

**Energy Code**  
Low-rise Residential Requirements

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 HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE

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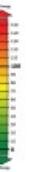
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# Energy Code

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# COURSE DESCRIPTION

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The State and Counties continue to follow the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code with amendments. The first of two webinars covers low-rise residential requirements including townhomes and three-story multifamily buildings.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify applicable requirements in the 2018 IECC
2. Determine applicability and requirements for the Tropical-Zone energy code compliance option
3. Determine compliance with the prescriptive requirements for envelope and systems
4. Use energy code checklists to review designs for compliance

# Introductions

## Presenters

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# Topics

Hawaii Energy Programs

Introduction & Scope

Compliance

Tropical Zone Option

Prescriptive Option

- Envelope
- Systems
- Electrical & Lighting

EV and Solar Readiness

Performance Compliance Options

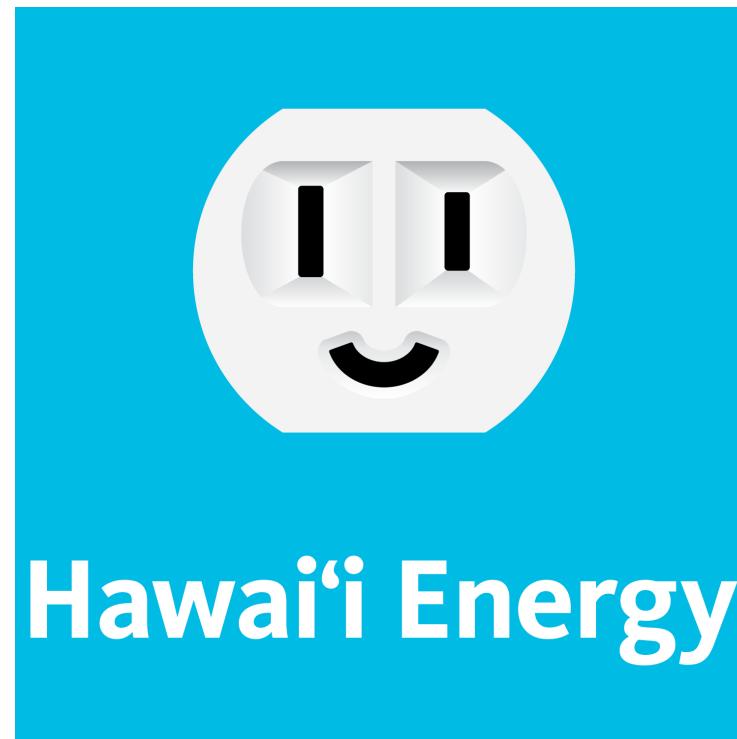
Large Homes

Existing Building Compliance

- Additions
- Alterations

Q&A

# Hawaii Energy Incentives





# THE FUTURE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION IN HAWAII'

1.57 Billion kilowatt hours and \$462 Million in First Year Savings



# Hawaii Energy Incentives for Residential New Construction Projects

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# Who Can Apply?

## New Construction

Brand new residential single-family residential, commercial buildings and multifamily residences qualify for energy efficiency incentives.

## Major Renovations

Substantial updates to existing commercial or multifamily buildings can earn rebates.

## Occupancy Changes

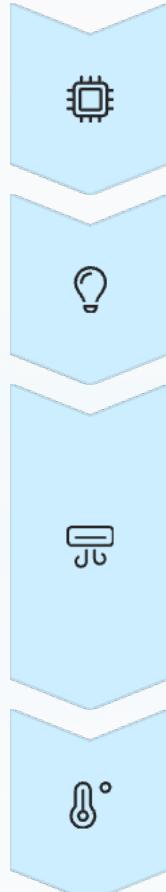
Projects involving significant changes in how a building is used may qualify.

## Building Additions

New sections added to existing structures can receive incentives when built efficiently and ADU's.



# Residential New Construction Incentives: Single Family Homes (Up to \$700)



## Base Rebate: \$250

50% of all installed appliances are ENERGY STAR rated

## 90% of all lighting is LED / High-efficiency

Public awareness campaigns encouraging sustainable practices.

## Cooling Incentive (HVAC): Up to \$400

SEER 16+ Central Air Conditioning Models = \$250

SEER 18+ VRF Mini-Split Models = \$400

OR \$50 for ENERGY STAR rated Window A/C units

## Smart Thermostat: \$50

ENERGY STAR rated thermostats receive additional incentive





## Multifamily and Commercial Projects: Energy Model Approach



### Design Phase Implementation

Begin early in project planning to maximize benefits.



### Computer Simulation

Use DOE2, EnergyPlus or similar software to model energy performance.



### Exceed Code by 10%+

Demonstrate your design surpasses baseline energy code requirements.



### Receive Dual Rebates

Get modeling cost coverage plus \$0.12 per kWh saved.



# Multifamily and Commercial Projects: Systems Approach

## Construction Phase

Perfect for projects already in building stage.

## Documentation Submission

Provide as-built plans and equipment specifications.



## System-by-System Evaluation

Each component (lighting, HVAC) assessed individually.

## Verification

Energy advisor inspects and confirms installations.

# Rebate Calculation

**\$0.12**

Per kWh Saved

Base rate for calculating all energy efficiency rebates.

**\$0.82-1.24**

Per Square Foot

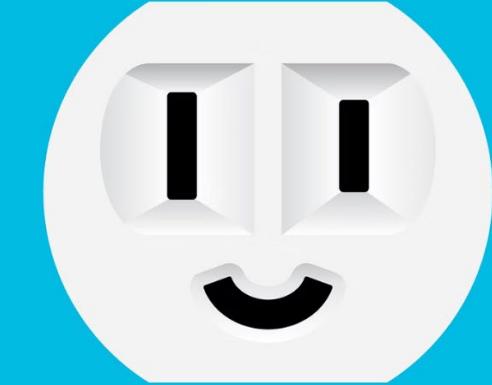
Typical rebate range for multifamily EMA projects.

**10%+**

Code Improvement

Minimum efficiency increase to qualify for incentives.

Both standard prescriptive rebates and custom calculations are available. Your energy advisor will help determine the best option.



**Hawai‘i Energy**



# Application Process

## Submit Initial Application

Complete the Hawaii Energy Commercial Incentive Application and IRS Form W-9.

## Provide Project Documentation

Submit drawings, specifications, and cost estimates appropriate for your approach.

## Complete Verification

Work with an Energy Advisor to schedule inspections and finalize paperwork.



# Regional Support



## Honolulu County

Eileen Stewart: (808) 848-8519

Justin Bizer: (808) 848-8534



## Maui County

Walter Enomoto: (808) 298-4269

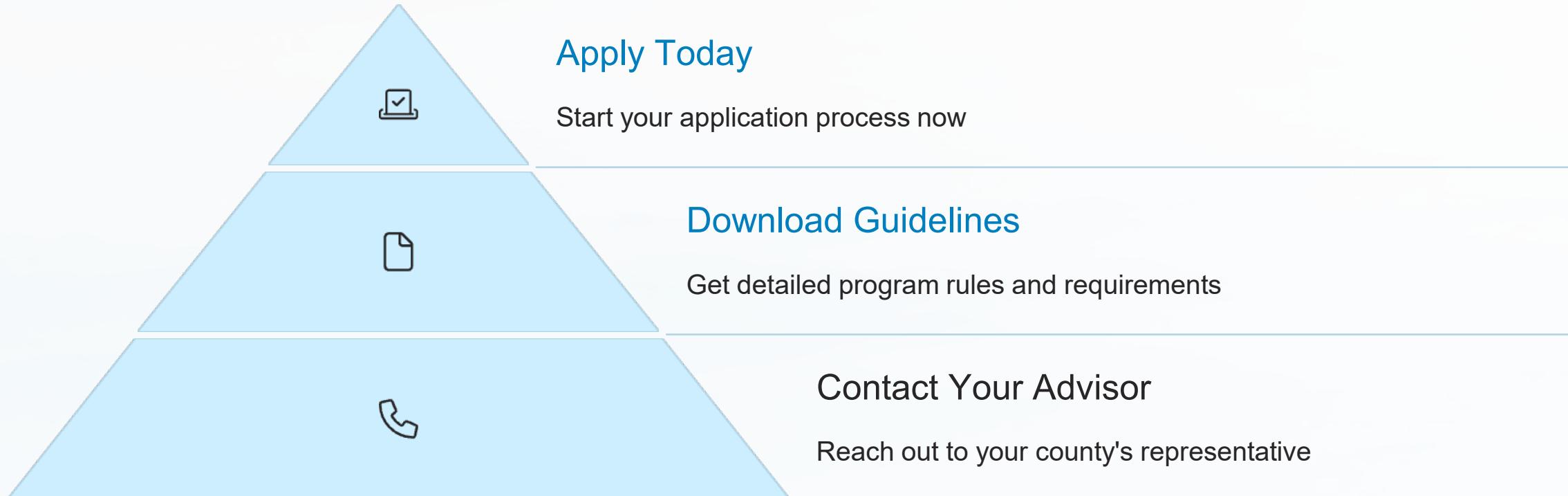


## Hawaii County

Graceson Ghen: (808) 895-6713

Local energy advisors provide personalized guidance through every step of the process.

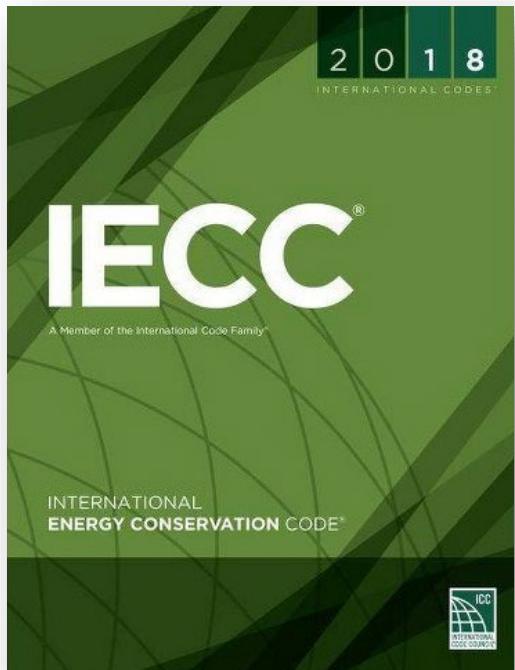
# Resources & Next Steps

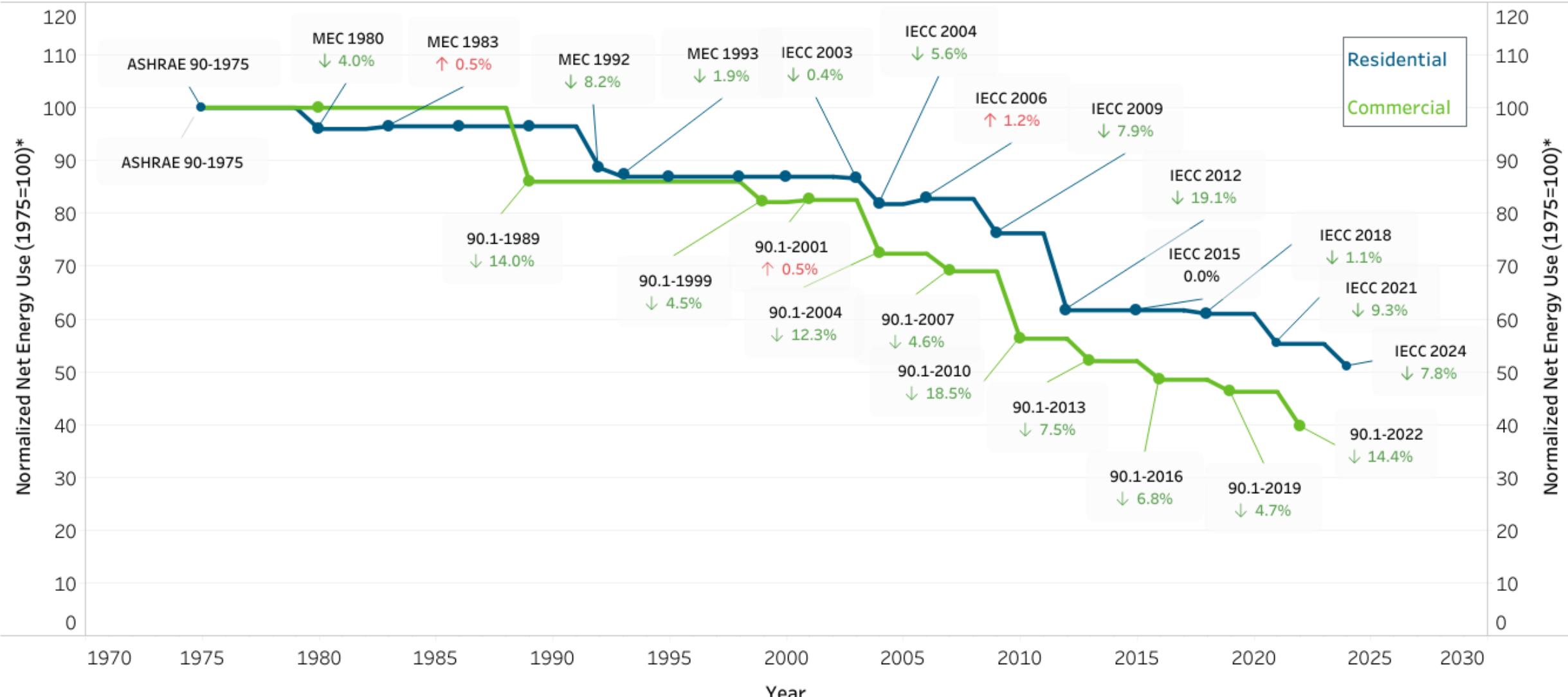


Visit [hawaiienergy.com](http://hawaiienergy.com) for all application forms and complete program details. Start saving energy and money on your next project.

