-5 or U-0.077 (R-5 not required with reflectance ≥ 0.64 or shading PF ≥ 0.3)*	C402.1, C402.2*	Requires insulation in framing cavity plus a layer of continuous insulation (typically foam board). Cavity insulation complies on its own with shading or high reflectance. State amendment provides exceptions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Shading or wall reflectance shown (if exception is applied)
Wall – wood frame and other	R-13 + R3.8 or R-20 or U-0.064 (R-3.8 not required with reflectance ≥ 0.64 or shading PF ≥ 0.3)*	C402.1, C402.2*	2x4 requires cavity insulation plus continuous insulation (with exception for shading or high reflectance). 2x6 OK with R-20 cavity insulation. State amendment provides exceptions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Shading or wall reflectance shown (if exception is applied)

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Door - swinging	U-0.61	C402.1	Most hollow or filled-core opaque metal or wood doors comply.	
Door – non-swinging	R-4.75	C402.1	Insulated door required for roll-up and sliding applications.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulated door shown on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Door R-value on plans or specs
Door – garage <14% glazing	U-0.31	C402.1	Insulated door required	
Low-slope roof membrane	Aged reflectance ≥ 0.55 + aged emittance ≥ 0.75, or aged solar reflectance index ≥ 0.64 (exceptions available)	C402.3	For roofs less than 2-in-12 slope and directly above conditioned space. Exceptions such as shaded roofs and portions covered by PV or solar water heating.	<input type="checkbox"/> Aged reflectance and emittance shown in plans or specs
Windows – maximum area	$\leq 30\%$ of gross wall area ($\leq 40\%$ when meeting daylighting requirements)	C402.4.1	Daylighting requirements for 40%: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $\geq 50\%$ daylighted floor area (≤ 2 stories) or $\geq 25\%$ daylighted floor area (> 2 stories) Daylight responsive lighting controls Glazing visible transmittance $\geq 1.1 \times \text{SHGC}$ If the project cannot comply with the prescriptive limit on window area, then it must comply with Section C407 Total Building Performance.	<input type="checkbox"/> $\leq 30\%$ window area Or <input type="checkbox"/> $\leq 40\%$ window area, and <input type="checkbox"/> meets daylighting requirements
Windows – solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) – east, south, west	≤ 0.25 if projection factor < 0.2 . ≤ 0.30 if projection factor $0.2-0.5$. ≤ 0.40 if projection factor ≥ 0.5 . (Area-weighted average permitted)* Jalousie windows exempt*	C402.4.3*	Projection factor = horizontal projection of overhang \div vertical distance from overhang to bottom of window. Area-weighted average SHGC allowed (by Hawaii amendment).	<input type="checkbox"/> SHGC indicated on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Overhang dimensions on plans, if applicable
Windows – solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) – north	≤ 0.33 if projection factor < 0.2 . ≤ 0.37 if projection factor $0.2-0.5$. ≤ 0.40 if projection factor ≥ 0.5 . (Area-weighted average permitted)* Jalousie windows exempt*	C402.4.3*		<input type="checkbox"/> SHGC indicated on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Overhang dimensions on plans, if applicable
Windows – U-factor	≤ 0.50 fixed fenestration ≤ 0.65 operable fenestration ≤ 1.10 entrance doors (Area-weighted average permitted)	C402.4.3	U-factor must include glazing and frame, not just center-of-glass. Typically requires dual-pane, low-e glazing. Metal frame ok. Entrance doors can be single-pane.	<input type="checkbox"/> U-factor indicated on plans