# Section 1

## Introduction & Scope





\*Net energy use includes the contribution of renewable energy generation

# 2018 IECC Adoption

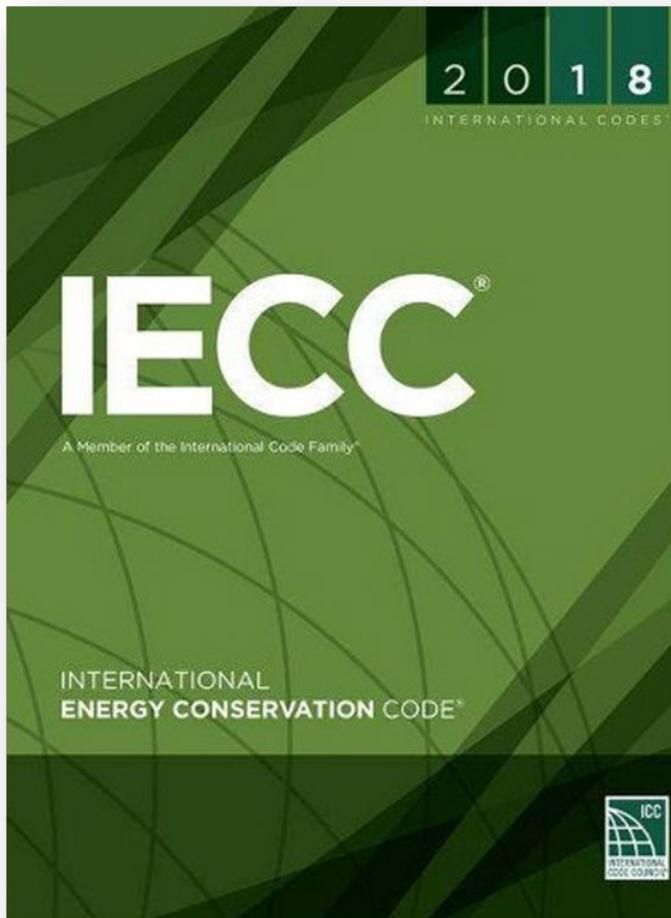
Dec. 15, 2020 – State adoption

Hawaii: (no County amendments)

Kauai: Oct. 10, 2024

Maui: Nov. 23, 2022

Honolulu: Aug. 23, 2023 adoption, Nov. 23, 2023 effective

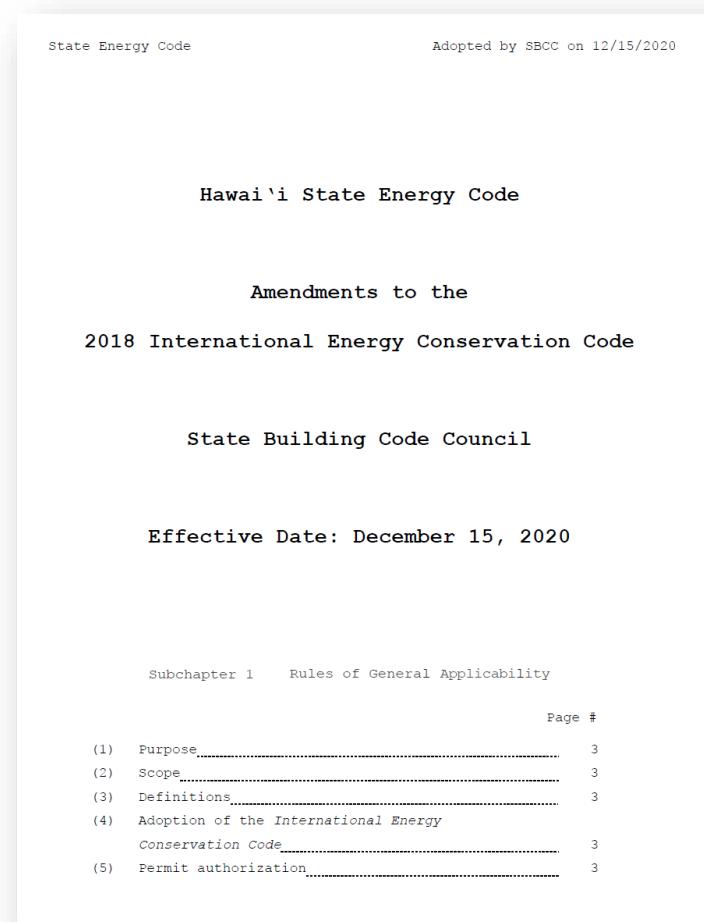


## State amendments

12 pages

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/iecc2018>

<https://energy.hawaii.gov/hawaii-building-energy-code/>



## County amendments

## Honolulu

38 pages

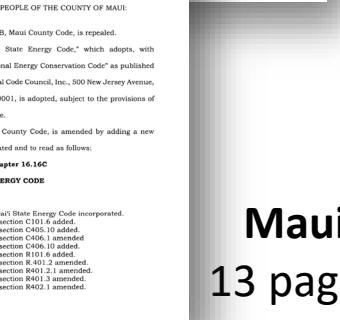
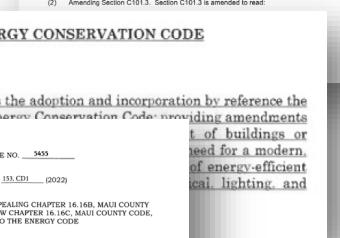
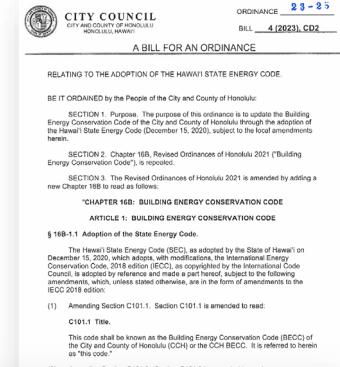
# Kauai

## 12 pages

<https://www.resilientoahu.org/energycode>

<https://www.mauicounty.gov/1308/Building-Plans-Review-Section>

<https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Public-Works/Building-Division>



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# Scope

Today's topic

## Residential

- 1- and 2-family dwellings (R-3)
- Multi-family ( $R-2 \leq 3$  stories )
- Residential care/assisted living ( $R-4 \leq 3$  stories)



Courtesy Daniel Sandomire, Armstrong Builders

## Commercial

- All other buildings
  - Including R-1 (hotels) and  $R-2 \geq 4$  stories



# Scope

## Mixed use buildings

- Commercial code for commercial portion
- Residential code for residential portion  
≤ 3 stories



<https://www.drhorton.com/hawaii/oahu/ewa-beach/kohina-at-hoopili>

# What's covered

## Envelope

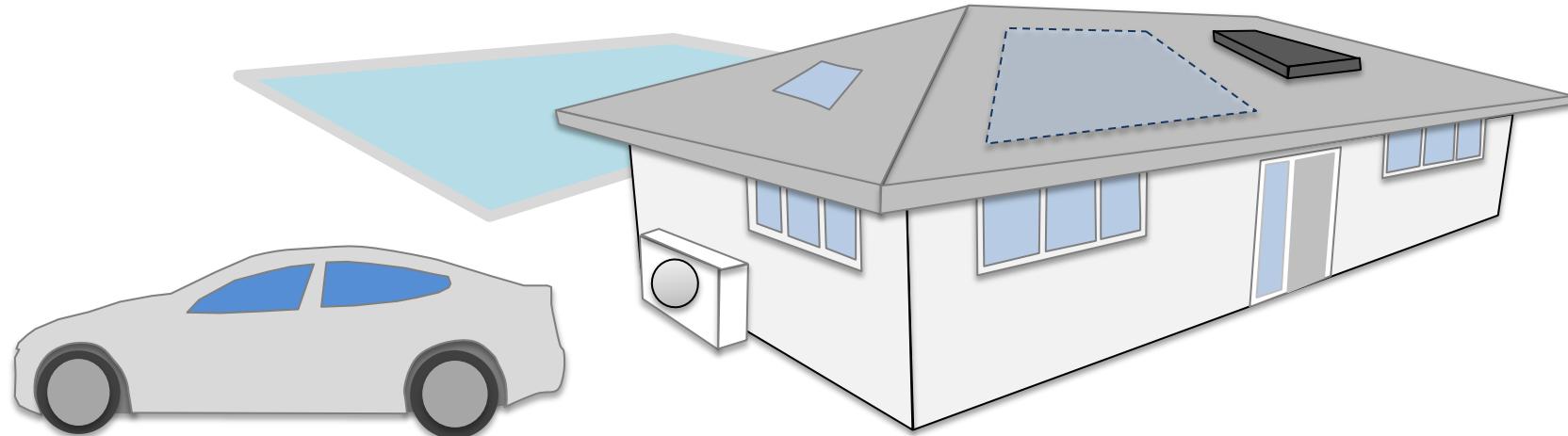
Roof  
Walls  
Windows & skylights  
Air leakage

## Systems

Air conditioning controls  
Duct insulation  
Duct leakage  
Water heating  
Swimming pool

## Electrical

Permanently installed lighting  
Ceiling fans  
Solar readiness } Honolulu  
EV readiness } Amendment  
Solar readiness } Maui  
EV readiness } Amendment



## Not covered

AC efficiency  
Water heater efficiency  
Plug-in lighting  
Appliances

# Resources

## Checklist versions

1. State amendments
2. Honolulu amendments
3. Maui amendments

Red text = change vs. State

### RESIDENTIAL CHECKLIST IECC 2018 with Honolulu Amendments



This checklist covers requirements of the Honolulu Energy Conservation Code, approved August 2023 and effective November 23, 2023. This code is an amended version of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), with Honolulu amendments applied to the State amended version (December 15, 2020).

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

Red text in this checklist indicates changes compared to the IECC with State amendments

#### SCOPE

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 Commercial Checklist for high-rise residential and commercial buildings.

#### RESIDENTIAL COMPLIANCE OPTIONS

Tropical Zone	Prescriptive	Simulated Performance Alternative	Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative	Large Single Family Homes
Allowed when: 1. ≤50% air conditioned, 2. not heated, and 3. elevation < 2,400 feet.	Include three options for walls and roof compliance: 1. Prescriptive 2. Total UA (typically with ResCheck software) 3. Points option (added by Hawaii amendment)  <small>Envelope requirements apply to unconditioned occupiable space (Honolulu amendments, R402.1)</small>	Simulated energy performance analysis for heating, cooling and water heating. Proposed design must have annual energy cost less than or equal to energy cost of reference design.	Third-party Home Energy Rating System (HERS) calculation. Allows the designer to pick and choose from many efficiency options. Scores range from 100 to 0. The 100 score indicates compliance with the 2006 IECC. Each efficiency measure beyond 2006 lowers the score. A passing score for Climate Zone 1 is 57.	Required if > 7,000 ft <sup>2</sup> and ≥2,000 ft <sup>2</sup> conditioned space  Comply with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Simulated performance alternative, or</li><li>▪ Energy rating index alternative</li></ul> Meet additional efficiency requirements
See Tropical Zone Checklist below	See Prescriptive Checklist below. See Points Option tables below.	See code Section R405	See code Section R406	See Large Single Family Home checklist below
<b>PV and EV ready</b>				
<small>Solar conduit and electrical panel readiness (R408.1) Electric vehicle readiness (R408.2)</small>				

#### CHECKLIST CONTENTS

- Tropical zone checklist
- Prescriptive checklist
- Large single family home checklist
- Additions and alterations checklist
- Points option tables

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# Resources

## Checklist example page

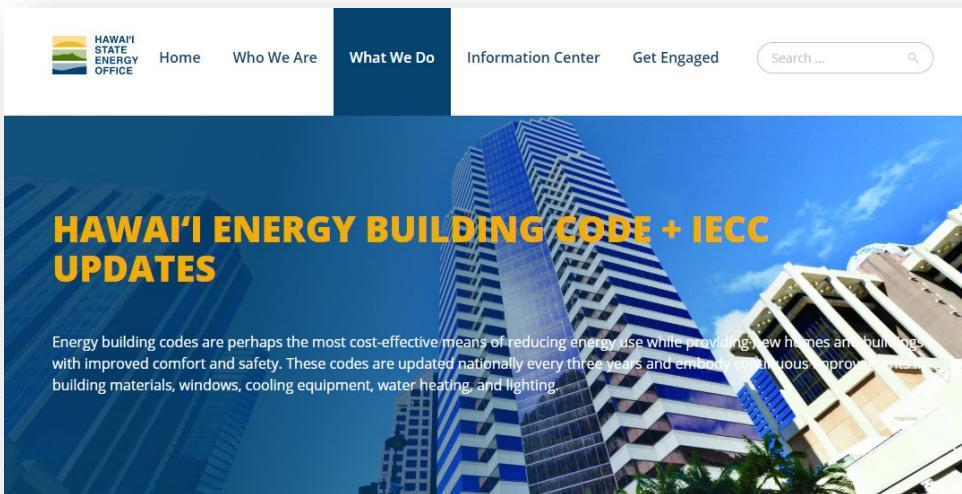
### PREScriptive REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Component/System	Requirement	Code Section	Plan Review Notes	Info on Plans
Design professional statement	Form included on plans with signature of design professional	R103.1 <sup>†</sup> R103.2 <sup>†</sup>	Section is renumbered by Honolulu amendment. Signature block included	
Certificate	Permanent certificate	R401.4 <sup>†</sup>	Position on a wall in approved location; includes insulation R-values, window SHGC, results of duct and air leakage testing (if required), efficiency of air conditioning and water heating equipment, PV system information (if applicable), Energy Rating Index score (if applicable) Section is renumbered by Honolulu amendment.	
Roof – wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> R-30, <input type="checkbox"/> U-0.035, <input type="checkbox"/> Total UA alternative, or <input type="checkbox"/> Points option	R402.1, R402.1.5, R407*	Some R-30 options: • 10 in. batt insulation • 5 to 8 in. spray foam	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Roof – metal truss	<input type="checkbox"/> R-38, <input type="checkbox"/> U-0.035, <input type="checkbox"/> R-30 + R-3, <input type="checkbox"/> R-26 + R-5, <input type="checkbox"/> Total UA alternative, or <input type="checkbox"/> Points option	R402.1, R402.2, R402.1.5, R407*	Metal frame creates a thermal bridge, and more insulation is required. "R-3" and R-5" refer to continuous insulation, typically foam board.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Roof – metal joist	<input type="checkbox"/> R-38 in 2x4, 2x6 or 2x8 framing, <input type="checkbox"/> R-49 in any framing <input type="checkbox"/> Total UA alternative, or <input type="checkbox"/> Points option	R402.1, R402.2, R402.1.5, R407*		<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Wall – wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> R-13, <input type="checkbox"/> U-0.084, <input type="checkbox"/> Total UA alternative, or <input type="checkbox"/> Points option	R402.1, R402.1.5, R407*	Some R-13 options: • 3.5 in. batt insulation • 2 to 3.5 in. spray foam	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans
Wall – metal frame	Framing 16 in. on center: <input type="checkbox"/> R-13 + R-4.2 <input type="checkbox"/> R-21 + R-2.8 Framing 24 in. on center: <input type="checkbox"/> R-13 + R-3.0 <input type="checkbox"/> R-15 + R-2.4 <input type="checkbox"/> Total UA alternative, or <input type="checkbox"/> Points option	R402.1, R402.2, R402.1.5, R402.2.6, R407*	Requires insulation in framing cavity plus a layer of continuous insulation (typically foam board). Other complying combinations of batt and board insulation are listed in Table R402.2.6 in the 2018 IECC	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans