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Skylights – minimum area	Skylights and daylight responsive controls required for certain spaces $\geq 2,500 \text{ ft}^2$ with ceiling height $\geq 15 \text{ ft}$.	C402.4.2	Required for following space types: office, lobby, atrium, concourse, corridor, storage space, gymnasium/exercise center, convention center, automotive service area, space where manufacturing occurs, nonrefrigerated warehouse, retail store, distribution/sorting area, transportation depot or workshop. Several exceptions, including when lighting power $< 0.5 \text{ W/sf}$.	<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate skylight area shown on plans (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Daylight responsive lighting controls shown on plans (if applicable)
Skylights – maximum area	$\leq 3\%$ of gross roof area ($\leq 6\%$ when meeting daylighting requirements)	C402.4.1.2	Up to 6% allowed when space under the skylight has daylight-responsive controls. If the project cannot comply with the prescriptive limit on skylight area, then it must comply with Section C407 Total Building Performance.	
Skylights – solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC)	≤ 0.35 (≤ 0.60 with daylighting control)	C402.4.3	Area-weighted average SHGC allowed (by Hawaii amendment). Higher SHGC allowed if space has daylight-responsive lighting control.	<input type="checkbox"/> SHGC indicated on plans
Skylights – U-factor	≤ 0.75 (≤ 0.90 with daylighting control)	C402.4.3	Higher U-factor allowed if space has daylight-responsive lighting control.	<input type="checkbox"/> U-factor indicated on plans
Air leakage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuous air barrier ▪ Fenestration air leakage ▪ Openings to shafts, chutes, stairways and elevator lobbies ▪ Air intakes, exhaust openings, stairways, and shafts. ▪ Loading-dock weatherseals ▪ Recessed lighting 	C402.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code includes a list of acceptable air barrier materials. ▪ Max. fenestration leakage rates in Table C402.5.2. ▪ Openings to shafts, chutes, stairways and elevator lobbies are gasketed, weather-stripped or sealed. ▪ Air intakes, exhaust openings, stairways, and shafts have dampers. ▪ Loading-dock doors have weatherseals. ▪ Recessed lighting is IC rated and sealed. 	

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MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS



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MECHANICAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS				
Mechanical system commissioning	For buildings with $\geq 480\text{kBtu/hr}$ cooling capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include construction document notes indicating commissioning requirements Provide evidence of commissioning prior to final inspection. 	C408.2	Likely to apply to air-conditioned buildings of about 20,000 sf or larger. Plans may refer to specifications for detailed commissioning requirements. Requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioning plan Systems adjusting and balancing Functional performance testing Preliminary commissioning report Final commissioning report 	<input type="checkbox"/> Notes on plans indicate commissioning requirements
Zone isolation	HVAC systems that serve more than 25,000 ft ² or more than one floor and that also serve areas with different operating schedules must include isolation devices and controls. Some exceptions.	C403.2.1	The intent is that the system is able to shut off conditioning to non-occupied zones while continuing to supply conditioning to occupied zones.	<input type="checkbox"/> Isolation devices and controls on plans, if applicable
Ventilation	Outdoor air ventilation per IMC (International Mechanical Code)	C403.2.2	Natural or mechanical ventilation required for all spaces.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor air ventilation rates listed on plans
HVAC equipment performance	Tables C403.3.2(1) - C403.3.2(9)	C403.3.2	Cooling efficiency rated by SEER, EER, or kW/ton. Requirement varies by equipment type and cooling capacity.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooling efficiency listed on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling capacity listed on plans
Hot gas bypass	Not allowed unless multiple steps or continuous cooling capacity unloading provided	C403.3.3	Per Table C403.3.3 $\leq 240\text{kBtu/hr}$ – 50% max. hot gas bypass $> 240\text{kBtu/hr}$ – 25% max.	

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Thermostatic controls and off-hour controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thermostat required Cooled vestibule setpoint $\geq 85^{\circ}\text{F}$ Automatic set-up and shutdown Automatic start 	C403.4.1 C403.4.2	<p>Automatic controls must be capable of seven different daily schedules and retain programming during power loss up to 10 hours.</p> <p>Automatic start controls must be configured to automatically adjust the daily start time of the HVAC system in order to bring each space to the desired occupied temperature immediately prior to scheduled occupancy.</p> <p>Off-hour controls not required for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zones that are operated continuously Zones with cooling demand $< 6,800 \text{ Btu/hr}$ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate controls indicated on plans
Hydronic part-load controls	<p>For systems $\geq 300 \text{ kBtu/hr}$</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply water temperature reset Variable flow and variable speed pumps 	C403.4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reset supply temperature by at least 25% of design delta-T. Some exceptions. Variable-flow required for CHW loops and heat-rejection loops for water-cooled air conditioners that have $\geq 2 \text{ hp}$ pump power and ≥ 3 control valves. Variable-speed drive required for pumps $\geq 2 \text{ hp}$ (exception for primary pumps needed to meet equipment manufacturer requirements for minimum flow) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Pump control on plans (if applicable)
Pump isolation	For plants with multiple parallel chillers, automatically reduce flow through chillers that shut down	C403.4.5		<input type="checkbox"/> Pump control on plans (if applicable)
Multiple-zone systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable air flow Supply air temperature reset control Static pressure reset control 	C403.4.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reheat not permitted except when airflow is reduced to a minimum level specified in the code (limits changed in 2018 IECC and dual-maximum VAV box control required, with some exceptions). Supply air temperature reset required for systems with reheat (with some exceptions) Reset duct static pressure setpoint based on zone damper positions, for systems with DDC. Locate duct static pressure sensor so that setpoint is not greater than 1.2 in. w.c. 	<input type="checkbox"/> VAV box max. and min. airflow shown on plans (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Sequence of operations includes supply air temperature and static pressure reset (if applicable)
Demand control ventilation	Demand controlled ventilation	C403.7.1	<p>Required for spaces meeting all these conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space $> 500 \text{ ft}^2$ Occupant load ≥ 25 people per 1000 ft^2 System outdoor airflow $> 3,000 \text{ cfm}$ <p>Some exceptions</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Controls provided (if applicable)
Parking garage ventilation	Parking garage ventilation control	C403.7.2	Automatic fan control required for enclosed parking garages in many cases.	
Energy recovery	Energy recovery effectiveness $\geq 50\%$	C403.7.4	Energy recovery required in many cases, depending on supply air flow, ventilation rate and operating hours (Table C403.7.4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy recovery device specs on plans