# Resources

HSEO Website

Past training materials



<https://energy.hawaii.gov/hawaii-building-energy-code/>

## April 23 and 24, 2024 – Maui Energy Code Updates

This code update moves Maui from the 2015 to the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, with updated County amendments. Join these sessions to learn how these changes will affect your projects.

### Low-rise residential requirements

- [Slide Deck: Residential 2018 IECC with Maui Amendments](#)
- [Checklist: Residential 2018 IECC with Maui Amendments](#)
- [Video Recording: April 23rd Residential Training](#)

### Commercial and high-rise residential requirements

- [Slide Deck: Commercial 2018 IECC with Maui Amendments](#)
- [Checklist: Commercial 2018 IECC with Maui Amendments](#)
- [Video Recording: April 24th Commercial Training](#)

This workshop is approved by AIA for 1.5 LU (HSW).

## December 5 and 6, 2023 – Honolulu Energy Code Updates

This code update moves Honolulu from the 2015 to the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, with updated County amendments. Join these sessions to learn how these changes will affect your projects.

### Low-rise residential requirements

- [Presentation: Honolulu Energy Code Low-rise Residential Requirements](#)
- [Checklist: Residential 2018 IECC with Honolulu Amendments](#)
- [Video Recording: December 5th Residential Training](#)

### Commercial and high-rise residential requirements

- [Presentation: Honolulu Energy Code Commercial and High-rise Residential Requirements](#)
- [Checklist: Commercial 2018 IECC with Honolulu Amendments](#)
- [Video Recording: December 6th Commercial Training](#)

# Section 2

## Compliance

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021 CHAPTER 16B	
To the best of my knowledge, this project's design substantially conforms to the Building Energy Conservation Code for:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Component Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Component Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Component Systems	
Signature: _____	Date: _____
Name: _____	
Title: _____	
License No.: _____	

COUNTY OF KAUAI CHAPTER 12, KAUAI COUNTY BUILDING CODE KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED															
ARTICLE 6 – ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE															
To the best of my knowledge, this project's design substantially conforms to the <b>Residential Provisions</b> of: Section 12-6.3 Adoption of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Section 12-6.4 Local Amendments to the IECC															
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COUNTY OF MAUI MAUI COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 16.16C ENERGY CODE RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS	
<b>COMPLIANCE METHOD</b> Check applicable method	
<input type="checkbox"/> R401.2(1) R401.3 through R404 (Prescriptive) <input type="checkbox"/> R401.2(2) R405, R401 through R404 labeled Mandatory (Simulated Performance Alternative) <input type="checkbox"/> R401.2(3) R406 (Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative) <input type="checkbox"/> R401.2(4) R401.2.1 (Tropical Zone) <input type="checkbox"/> R102.1 (Alternative)	
To the best of my knowledge, this project's design substantially conforms to the Energy Code.	
Signature: _____ Date: _____ Name: _____ Title: _____ License No.: _____	

# Compliance options – low-rise residential

## 1. Tropical Zone

- ≤50% air conditioned
- not heated
- elevation < 2,500 feet (5,000 feet)

Maui  
Amendment

State  
Amendment



## 2. Prescriptive

- Envelope (+ Points Option)
- Systems
- Electrical power and lighting systems

Climate Zone	Fenestration U-Factor	Skylight U-Factor	Glazed Fenestration SHGC	Ceiling R-Value	Wood Frame Wall R-Value	Mass Wall R-Value	Floor R-Value	Basement R-Value	Slab R-Value	Crawl Space Wall R-Value
1	NR	0.75	0.25	30	13	3/4	NA <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0

## 3. Simulated performance alternative

- Proposed design energy cost ≤ standard reference design

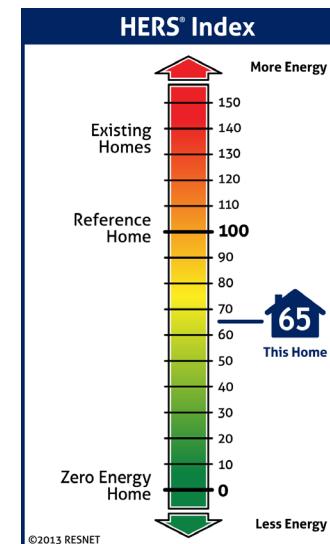
## 4. Energy rating index (ERI)

- ERI ≤ 57

## 5. Large homes

- Honolulu: >7,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Maui: 1 & 2-family homes ≥5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> conditioned floor area

Honolulu & Maui  
Amendments



# Design professional certification (R103.2)

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021  
CHAPTER 16B

Honolulu  
Amendment

To the best of my knowledge, this project's design substantially conforms to the Building Energy Conservation Code for:

- Building Component Systems
- Electrical Component Systems
- Mechanical Component Systems

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

License No.: \_\_\_\_\_

# Design professional certification (R103.1)

COUNTY OF KAUAI  
CHAPTER 12, KAUAI COUNTY BUILDING CODE  
KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 6 – ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

To the best of my knowledge, this project's design substantially conforms to the **Residential Provisions** of:

Section 12-6.3 Adoption of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)  
Section 12-6.4 Local Amendments to the IECC

**COMPLIANCE METHOD**

Tropical Zone, R401.2.1  
 Prescriptive, R402  
    Roof and Wall  
         Insulation R-value, Table R401.1.2  
         Construction U-factor, Table R402.1.4  
         Total UA, R402.1.5  
         Points Option, R407  
 Simulated Performance Alternative, R405  
 Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative, R406

**INFORMATION IN CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

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Roof membrane solar reflectance and thermal emittance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**NOTES**

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

NAME:

TITLE:

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# Design professional certification

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Sample energy code  
certification block

COUNTY OF MAUI MAUI COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 16.16C ENERGY CODE RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS	
<b>COMPLIANCE METHOD</b> Check applicable method	
<input type="checkbox"/>	R401.2(1) R401.3 through R404 (Prescriptive)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	R401.2(4) R401.2.1 (Tropical Zone)
<input type="checkbox"/>	R102.1 (Alternative)
To the best of my knowledge, this project's design substantially conforms to the Energy Code.	
Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Name: _____	
Title: _____	
License No.: _____	

<https://www.maicounty.gov/1308/Building-Plans-Review-Section>

# Certificate (R401.3)

- Permanent certificate
- Completed by the builder or registered design professional
- Utility room or approved location
- Includes
  - R-values of insulation
  - U-factors and SHGC of fenestration
  - Air leakage test results (if applicable)
  - Equipment efficiencies

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## EXAMPLE

Energy Efficiency Certificate			
Insulation Rating		R-Value	
Ceiling /Roof		R-	R-
Walls	Frame	R-	Mass
	Basement	R-	Crawl space
Floors	Over unconditioned space	R-	Slab edge
	Attic	R-	Other
Air Leakage Test Results			
Blower door	ACH/50 Pa.	Duct testing	Cfm/100 ft <sup>2</sup>
Fenestration Rating		NFRC U-Factor	
Window	U-		
	U-		
	U-		
Opaque door	U-		
	U-		
Skylight	U-		
	U-		
Equipment Performance		Type	Efficiency
Heating system			AFUE
Cooling system			SEER
Water heater			EF
Indicate if the following have been installed (an efficiency shall not be listed)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	electric furnace	<input type="checkbox"/>	gas-fire unvented room heater
<input type="checkbox"/>	baseboard electric heater		
Designer/builder			
Code edition		Date	

Source: ICC, <https://shop.iccsafe.org/>

# Section 3

## Tropical Zone Compliance Path



# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Can use this path if

- ≤50% air conditioned,
- not heated, and
- elevation < 2,400 feet (**5,000** feet)

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# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

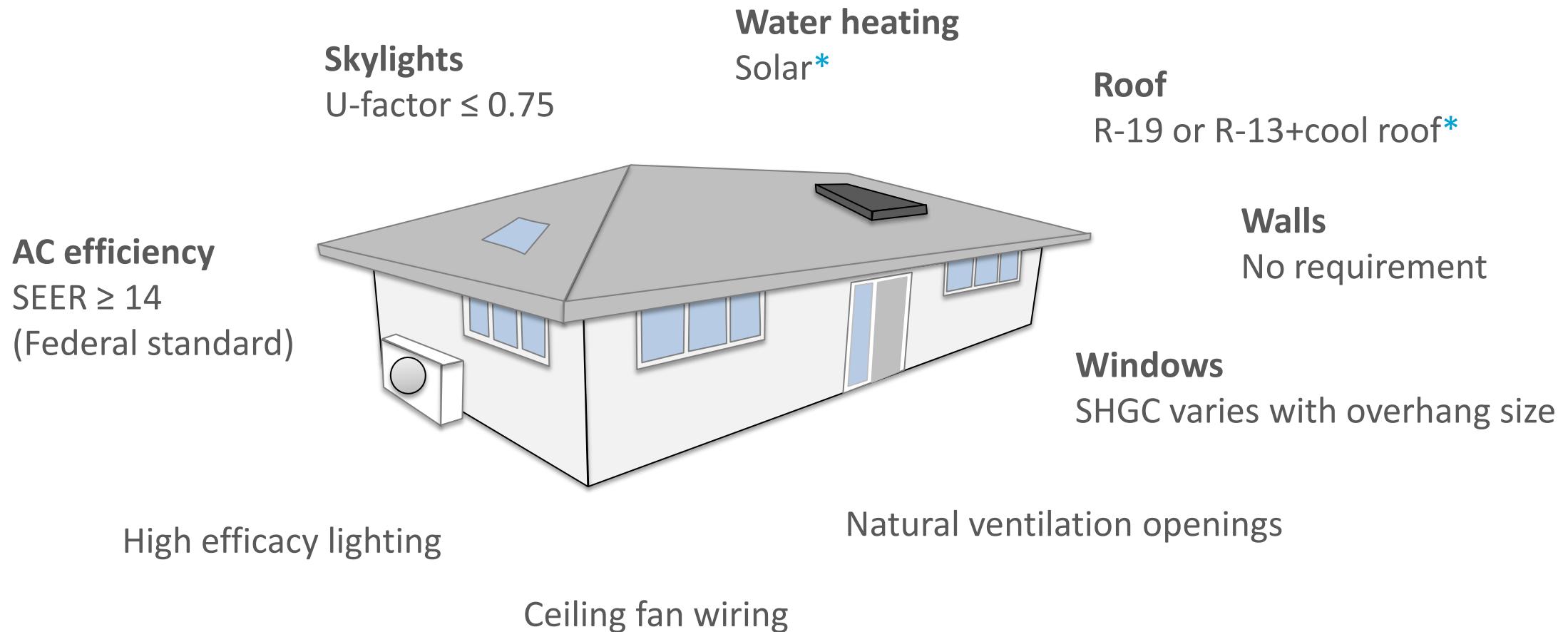
## Motivations behind the Tropical Zone Option

- Efficiency
  - Little or no AC
  - Solar water heating
  - High efficacy lighting
- Comfort (keep the sun out, let the breeze in)
  - Window & roof heat gain
  - Natural ventilation openings
  - Ceiling fans



Lower indoor air temperature  
Lower ceiling temperature  
Increased air movement

# Tropical Zone - Snapshot



\* Some exceptions

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

## State amended version

**R401.2.1 Tropical zone.** Residential buildings in the tropical zone at elevations below 2,400 feet (731.5 m) above sea level shall be deemed to comply with this chapter where the following conditions are met:

1. Not more than one-half of the dwelling unit is air conditioned
2. The dwelling unit is not heated.
3. Solar, wind or other renewable energy source supplies not less than 90 percent of the energy for service water heating.
4. Glazing in dwelling units shall have a maximum solar heat gain coefficient as specified in Table R402.1.2.

### Window SHGC Requirements

Projection Factor of overhang from base of average window sill	SHGC
< .30	.25
.30 - .50	.40
≥.50	N/A

Exception: North-facing windows with pf > .20 are exempt from the SHGC requirement. Overhangs shall extend 2 feet on each side of window or to nearest wall, whichever is less.

5. Skylights in dwelling units shall have a maximum U-factor as specified in Table R402.1.4.
6. Permanently installed lighting is in accordance with Section R404.
7. The roof/ceiling complies with one of the following options:
  - a. Comply with one of the roof surface options in Table C402.3 and install R-13 insulation or greater.
  - b. Install R-19 insulation or greater.
8. Roof surfaces have a minimum slope of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch per foot of run. The finished roof does not have water accumulation areas.
9. Operable fenestration provides ventilation area equal to not less than 14 percent of the floor area in each room. Alternatively, equivalent ventilation is provided by a ventilation fan.
10. Bedrooms with exterior walls facing two different direction have operable fenestration or exterior walls facing two different directions.
11. Interior doors to bedrooms are capable of being secured in the open position.
12. A ceiling fan or ceiling fan rough-in is provided for bedrooms and the largest space that is not used as bedroom.
13. Walls, floors and ceilings separating air conditioned spaces from non-air conditioned spaces shall be constructed to limit air leakage in accordance with the requirements in Table R402.4.1.1.

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

## Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

Skylights

Natural ventilation

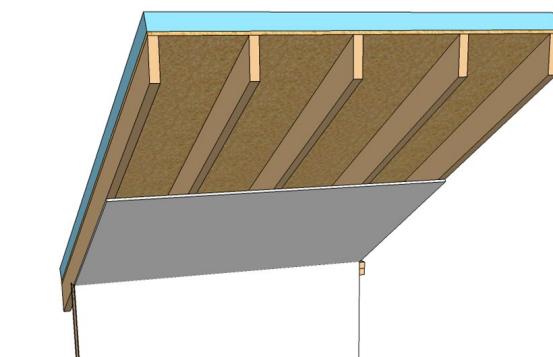
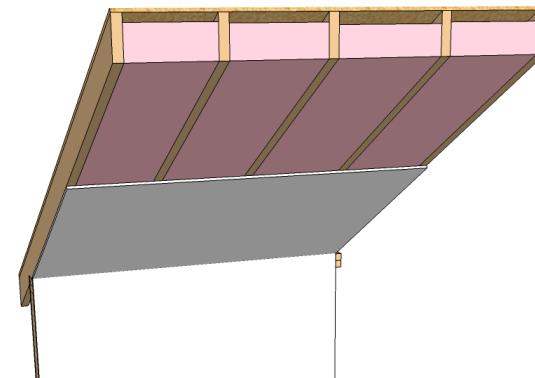
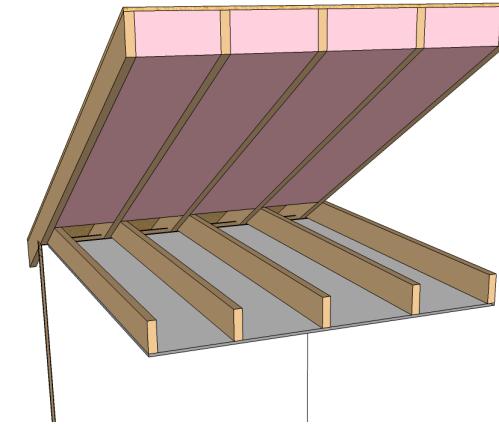
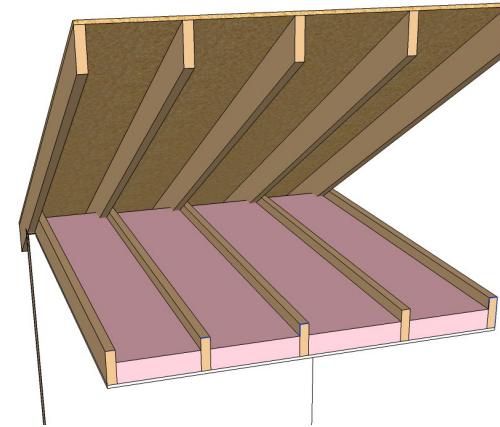
Ceiling fans

Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

1. R-19 insulation
2. Cool roof + R-13 insulation



# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

## Roof insulation

Wall

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Natural ventilation

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Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

1. R-19 insulation
2. Cool roof + R-13 insulation

## Typical insulation thickness required

Insulation type	R-13	R-19
Batt or blown-in	3.5"	6"
Open-cell spray foam	3-4"	5-6"
Closed-cell spray foam	2-3"	3-4"
Polystyrene board	2.75"	4"
Polyisocyanurate board	2"	3"

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

## Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

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2. Cool roof + R-13 insulation



## Cool roof definitions (C402.3)

1. Solar reflectance  $\geq 0.55$  & thermal emittance  $\geq 0.75$
2. Solar reflectance index  $\geq 0.64$
3. Shaded (see C402.3)



Architect: Daniel Sandomire, Armstrong Builders

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

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Wall

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Natural ventilation

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Solar water heating

Lighting

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## Roof insulation

- Wall
- Windows
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## Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

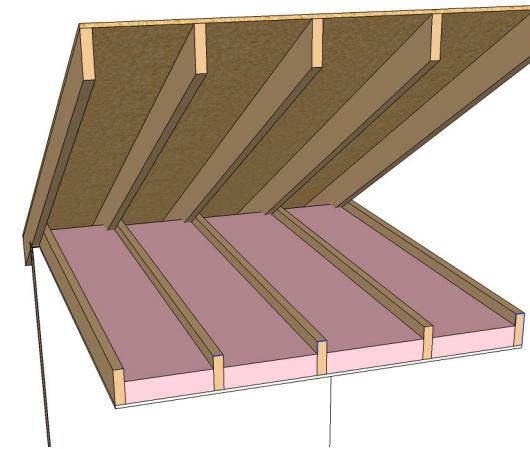
Solar water heating

Lighting

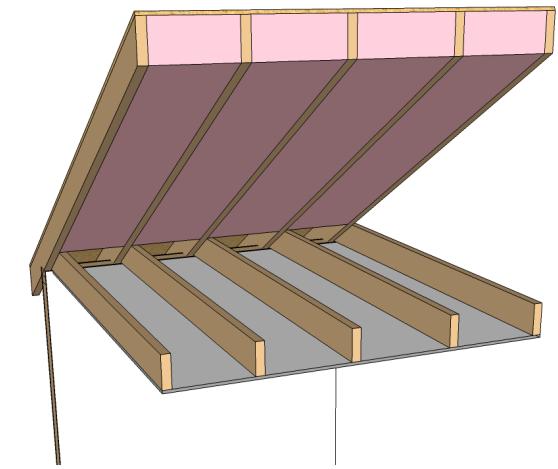
Envelope air sealing

If there is an attic

- Vented if attic above insulation
- Unvented if attic below insulation



Attic must be vented



Attic must be unvented

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

**Wall**

Windows

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

No requirements!

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

**Windows**

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

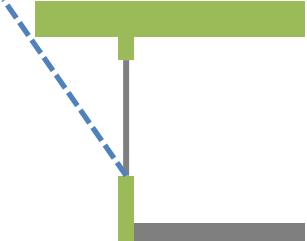
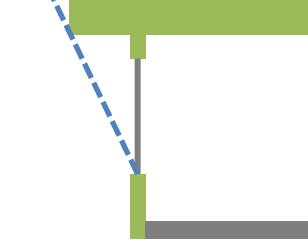
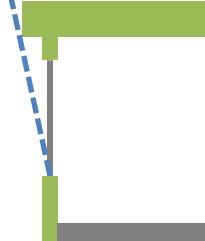
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Lighting

Envelope air sealing

Maximum solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC)



No requirement	0.40	0.25
Large overhang	Medium overhang	Small overhang
		
$\geq 0.5$	$0.30 \leq PF < 0.50$	$< 0.30$

Overhang  
Projection Factor

North windows: no requirement if PF > 0.20

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

**Windows**

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

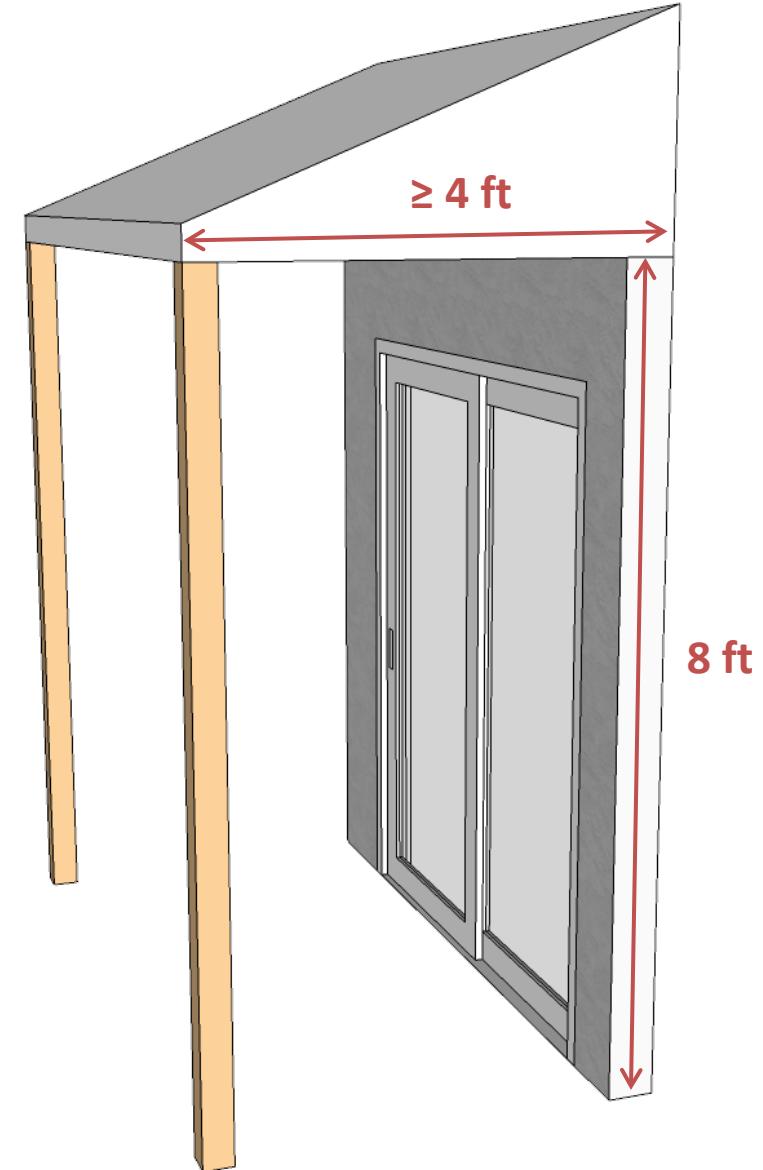
Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

Overhang size that  
allows clear glass to  
comply?

$PF \geq 0.5$



# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

**Windows**

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

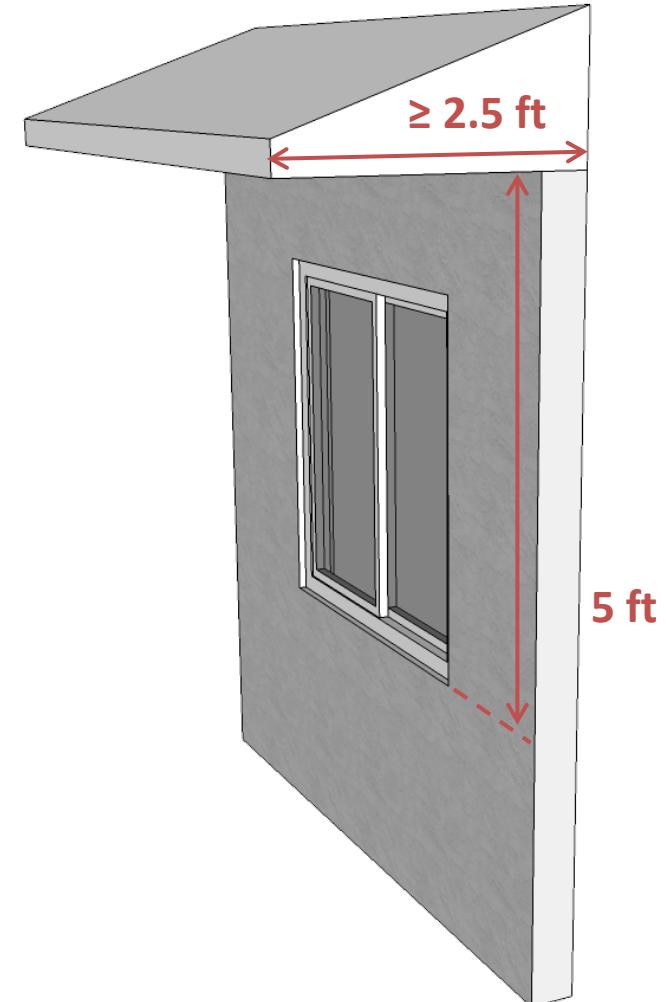
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Roof insulation