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Kitchen exhaust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limit on direct makeup air in hood. ▪ For flow > 5,000 cfm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UL listed hoods required ○ Limit on cfm/ft ○ Additional requirements 	C403.7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kitchen exhaust systems allowed ≤10% replacement air directly into hood. ▪ For kitchens > 5,000 cfm exhaust, UL listed hoods are required plus one of the following is required: 1) transfer air ≥50%, 2) demand-control ventilation, or 3) energy recovery 	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen hood and exhaust fan specs on plans
Guest room controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Door switches for guest-rooms ▪ Temperature setpoint controls ▪ Ventilation controls 	C403.2.3* C403.7.6	<p>Hawaii amendment for door switches: Opaque and glass doors opening to the outdoors in hotel and motel sleeping units, guest suites and time-share condominiums, shall be provided with controls that disable the mechanical cooling, or reset the cooling setpoint to 90°F or greater within five minutes of the door opening. Mechanical cooling may remain enabled if the outdoor air temperature is below the space temperature.</p> <p>In addition, automatic occupancy-based control of guestroom temperature setpoint and ventilation and exhaust fans required for buildings with more than 50 guestrooms. (C403.7.6)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate controls indicated on plans
Shutoff dampers	Dampers required on outdoor air intake and exhaust openings and stairway and shaft vents	C403.7.7	<p>Gravity dampers allowed in Hawaii's climate zone. Max. leakage at 1.0 in w.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ≤20 cfm/ft² for dampers ≥ 24 in. ▪ ≤40 cfm/ft² for dampers < 24 in. 	
HVAC fans	<p>When fan motors' total hp ≥ 5hp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allowable fan horsepower ▪ Motor nameplate horsepower ▪ Fan efficiency ▪ Fraction hp fan motors 	C403.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allowed fan hp = function of airflow. ▪ Nameplate hp limited to smallest that meets bhp requirement ▪ Fan efficiency grade ≥67; some exceptions ▪ Fractional hp motors ($1/12 \leq \text{hp} < 1\text{hp}$) must be electronically commutated motors (ECMs); some exceptions 	<input type="checkbox"/> Hp or bhp for all supply, return, exhaust, and terminal-unit fans on plans. <input type="checkbox"/> Airflow for all fans on plans.
Fan airflow control	Two-stage or variable airflow control	C403.8.5	<p>At least 2-stage fan control required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DX cooling ≥ 65kBtu/hr ▪ Chilled water systems ≥0.25 hp fan 	<input type="checkbox"/> Fan control on plans (if applicable)
Heat rejection equipment fan speed control and fan type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speed control for cooling tower fans ≥ 5 hp ▪ Multiple-cell cooling tower fan control ▪ Limitation on centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers ▪ Tower flow turndown 	C403.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cooling tower fans ≥5hp required to have multi-speed or variable-speed control; some exceptions. ▪ Multiple-cell towers with variable speed fans controlled to run maximum number of cells 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooling tower fan motor hp on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Fan control on plans (if applicable)

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Heat recovery for service water heating	Condenser heat recovery for systems operating 24 hr/day with water-cooled cooling capacity $\geq 6,000$ kBtu/hr and service water heating load $\geq 1,000$ kBtu/hr	C403.9.5	Most typically applies to hotels, high-rise residential buildings, and hospitals.	
Refrigeration systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrigeration equipment performance Walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and freezers Refrigerated display cases Condenser requirements Compressor requirements 	C403.10	See code for specific requirements for commercial refrigeration systems.	<input type="checkbox"/> Refrigeration equipment kWh/day rating on plans
Duct and plenum insulation	$\geq R-6$ in unconditioned space $\geq R-8$ outdoors	C403.11.1		<input type="checkbox"/> Duct insulation R-value on plans
Duct and plenum sealing	Constructed and sealed per IMC	C403.11.2		
Piping insulation and protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum thickness per Table C403.11.3. Protection for piping insulation exposed to weather. 	C403.11.3		<input type="checkbox"/> Pipe insulation thickness on plans

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WATER HEATING REQUIREMENTS



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SERVICE WATER HEATING REQUIREMENTS				
System commissioning	For buildings with $\geq 600\text{kBtu/hr}$ combined space heating and service water heating capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include construction document notes indicating commissioning requirements Provide evidence of commissioning prior to final inspection. 	C408.2	Likely to apply to buildings with significant hot water demand such as high-rise residential, hotels, and hospitals. Plans may refer to specifications for detailed commissioning requirements. Requires a commissioning plan.	<input type="checkbox"/> Notes on plans indicate commissioning requirements
Service water-heating equipment efficiency	Efficiency per Table C404.2	C404.2	Table covers electric resistance, heat pump, storage gas, instantaneous gas, and pool heaters.	<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment capacity and efficiency listed on plans
Heat traps for hot water storage tanks	For storage water heaters and hot water storage tanks in non-circulating systems provide equipment with integral heat traps or provide heat traps on supply and discharge piping.	C404.3	Intent is to prevent thermosiphoning in non-circulating systems. Heat trap may be integral to the water heater. May be a 180 degree bend in inlet and outlet pipe.	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat trap(s) indicated on plans (if applicable)
Pipe insulation	Insulation thickness per Table C403.11.3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1" for pipes $< 1\frac{1}{2}$" diameter 1½" for pipes $\geq 1\frac{1}{2}$" diameter Circulating systems: all supply pipe. Non-circulating storage systems: first 8 ft from tank (or from tank to heat trap) on inlet and outlet.	C404.4		<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location and thickness indicated on plans
Maximum hot water supply pipe length or volume	Table C404.5.1 lists maximum hot water supply pipe length or volume, which varies with pipe diameter.	C404.5	These limits apply to the length of pipe from the source of hot water to the fixture supply pipe. The source might be a water heater or could also be a hot-water circulation loop. Allowed length for pipes to public lavatories is much shorter than for other fixtures, ranging from 6' for ½" pipe to only 0.5' for ¼" or larger pipe.	<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum hot water pipe length indicated on plans

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Circulation system controls	Automatic controls to start pump based on demand and to automatically shut off pump based on temperature and on lack of demand	C404.6.1	Automatic control turns on circulation pump based on demand, such as with a flow sensor. Automatic controls turn off circulation pump when water in the loop is at the desired temperature. Controls must be accessible.	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic controls indicated on plans
Demand recirculation system controls	Controls limit the temperature of water entering the cold water pipe to $\leq 104^{\circ}\text{F}$	C404.7	A demand recirculation system has a pump that recirculates water from a hot water supply pipe back to the water heater through a cold water supply pipe. The pump is activated based on a signal from a user or an appliance and must be controlled so that the temperature of water entering the cold water supply pipe does not exceed 104°F .	<input type="checkbox"/> Controls indicated on plans
Pool and spas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Readily accessible on/off switch ▪ No continuous pilot light ▪ Time switch for heater and pumps ▪ Pool covers required, except with $>75\%$ site-recovered heat 	C404.9	Site recovered heat for the purpose of the pool cover exception may be a heat pump or an on-site renewable energy system	<input type="checkbox"/> Readily accessible pool heater on/off switch <input type="checkbox"/> Time switch on heater and pump <input type="checkbox"/> Pool cover or <input type="checkbox"/> site-recovered heat

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LIGHTING & ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS