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## Windows

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

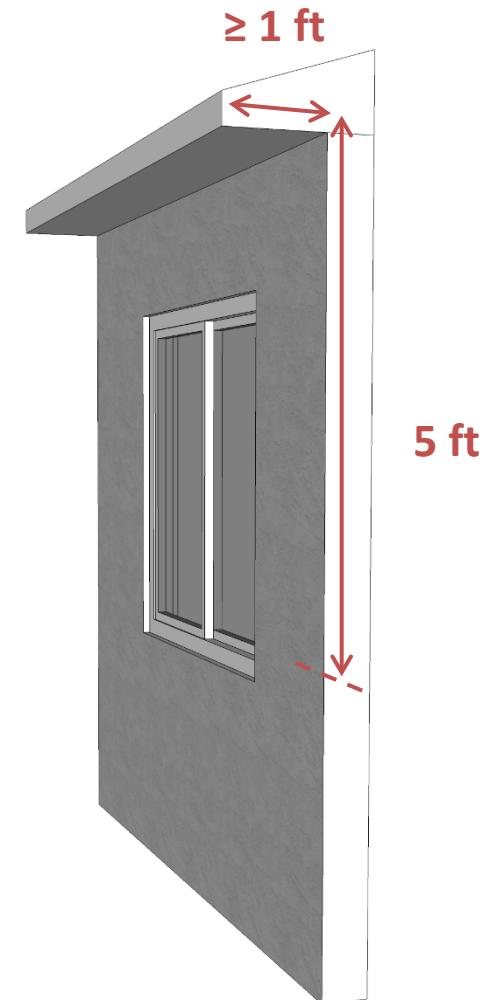
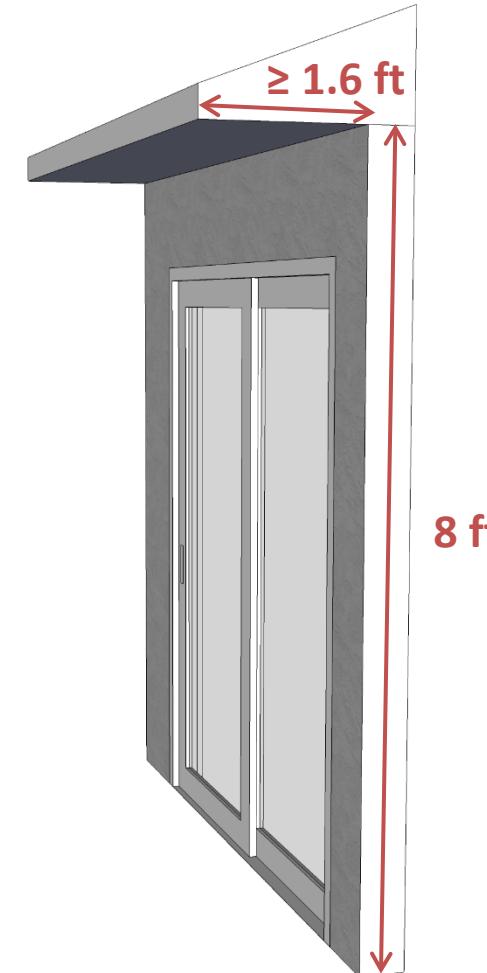
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Overhang size that  
allows clear glass to  
comply?

North-facing windows  
 $PF \geq 0.2$



# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

**Skylights**

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

U-factor  $\leq 0.75$

Requires double-pane skylights



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# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

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Windows

Skylights

## Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

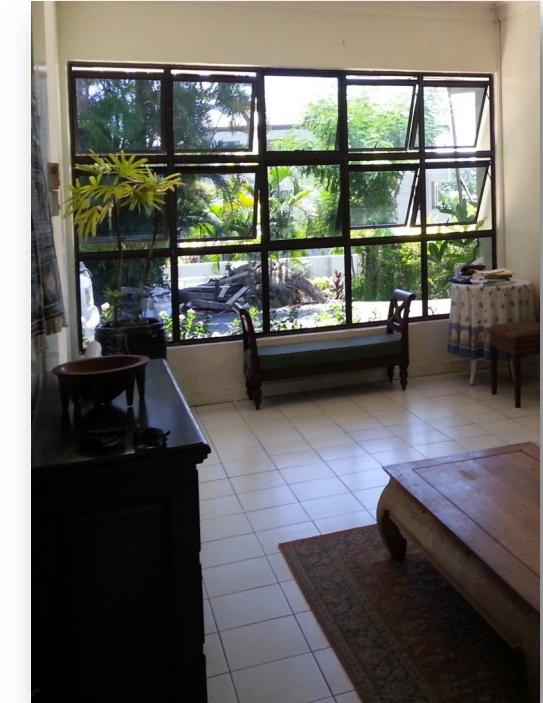
### Operable windows

- Ventilation area  $\geq$  14% of floor area in each room
- Or equivalent fan

Bedroom interior doors can be secured open

Bedroom windows two different directions

- If there are two exterior walls



# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

Skylights

## Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

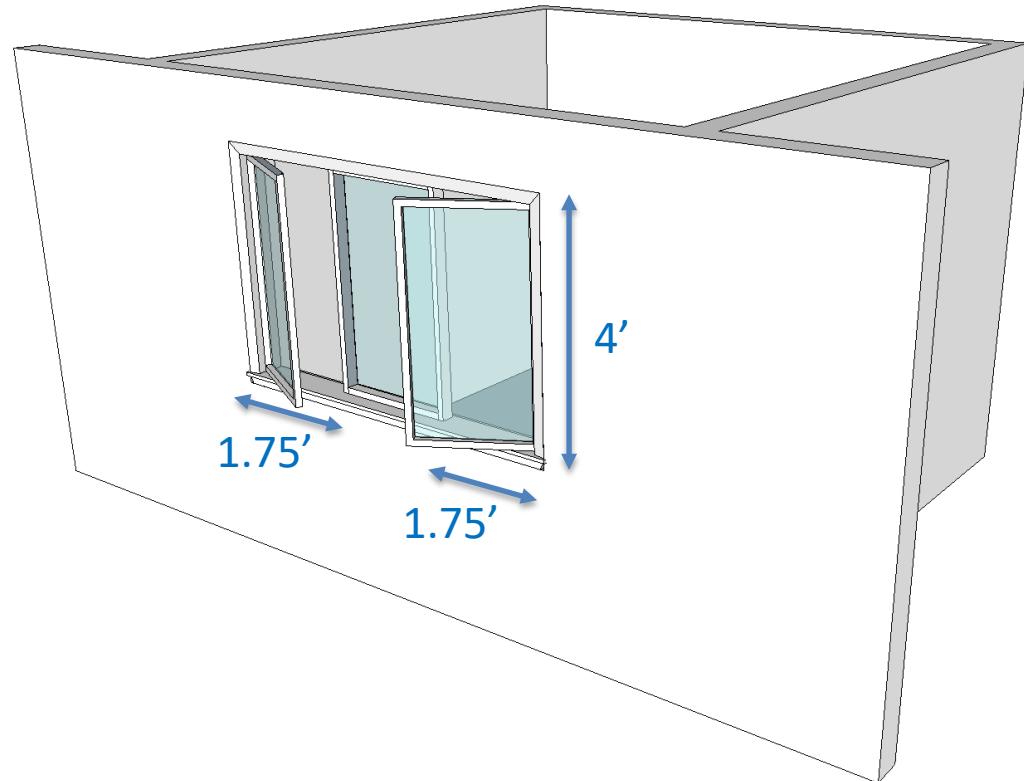
Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

Ventilation area  $\geq$  14% of floor area

Example: 10'x10' bedroom needs 14 ft<sup>2</sup> vent area



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Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

Skylights

## Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

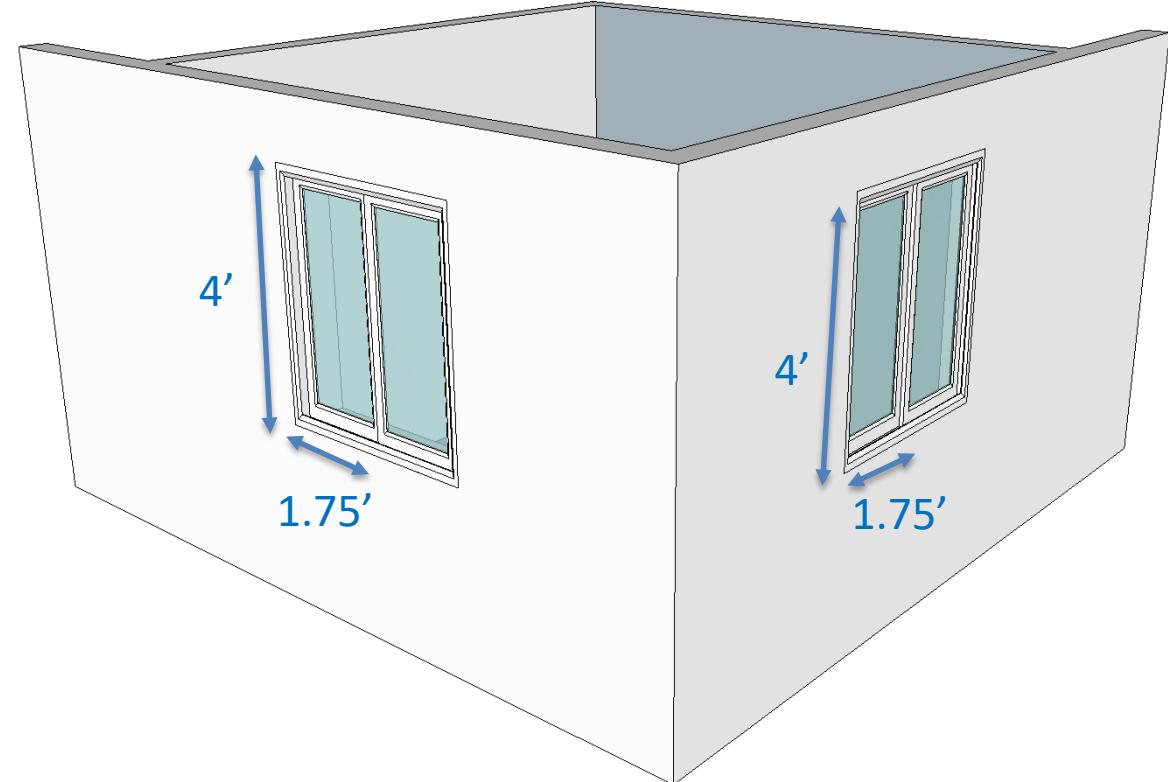
Solar water heating

Lighting

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Ceiling fans

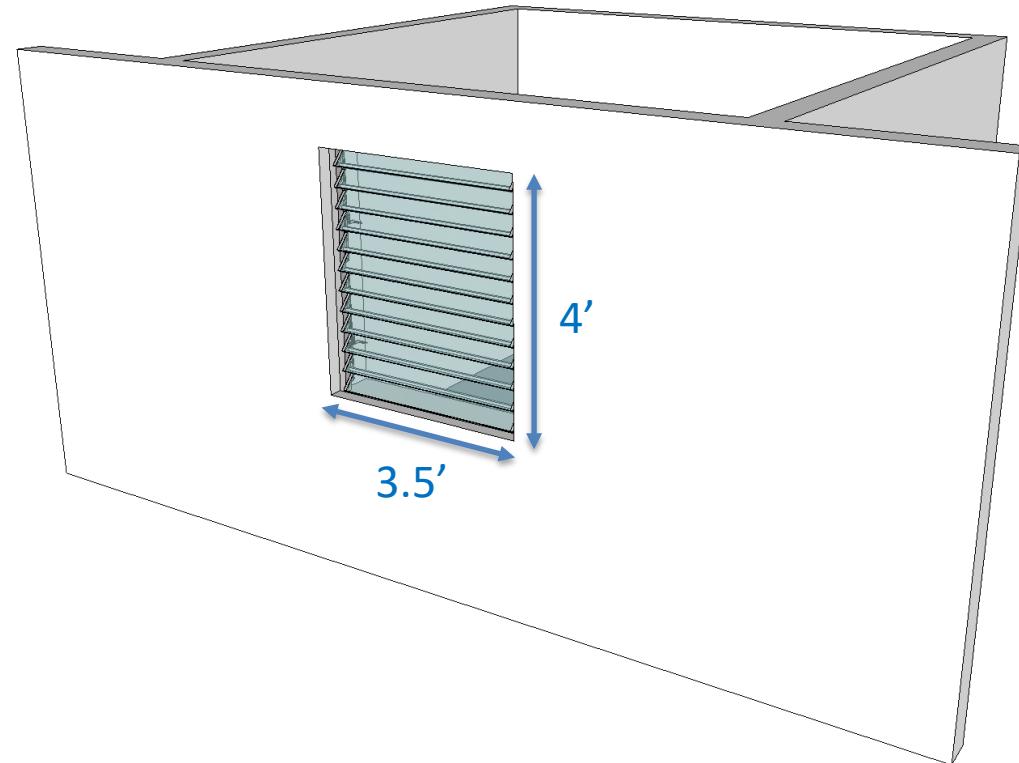
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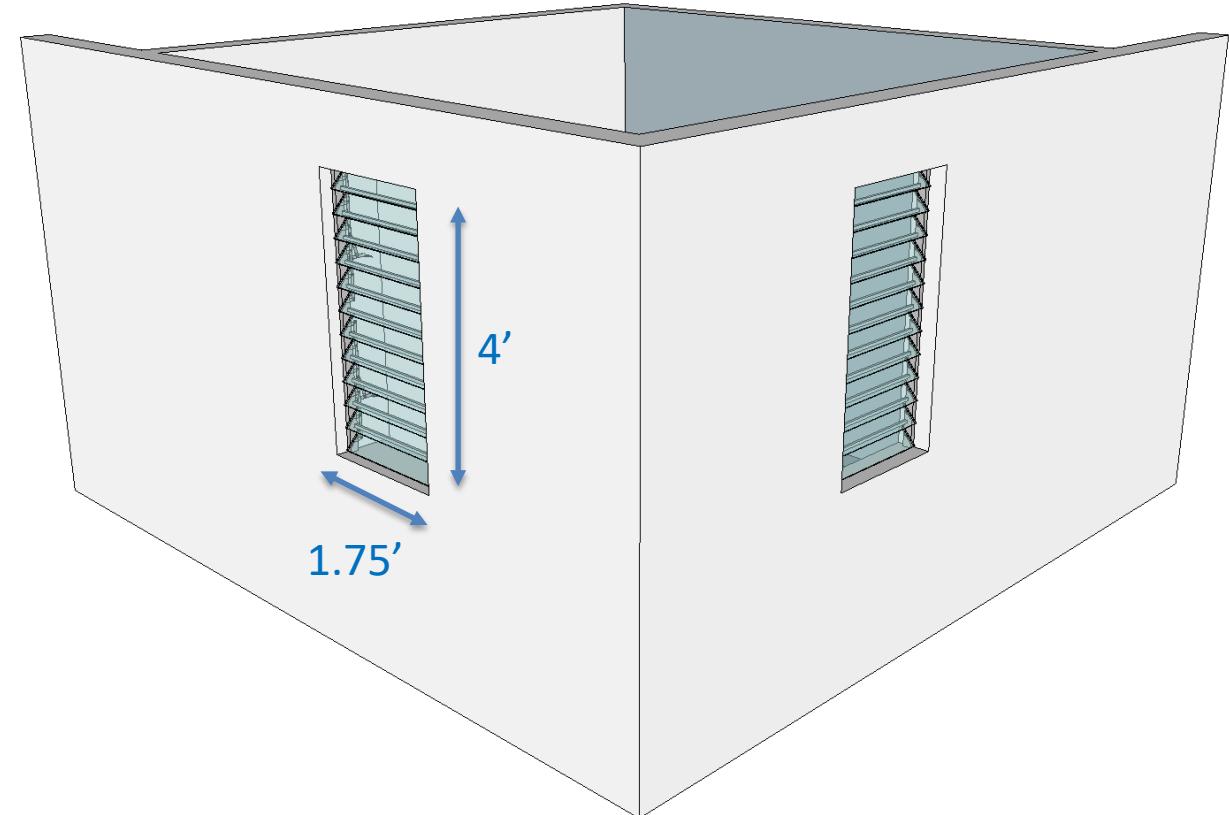
Solar water heating