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LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS				
Lighting system functional testing	<p>Prior to final inspection the registered design professional provides evidence of testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Occupant sensor controls ▪ Time-switch controls ▪ Daylight responsive controls <p>Construction documents specify that drawings, manuals and test report be provided to the owner within 90 days of certificate of occupancy.</p>	C408.3	Intent is that the lighting control systems have been tested to ensure that control hardware and software are calibrated, adjusted, programmed and in proper working condition in accordance with the construction documents and manufacturer's instructions	<input type="checkbox"/> Plans indicate that functional test certification documents will be provided to owner <input type="checkbox"/> Registered design professional provides evidence of testing
Dwelling unit lighting in multi-family buildings	Lighting equipment ≥90% high efficacy lamps	R404.1	<p>High efficacy lamps are defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ T-8 or smaller diameter fluorescent ▪ Compact fluorescent ▪ 60 lumens/watt if >40W ▪ 50 lumens/watt if >15W and ≤40W ▪ 40 lumens/watt if ≤15W <p>Applies to permanently-installed fixtures. Low-voltage lighting is exempt.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting fixture locations on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting fixture schedule includes input power and lumen output <input type="checkbox"/> Plans show ≥90% high efficacy lamps
Dwelling unit in other than multi-family buildings	<p>Lighting power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High efficacy lamps ≥90% per R404.1 or ▪ Allowed power per C405.3 <p>Controls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Occupancy sensor or multi-level control 	R404.1 C405.2.4 C405.3	Allows choice of lighting power compliance options. DWELLING UNIT. A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting fixture locations on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting fixture schedule includes input power and lumen output <input type="checkbox"/> Plans show ≥90% high efficacy lamps (if applicable)

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Sleeping unit lighting	Lighting power <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High efficacy lamps $\geq 90\%$ per R404.1 or ▪ Allowed power per C405.3 Controls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Auto-off control for permanent lights and switched receptacles 	R404.1 C405.2.4 C405.3	SLEEPING UNIT. A room or space in which people sleep, that can include permanent provisions for living, eating, and either sanitation or kitchen facilities but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are part of a dwelling unit are not sleeping units.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting fixture locations on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting fixture schedule includes input power and lumen output <input type="checkbox"/> Plans show $\geq 90\%$ high efficacy lamps (if applicable)
Controls - occupant sensor	Required in many specific spaces. Manual-on type required in most cases.	C405.2.1	Required in these space types: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Classrooms/lecture/training rooms. 2. Conference/meeting/multipurpose rooms. 3. Copy/print rooms. 4. Lounges/breakrooms 5. Enclosed offices. 6. Open plan office areas. 7. Restrooms. 8. Storage rooms. 9. Locker rooms. 10. Other spaces 300 sf or less that are enclosed by floor-to-ceiling height partitions. 11. Warehouse storage areas 	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupant sensor controls on plans, where applicable
Controls - time-switch	Required where occupant sensors are not used. Specific spaces exempt but must use light-reduction controls.	C405.2.2	Time switch controls not required in the following spaces if manual light-reduction controls are used: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spaces where patient care is directly provided. 2. Spaces where an automatic shutoff would endanger occupant safety or security. 3. Lighting intended for continuous operation. 4. Shop and laboratory classrooms. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Time switch controls on plans, where applicable
Controls – light reduction	Required where occupant sensors are not used. Requires manual control to allow occupant to reduce lighting power by at least 50%	C405.2.2.2	Requires reasonably uniform illumination at the reduced light level. Not required for daylighted zones that meet the control requirements in C405.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Circuiting or controls on plans indicate multi-level control

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Controls - daylight-responsive	<p>Required in spaces with $\geq 150\text{W}$ of lighting within daylight zones.</p> <p>Some exceptions, such as patient care areas and ground-floor retail. Exception for new buildings where the project's total lighting power is below a limit defined by an equation.</p> <p>Definitions provided for sidelit and toplit daylight zones.</p>	C405.2.3	<p>Sidelit daylight zone is the floor area adjacent to windows with a depth equal to the window head height and width equal to two feet to either side of the window.</p> <p>Toplit daylight zone is the floor area under a skylight extending to 0.7 times the ceiling height on all sides of the skylight.</p> <p>(See the code for further details and exceptions)</p> <p>The exception for new buildings set a limit based on the fraction of floor area in daylight zones, and ranges from 100% to 60% of the normal lighting power allowance.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic daylight responsive lighting controls indicated, where applicable
Controls – display & accent lighting	Display lighting, accent lighting and display-case lighting controlled separately from general lighting and include either occupancy sensor control or time-switch control	C405.2.4		<input type="checkbox"/> Controls indicated on plans
Controls – sleeping units	Shall have master control to automatically switch off luminaires and switched receptacles within 20 minutes after all occupants leave the unit	C405.2.4	<p>Applies to hotel and motel timeshare sleeping units and guest suites. Rooms for patient care excepted.</p> <p>Typically key-card or motion-sensor based controls.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Controls indicated on plans
Controls – dwelling units	Permanently installed luminaires have occupancy sensor control or light reduction control	C405.2.4	<p>Applies to dwelling units that are not in multi-family buildings.</p> <p>If occupancy sensor control is not provided, then controls are required that reduce lighting power by at least 50%. Manual dimming controls would comply.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Controls indicated on plans
Exterior lighting controls	<p>Photo cell and time-based control required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For façade and landscape lighting, automatic on/off off-hour required. Otherwise, automatic reduction $\geq 30\%$ required during off-hours. Some exceptions apply. 	C405.2.6	<p>Automatically turn off lights as a function of daylight.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Façade and landscape lighting off no later than 1 hour after closing and on no earlier than 1 hour before opening. For all others controls automatically reduce lighting power by $\geq 30\%$ from midnight to 6am (or other options). 	<input type="checkbox"/> Controls indicated on plans

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Total connected interior lighting power	Includes input power for all proposed luminaires, with exceptions for some lighting applications. Specifies how power is to be determined for different types of luminaires	C405.3.1	In general, use the rated input power for the luminaire. Track lighting is a special case, where the input power shall be one of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wattage of luminaires, but not less than 8 watts per linear foot ▪ The wattage limit of a permanent current-limiting device ▪ The wattage limit of the transformer 	<input type="checkbox"/> All fixtures located and identified on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Fixture schedule includes input power for each fixture
Interior lighting power allowance	Total connected power shall be no greater than allowance. Two calculation methods for allowance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building area method ▪ Space-by-space method (includes extra allowance for retail and decorative lighting) 	C405.3.2	Power limits and some space types change between 2015 and 2018 IECC. Though not required by code, ideally the designer includes a table on the plans showing the allowed lighting power calculation (listing space types and floor areas) along with a total of the connected lighting power.	
Exterior building lighting power	Maximum allowed power listed in Table C405.4.2(2) includes base allowance plus allowances for lighted areas. Additional individual lighting power allowances in Table C405.4.3(3) may be applied only to luminaires serving those applications, such as drive-up windows. Allowances vary by lighting zone per Table C405.5.2(1)	C405.4.2	Power limits change between 2015 and 2018. Though not required by code, ideally the designer includes a table on the plans showing the allowed lighting power calculation separately for the standard exterior lighting allowance and for the individual lighting power allowances along with a total of the connected exterior lighting power.	<input type="checkbox"/> All fixtures located and identified on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Fixture schedule includes input power for each fixture
Gas lighting	Continuously burning pilot ignition system prohibited	C405.4.3		
Electricity meters	Each dwelling unit in R-2 building has a separate electric meter.	C405.5		<input type="checkbox"/> Meters indicated on plans
Electrical transformers	Electric transformers meet efficiency requirements of Table C405.6. Some exceptions apply.	C405.6	See code for list of exempted types of transformers.	<input type="checkbox"/> Transformer efficiency indicated on plans
Electrical motors	Electric motors meet the efficiency requirements of Tables C405.7(1)-(4)	C405.7		<input type="checkbox"/> Electric motor efficiency indicated on plans

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Vertical and horizontal transportation systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elevator cab lighting ≥ 35 lumens/watt. ▪ Elevator cab fan ≤ 0.33 W/cfm. ▪ Escalator and moving walkway automatic speed control. ▪ Escalator regenerative drive. 	C405.8	Elevator cab lighting will need to be fluorescent or LED.	
Voltage drop in feeders and branch circuits	Voltage drop $\leq 5\%$	C405.9		
Electrical sub-metering	In new buildings with tenants, metering shall be collected for the entire building and individually for each tenant occupying $\geq 1,000$ ft ² (total enclosed and unenclosed). Tenants shall have access to data collected for their space.	C405.10*	State amendment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Meters indicated on plans