Lighting

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# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

Skylights

Natural ventilation

**Ceiling fans**

Solar water heating

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

Ceiling fans or rough-ins

- Bedrooms + largest space



# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

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Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

**Solar water heating**

Lighting

Envelope air sealing

Solar, wind or other renewable > 90%



# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

Windows

Skylights

Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

Solar water heating

**Lighting**

Envelope air sealing

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High efficacy  $\geq$  90% of permanently installed lamps

Lamp Wattage	Efficacy (lumens/watt)
> 40 watts	60
15-40 watts	50
< 15 watts	40

**HIGH-EFFICACY LIGHTING** means an efficacy of not less than 70 lumens per watt for lamps and 55 lumens per watt for fixtures.



Source: DOE/NREL PIX20307

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

Roof insulation

Wall

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Natural ventilation

Ceiling fans

Solar water heating

Lighting

**Envelope air sealing**

Walls, floor and ceilings that separate AC spaces and non-AC spaces use air-tight construction

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

## TROPICAL ZONE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Component/System	Requirement	Code Section	Plan Review Notes	Info on Plans
<b>Tropical zone qualification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>≤ 50% of the dwelling unit has AC</li><li>No heating installed</li><li>Elevation &lt; 2,400 ft</li></ul>	R401.2.1*	Dwellings that do not meet all these criteria must use another compliance option.	<input type="checkbox"/> AC space clearly indicated (if applicable)
<b>Water heating - solar</b>	Solar, wind or other renewable source supplies ≥ 90% of energy for water heating	R401.2.1*	Waiver for instant-on water heater permitted. See also: <a href="https://energy.hawaii.gov/resources/solar-water-heater-variance">https://energy.hawaii.gov/resources/solar-water-heater-variance</a> and <a href="https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol03_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0196/HRS_0196-0006_0005.htm">https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol03_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0196/HRS_0196-0006_0005.htm</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water heating system specs on plans
<b>Windows – solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC)</b>	<p>≤ <b>0.25</b> if projection factor &lt; 0.30 ≤ <b>0.40</b> if projection factor 0.30-0.50 N/A: projection factor ≥ 0.5. N/A: north windows if PF &gt; 0.20 Jalousie windows exempt.</p>	R401.2.1*	<p>SHGC = solar heat gain factor.</p> <p>Low SHGC typically requires dual-pane glazing with a low-emittance coating that is designed to reduce solar heat gain.</p> <p>Projection factor = horizontal projection of overhang ÷ vertical distance from overhang to bottom of window.</p> <p>Overhang must extend at least 2 ft on each side of the window or to the nearest wall, whichever is less.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> SHGC indicated on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Overhang dimensions on plans, if applicable
<b>Skylights – U-factor</b>	≤ <b>0.75</b>	R401.2.1*	Skylights must have dual-pane glazing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Skylight U-factor on plans
<b>Lighting</b>	≥ 90% of lamps or fixtures are high efficacy	R404.1	<p>High efficacy lamps are defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>T-8 or smaller diameter fluorescent</li><li>Compact fluorescent</li><li>60 lumens/watt if &gt;40W</li><li>50 lumens/watt if &gt;15W and ≤40W</li><li>40 lumens/watt if ≤15W</li></ul> <p>Most, but not all, LED lamps will qualify. 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

# Tropical Zone Option (R401.2.1)

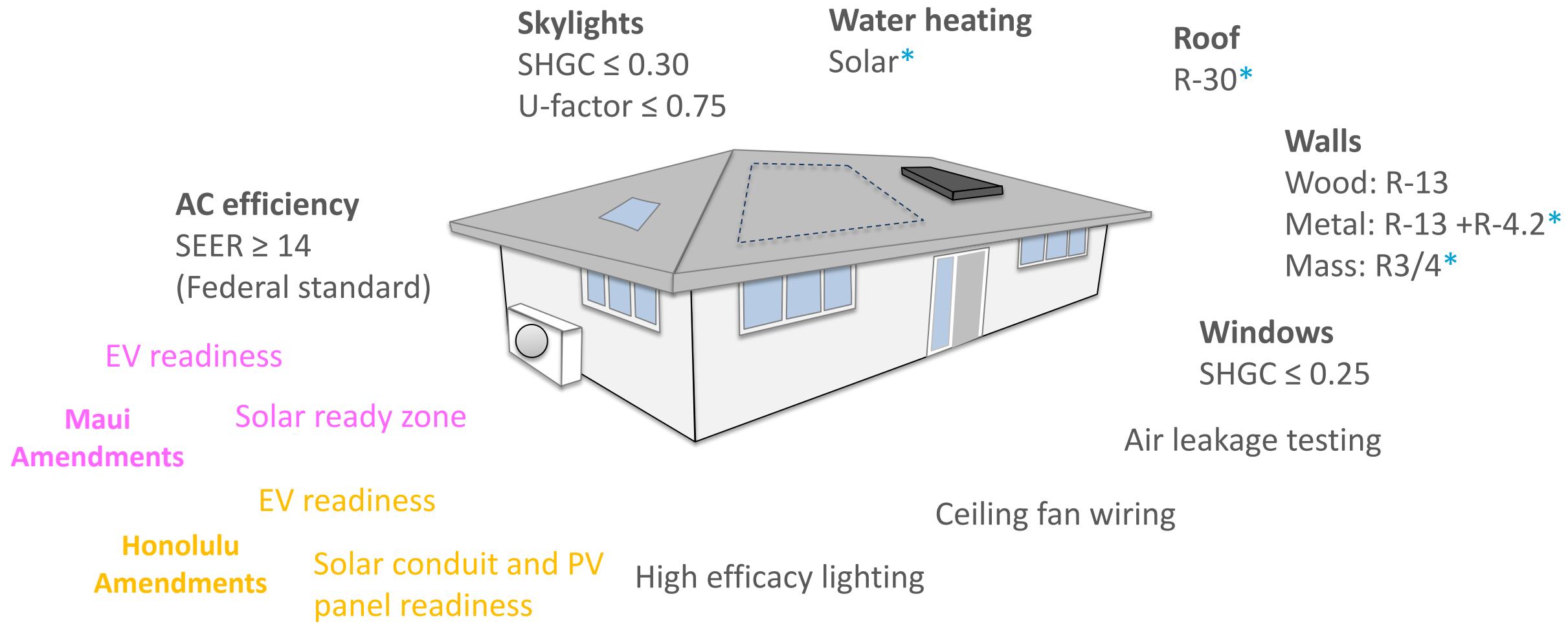
Component/System	Requirement	Code Section	Plan Review Notes	Info on Plans
<b>Roof</b> – insulation and membrane	<input type="checkbox"/> R-13 + cool roof, <input type="checkbox"/> R-19, or <input type="checkbox"/> Points option (section R407)	R401.2.1*	Qualifying cool roof membranes must meet one of the following (per Table C402.3): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aged reflectance <math>\geq 0.55</math> &amp; aged thermal emittance <math>\geq 0.75</math></li> <li>2. Aged solar reflectance index (SRI) <math>\geq 0.64</math></li> </ol> Qualifying cool roofs will typically be white in color. Typical options include white painted metal, white tile, white liquid applied coating, and white single-ply membranes.  If present, attics above insulation must be vented and attics below insulation must be unvented.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulation location on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation R-value on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Membrane specs on plans (if applicable)
<b>Roof</b> – slope	$\geq \frac{1}{4}$ in. per foot	R401.2.1*	No water accumulation areas allowed.	<input type="checkbox"/> Roof slope indicated on plans
<b>Walls and floor</b>	No requirement			
<b>Natural ventilation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening area <math>\geq 14\%</math> of floor area in each room (or provide a ventilation fan)</li> <li>▪ Bedrooms with exterior walls facing two different directions have operable fenestration facing two directions</li> <li>▪ Interior doors to bedrooms capable of being secured open</li> </ul>	R401.2.1*	Operable windows and/or skylights are required for natural ventilation.  Ventilation fans can be provided as an alternative.	<input type="checkbox"/> Operable openings on plans <input type="checkbox"/> Ventilation fans on plans (if applicable)
<b>Ceiling fans</b>	Ceiling fans or rough-ins required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each bedroom</li> <li>▪ Largest space not used as a bedroom</li> </ul>	R401.2.1*	A “rough-in” is an electrical junction box mounted in the ceiling that is rated for ceiling fan installation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ceiling fan locations on plans
<b>Air leakage</b>	Walls, floor and ceilings that separate AC spaces and non-AC spaces use airtight construction	R401.2.1*	For air conditioned spaces, see section R402.4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continuous air barrier</li> <li>▪ Breaks or joints are sealed</li> <li>▪ Recessed lighting</li> <li>▪ Fenestration air leakage</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan notes indicate installation requirements

\* Code section added or modified by State amendment

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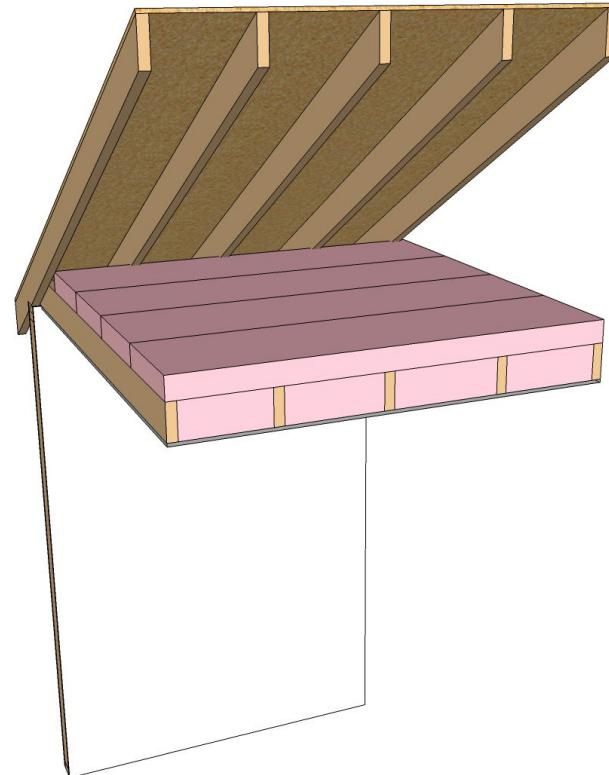
# Prescriptive Compliance Option

# Prescriptive Requirements - Snapshot



# Section 5

## Prescriptive - Envelope



# Envelope - Prescriptive

- Windows
  - SHGC (Table R402.1.2)
- Skylights
  - SHGC & U-factor (Table R402.1.2)
  - Total UA (R402.1.5)
- Wall and roof – four options
  - Insulation R-value (Table R402.1.2)
  - Assembly U-factor (Table R402.1.4)
  - Total UA (R402.1.5)
  - Points option (R407)
- Air leakage
  - Air barrier, sealing
  - Testing

# Envelope - Prescriptive

- Windows
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## Minimum Insulation R-value

TABLE R402.1.2 INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT <sup>a</sup>											
CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR <sup>b</sup>	SKYLIGHT <sup>b</sup> U-FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC <sup>b, e</sup>	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE	MASS WALL R-VALUE <sup>i</sup>	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT <sup>c</sup> WALL R-VALUE	SLAB <sup>d</sup> R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE <sup>c</sup> WALL R-VALUE	
1	NR	0.75	0.25	30	13	3/4	13	0	0	0	
2	0.40	0.65	0.25	38	13	4/6	13	0	0	0	
3	0.32	0.55	0.25	38	20 or 13+5 <sup>h</sup>	8/13	19	5/13 <sup>f</sup>	0	5/13	
4 except Marine	0.32	0.55	0.40	49	20 or 13+5 <sup>h</sup>	8/13	19	10/13	10, 2 ft	10/13	
5 and Marine 4	0.30	0.55	NR	49	20 or 13+5 <sup>h</sup>	13/17	30 <sup>g</sup>	15/19	10, 2 ft	15/19	
6	0.30	0.55	NR	49	20+5 <sup>h</sup> or 13+10 <sup>h</sup>	15/20	30 <sup>g</sup>	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19	
7 and 8	0.30	0.55	NR	49	20+5 <sup>h</sup> or 13+10 <sup>h</sup>	19/21	38 <sup>g</sup>	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19	

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- Windows
  - SHGC (Table R402.1.2)
- Skylights
  - SHGC & U-factor (Table R402.1.2)
  - Total UA (R402.1.5)
- Wall and roof – four options
  - Insulation R-value (Table R402.1.2)
  - Assembly U-factor (Table R402.1.4) 
  - Total UA (R402.1.5)
  - Points option (R407)
- Air leakage
  - Air barrier, sealing
  - Testing

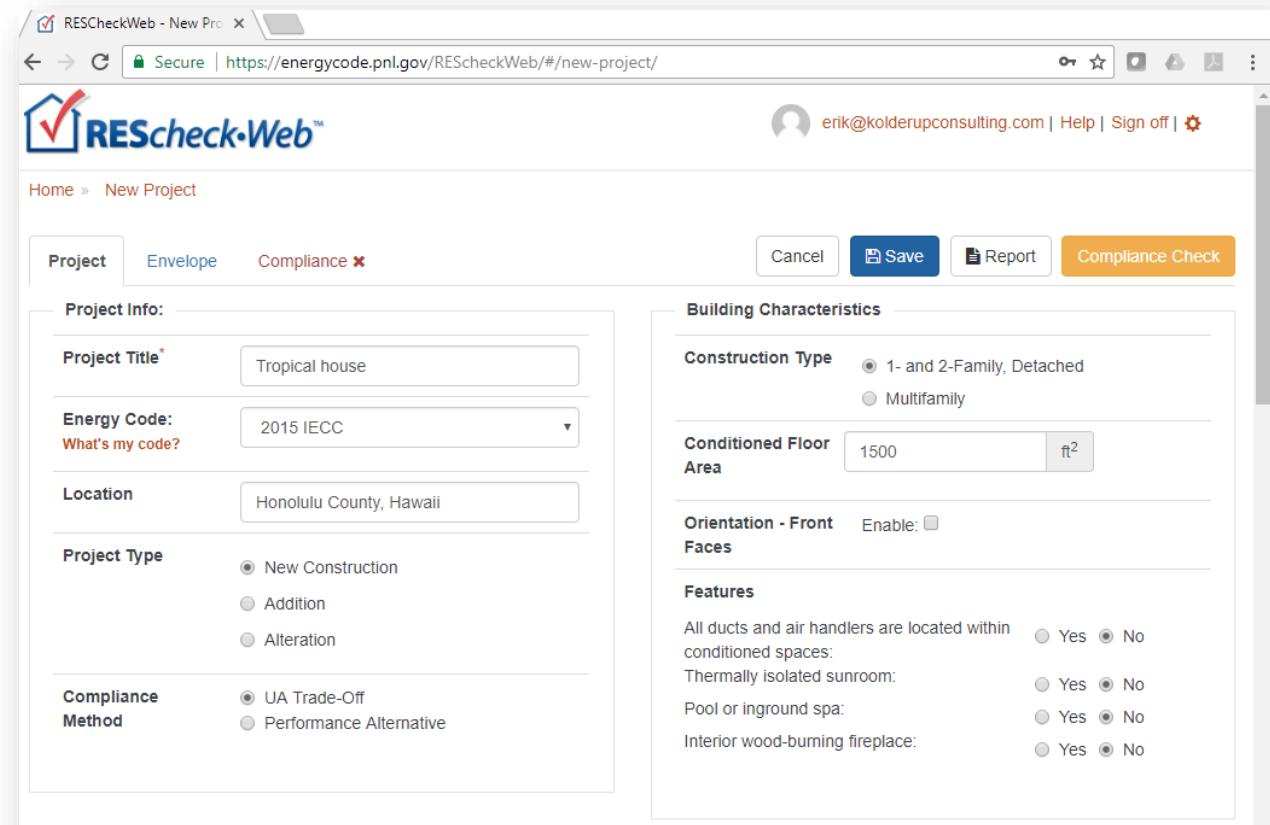
Maximum Assembly U-factor

TABLE R402.1.4 EQUIVALENT U-FACTORS<sup>a</sup>

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR	SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR	CEILING U-FACTOR	FRAME WALL U-FACTOR	MASS WALL U-FACTOR <sup>b</sup>	FLOOR U-FACTOR	BASEMENT WALL U-FACTOR	CRAWL SPACE WALL U-FACTOR
1	0.50	0.75	0.035	0.084	0.197	0.064	0.360	0.477
2	0.40	0.65	0.030	0.084	0.165	0.064	0.360	0.477
3	0.32	0.55	0.030	0.060	0.098	0.047	0.091 <sup>c</sup>	0.136
4 except Marine	0.32	0.55	0.026	0.060	0.098	0.047	0.059	0.065
5 and Marine 4	0.30	0.55	0.026	0.060	0.082	0.033	0.050	0.055
6	0.30	0.55	0.026	0.045	0.060	0.033	0.050	0.055
7 and 8	0.30	0.55	0.026	0.045	0.057	0.028	0.050	0.055

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Project Info:

Project Title\* Tropical house

Energy Code: 2015 IECC

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Location Honolulu County, Hawaii

Project Type

New Construction

Addition

Alteration

Compliance Method

UA Trade-Off

Performance Alternative

Building Characteristics

Construction Type

1- and 2-Family, Detached

Multifamily

Conditioned Floor Area 1500 

Orientation - Front Faces  Enable:

Features

All ducts and air handlers are located within conditioned spaces:  Yes  No

Thermally isolated sunroom:  Yes  No

Pool or inground spa:  Yes  No

Interior wood-burning fireplace:  Yes  No

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  - Testing

Measure	Metal Framed Walls	Standard Home Points	Tropical Zone Points
R-13 + R-3 wall insulation	0	1	
R-13 cavity wall insulation + R-0	-1	0	
R-13 wall insulation + high reflectance walls <sup>4</sup>	0	1	
R-13 wall + 90% high efficacy lighting and Energy Star Appliances <sup>5</sup>	1	2	
R-13 wall insulation + exterior shading wpf=0.3 <sup>6</sup>	0	1	
R-30 roof insulation	0	1	
R-19 roof insulation	-1	0	
R-19 + cool roof membrane <sup>1</sup> or radiant barrier <sup>3</sup>	0	1	
R-19 roof insulation + attic venting <sup>2</sup>	0	1	
Ductless air conditioner <sup>7</sup>	1	1	
1.071 X Federal minimum SEER for air conditioner	1	1	
1.142 X Federal minimum SEER for air conditioner	2	2	
No air conditioning installed	NA	2	
House floor area ≤ 1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1	1	
House floor area ≥ 2,500 ft <sup>2</sup>	-1	-1	
Energy Star Fans <sup>8</sup>	1	1	
Install 1 kW or greater of solar electric	1	1	

# Envelope – Prescriptive (R402.1)

## Residential envelope exemptions

1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than 3.4 Btu/h•ft<sup>2</sup> (10.7 W/m<sup>2</sup>) or 1.0 watt/ft<sup>2</sup> (10.7 W/m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area for space conditioning purposes.
2. Unconditioned space that does not contain occupiable space.

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2. Unconditioned space that does not contain habitable space.
3. Unconditioned dwellings with enclosed habitable areas less than 1,100 square feet.
4. Dwellings with permitted, off-grid, self supplying photovoltaic with battery back up.

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These cases are  
exempt from  
envelope  
requirements

# Envelope - Prescriptive

## Windows

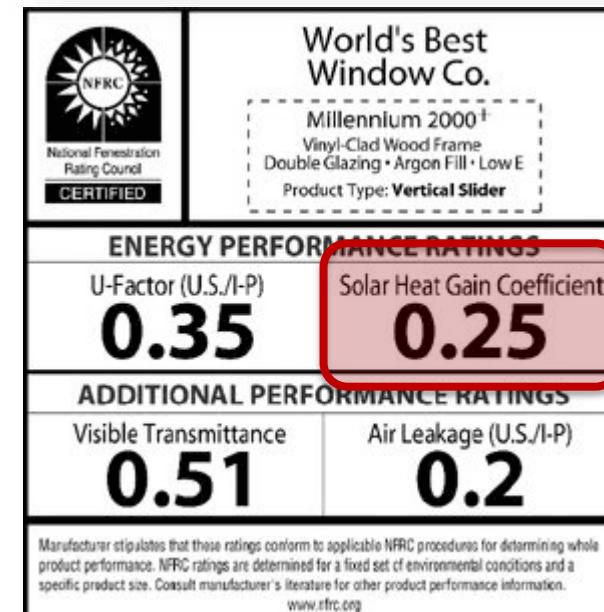
1. U-factor – no requirement
2. Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC)  $\leq 0.25$



## Exceptions

1. Up to 15 ft<sup>2</sup>
2. Area-weighted average allowed
3. Jalousie windows exempt

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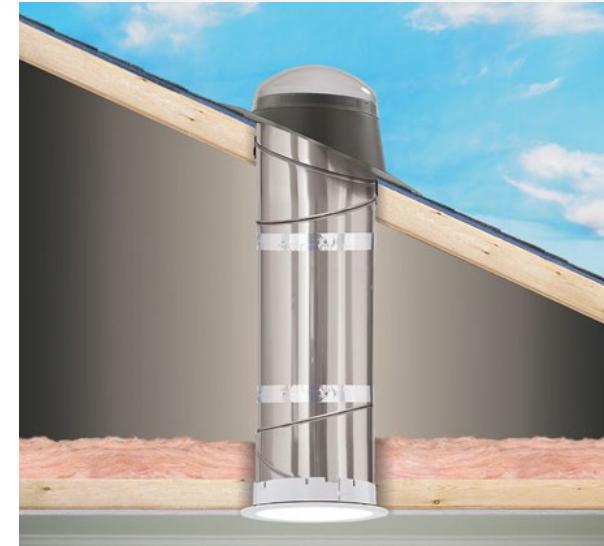
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## Skylights

1. U-factor  $\leq 0.75$
2. Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC)  $\leq 0.30$

## Exceptions

1. Up to 15 ft<sup>2</sup> (total for window + skylight)
2. Area-weighted average allowed



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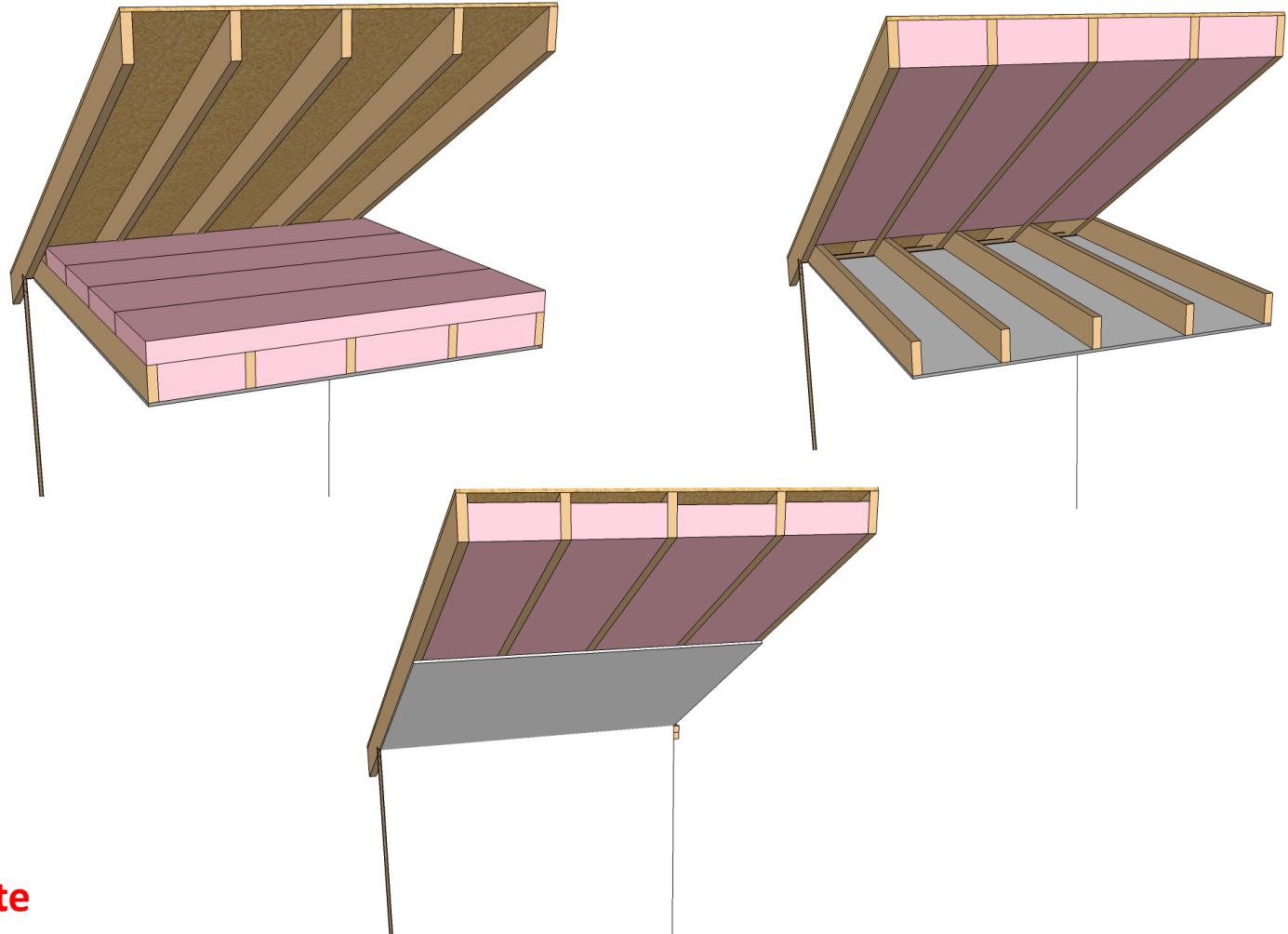
## Ceiling – wood framed