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ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS



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ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS				
Requirements	Project must meet at least one of the following requirements.	C406.1	This is a new requirement. New construction projects must meet at least one of these additional efficiency requirements.	
More efficient HVAC equipment	10% better than minimum efficiency	C406.2	Requires cooling efficiency at least 10% better than code. In the case of EER, a higher value is better. For example, if the Table C403.2.3 requirement is 10.0 EER, then the project would need ≥ 11.0 EER. For water cooled chillers the requirement is in kW/ton and lower is better. If the requirement is 0.660 kW/ton, then the proposed chiller must be ≤ 0.594 kW/ton.	
Reduced lighting power density	10% lower allowed lighting power	C406.3	The connected interior lighting power for the proposed design must be at least 10% lower than the allowed interior lighting power.	
Enhanced digital lighting controls	Continuous dimming and digitally-addressable luminaires	C406.4	In this type of lighting control system each luminaire, or small group of luminaires, is connected via a digital network. Luminaires can be dimmed and turned on/off individually or in small groups based on signals from networked sensors. Sequence of operations must be included in the construction documents.	
On-site renewable energy	≥ 0.5 W/ft ² , or $\geq 3\%$ of mechanical, water heating and lighting energy.	C406.5	Two options. An on-site renewable energy system provides: 1. ≥ 0.50 watts per sf of conditioned floor area. 2. $\geq 3\%$ of the energy required for HVAC, water heating and lighting. Very roughly, the area of PV panels required to meet #1 would be 1 sf per every 20-30 sf of conditioned floor area.	

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Dedicated outdoor air system	For multiple-zone systems, include independent system with total heat recovery to condition ventilation air.	C406.6	To meet this requirement, a separate system provides 100% conditioned outdoor air to each space. Energy recovery from exhaust air is also required. An example of a typical system is fan-coils serving individual zones, with conditioned outdoor air delivered from a central air handler to each fan coil. Exhaust air is ducted back to the air handler for energy recovery.	
Reduced energy in service water heating system	For specific building types, ≥60% solar or waste heat recovery for water heating.	C406.7	Applies to the following building types: 1. Group R-1: Boarding houses, hotels or motels. 2. Group I-2: Hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and nursing homes. 3. Group A-2: Restaurants and banquet halls or buildings containing food preparation areas. 4. Group F: Laundries. 5. Group R-2 6. Group A-3: Health clubs and spas. 7. Buildings showing a service hot water load of 10 percent or more of total building energy loads.	
Enhanced envelope performance	Total envelope UA 15% less than minimum requirement	C406.8		
Reduced air infiltration	Tested to show leakage less than 0.25 cfm/ft ² at 0.3 in. w.c.	C406.9		

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONS



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ADDITIONS				
General	Requirements for new construction apply to additions. Unaltered portions of the existing building are not required to comply.	C502.1	There are two general compliance options: 1. The addition alone 2. The addition + existing building as one building	
Windows – maximum area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total building window area including addition \leq 30% of gross wall area Or, window area in addition alone \leq 30% of gross added wall area (\leq 40% when meeting daylighting requirements) 	C502.2.1	If the project cannot comply with the prescriptive limit on window area, then it must comply with either Section C402.1.5 Component Performance Alternative or Section C407 Total Building Performance.	
Window – U-factor and SHGC	Same as new construction. See envelope checklist	C502.2.1	Requirements do not apply when glass is replaced in an existing sash (C504.2).	
Skylights – maximum area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total building skylight area including addition \leq 3% of gross roof area Or, skylight area in addition alone \leq 3% of gross roof area (\leq 5% when meeting daylighting requirements) 	C502.2.2	If the project cannot comply with the prescriptive limit on skylight area, then it must comply with either Section C402.1.5 Component Performance Alternative or Section C407 Total Building Performance.	
Skylight – U-factor and SHGC	Same as new construction. See envelope checklist	C502.2.2		
Mechanical systems	Requirements for new systems and equipment serving additions are the same as for new construction. See the mechanical checklist.	C502.2.3	Unaltered portions are not required to comply.	

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Service water heating	Requirements for new equipment, controls and piping serving additions are the same as for new construction. See the service water heating section of this checklist.	C502.2.4	Unaltered portions are not required to comply.	
Pools and spas	Requirements for new pools and in-ground spas are the same as for new construction. See the service water heating section of this checklist.	C502.2.5		
Interior lighting	Requirements for lighting systems in additions are the same as for new construction. See the lighting section of this checklist. Interior lighting power options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addition alone complies ▪ Addition + existing building complies 	C502.2.6.1	Requirements do not apply when bulbs and/or ballasts are replaced within existing luminaires (C504.2)	
Exterior lighting	Requirements for exterior lighting systems for additions are the same as for new construction. See the lighting section of this checklist. Exterior lighting power options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addition alone complies ▪ Addition + existing building complies 	C502.2.6.2	Requirements do not apply when bulbs and/or ballasts are replaced within existing luminaires (C504.2)	

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERATIONS



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ALTERATIONS				
General	New-construction requirements apply to altered portions of the building. Unaltered portions are not required to comply.	C503.1		
Change in space conditioning	Full compliance is required for previously unconditioned spaces that are altered to become conditioned	C503.2	Exceptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Envelope compliance if UA is no greater than 110% of target UA per C402.1.5. Total building performance compliance if proposed design energy cost is no greater than 110% of otherwise permitted energy cost. 	
Roof - repair	No requirement	C504	"Roof repair" is reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing roof for the purpose of its maintenance.	
Roof – recover	No requirement	C503.1	"Roof recover" is the process of installing an additional roof covering over an existing roof covering without removing the existing roof covering.	
Roof - replacement	Options (Hawaii amendment) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New construction requirements Initial solar reflectance $\geq 85\%$ and aged reflectance $\geq 63\%$ At least one of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EnergyStar compliant covering Radiant barrier Attic ventilation via solar fan(s), ridge ventilation or gable vents One or more exceptions in Section C402.3 	C503.3.1*	"Roof replacement" is the process of removing the existing roof covering, repairing any damaged substrate and installing a new roof covering. Exceptions listed in section C402.3 include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Portions covered by the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photovoltaic systems or components. Solar air or water-heating systems or components. Roof gardens or landscaped roofs. Above-roof decks or walkways. Skylights. HVAC systems and components, and other opaque objects mounted above the roof. Portions shaded during summer solstice Portions ballasted with stone 17 lb/sf 	

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Wall	No requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wall cavity is not exposed New-construction requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wall cavity is exposed (exception if cavity is filled with insulation) 	C503.1	If a wall cavity is exposed during alteration, then it shall be insulated to meet the new-construction requirement. However, it is acceptable to install a lower R-value if the cavity is filled (i.e. not deep enough to meet the code requirement).	
Windows – maximum area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total building window area after added windows \leq 30% of gross wall area ▪ Or, window area in space with added windows alone \leq 30% of gross wall area (\leq 40% when meeting daylighting requirements) 	C503.3.2	If the project cannot comply with the prescriptive limit on window area when new windows are added, then it must comply with either Section C402.1.5 Component Performance Alternative or Section C407 Total Building Performance. If the existing building already exceeds the prescriptive window limit, then the alteration is exempt from the window area limit as long as window area is not increased.	
Window – U-factor and SHGC	Same as new construction. See the envelope checklist	C503.3.2 C401.2.1	Requirements do not apply when glass is replaced in an existing sash (C504.2).	
Skylights – maximum area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total building skylight area after added skylights \leq 3% of gross roof area ▪ Or, skylight area in space with added skylight(s) alone \leq 3% of gross roof area (\leq 5% when meeting daylighting requirements) 	C503.3.3	If the project cannot comply with the prescriptive limit on skylight area when new skylights are added, then it must comply with either Section C402.1.5 Component Performance Alternative or Section C407 Total Building Performance.	
Skylight – U-factor and SHGC	Same as new construction. See envelope section of this checklist.	C503.3.3		
Mechanical systems	New heating, cooling and duct systems are required to meet new construction requirements.	C503.4	For example, replacement air conditioners must meet the efficiency requirements, and new ducts must meet the insulation requirements. Unaltered portions of the system are not required to comply.	
Service water heating systems	New water heating systems are required to meet new construction requirements.	C503.5	Unaltered portions of the system are not required to comply.	

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Lighting systems	<p>New lighting systems that are part of an alteration are required to meet new construction requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exception if less than 10% of luminaires in a space are replaced and installed lighting power does not increase 		Requirements do not apply when bulbs and/or ballasts are replaced within existing luminaires (C504.2)	

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