1. R-30 insulation (Table R402.1.2)
2. U-0.035 (Table R402.1.4)

Insulation type & thickness	R-30
Batt	8-10"
Blown-in	12"
Open-cell spray foam	~8"
Closed-cell spray foam	~5"
Polystyrene board	6"
Polyisocyanurate board	5"

Or use the points option (R407)

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# Envelope - Prescriptive

## Ceiling – steel truss

1. R-38 insulation
2. R-30 + 3
3. R-26 + 5

## Ceiling – steel joist

1. R-38 insulation
2. R-49 in any framing >2x8

Insulation type & thickness	R-38	R-49
Batt	10-12"	15"
Blown-in	15"	19"
Open-cell spray foam	~10"	
Closed-cell spray foam	~6"	

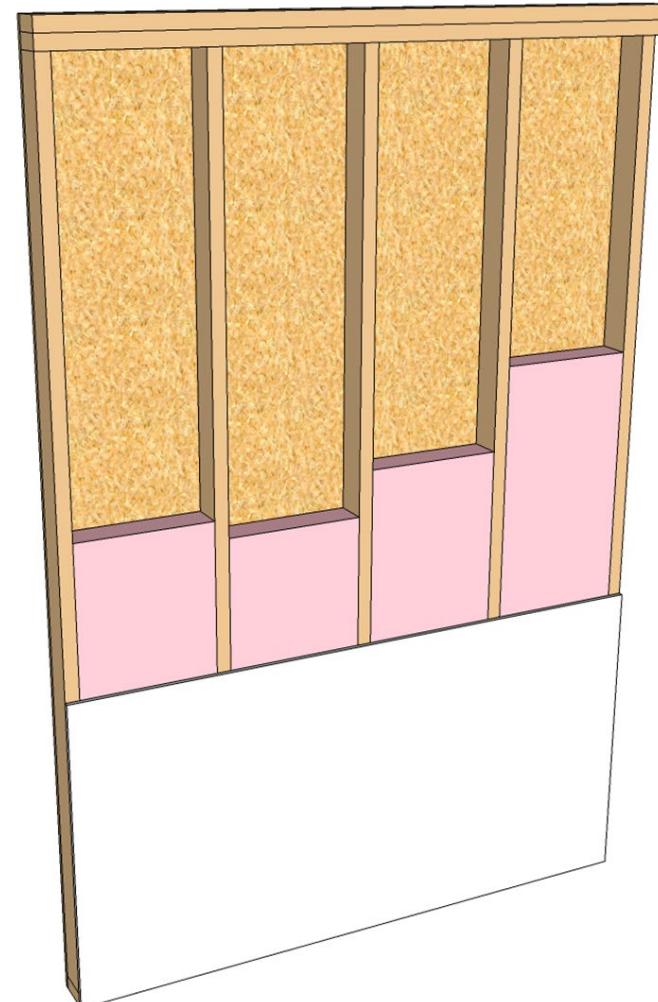
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## Walls – wood frame

1. R-13 insulation (Table R402.1.2)
2. U-0.084 (Table R402.1.4)

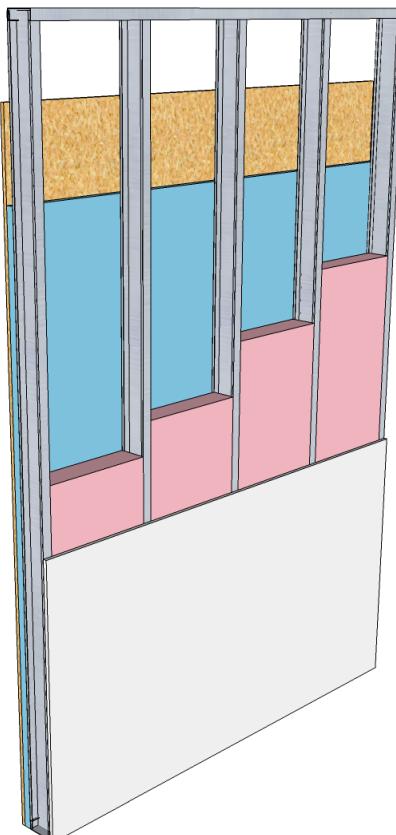
Insulation type & thickness	R-13
Batt or blown-in	3.5"
Open-cell spray foam	3-4"
Closed-cell spray foam	2-3"
Polystyrene board	2.75"
Polyisocyanurate board	2"



# Envelope - Prescriptive

## Walls – metal frame

1. Table R402.2.6
2. U-0.084 (Table R402.1.4)



Frame spacing	Cavity insulation R-value	Continuous insulation R-value	Extruded Polystyrene (R-5/in.)	Poly-isocyanurate (R-6/in.)
16 in. o.c.	R-0	R-9.3	≥ 1.86 in.	≥ 1.55 in.
	R-13	R-4.2	≥ 0.84 in.	≥ 0.70 in.
	R-15	R-3.8	≥ 0.76 in.	≥ 0.63 in.
24 in. o.c.	R-0	R-9.3	≥ 1.86 in.	≥ 1.55 in.
	R-13	R-3.0	≥ 0.60 in.	≥ 0.50 in.
	R-15	R-2.4	≥ 0.48 in.	≥ 0.40 in.

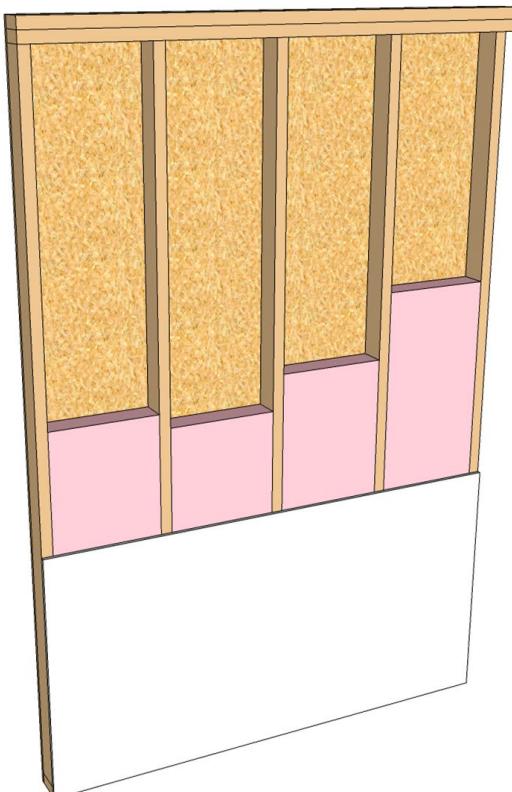
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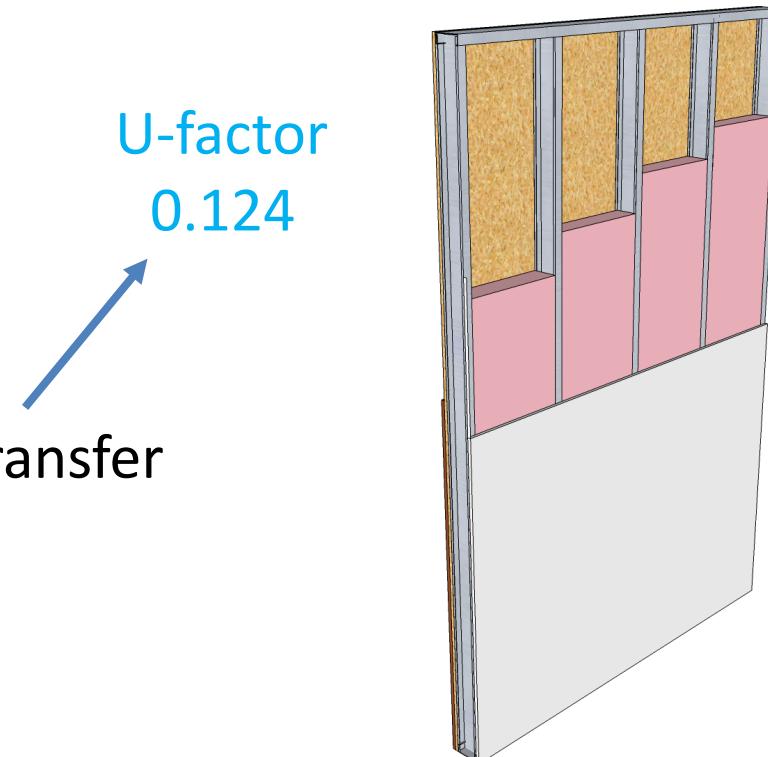
Why is extra insulation required with metal framing?

R-13 in wood frame



U-factor  
0.089

R-13 in steel frame (effective R-6)



U-factor  
0.124

39% higher heat transfer

# Envelope - Prescriptive

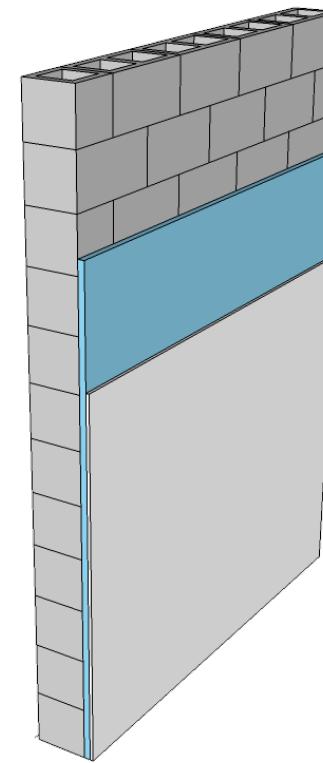
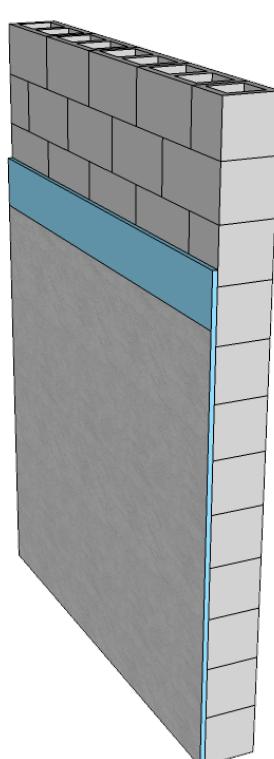
## Walls – mass

1. R-3 exterior insulation (Table R402.1.2)
2. R-4 interior insulation (Table R402.1.2)
3. U-0.197 (Table R402.1.4)

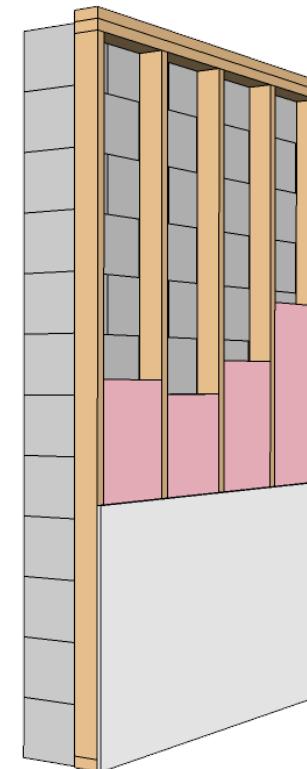
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**R-3 exterior**  
≥ 0.50 in.  
polyisocyanurate  
≥ 0.60 in.  
polystyrene



**R-4 interior**  
≥ 0.67 in.  
polyisocyanurate  
≥ 0.80 in.  
polystyrene



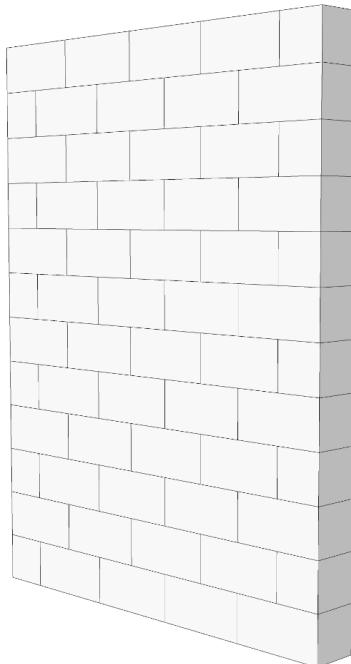
**U-factor ≤ 0.197**  
≥ R-4 in wood furring  
≥ R-11 in metal furring

# Envelope - Prescriptive

## Walls – mass

1. R-3 exterior insulation (Table R402.1.2)
2. R-4 interior insulation (Table R402.1.2)
3. U-0.197 (Table R402.1.4)

Exterior  
light  
reflectance  
 $\geq 0.64$



Overhang PF  
 $\geq 0.3$



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Thickness  
 $\geq 6$  inches  
+ unpainted finish  
with or without  
clear sealer

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# Envelope - Prescriptive

## Floors

1. R-0 (Table R402.1.2)

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# Envelope – Points Option (R407)

Total points  $\geq 0$

- Roof and walls, or
- Roof alone and wall alone

Options for credit

- Insulation
- Cool roof
- Radiant barrier
- Wall reflectance
- More efficient lighting
- Efficient appliances
- Wall shading
- Ductless AC
- High efficiency AC
- No AC
- Small dwelling
- Energy Star fans
- Solar electric

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Reasons to use it

1. Want  $<R-30$  roof insulation
2. Have metal-framed walls and don't want to add foam board insulation

# Envelope – Points Option (R407)

Total points  $\geq 0$

- Roof and walls, or
- Roof alone and wall alone

Options for credit

- Insulation
- Cool roof
- Radiant barrier
- Attic venting
- Wall reflectance
- More efficient lighting
- Efficient appliances
- Wall shading
- Ductless AC
- High efficiency AC
- No AC
- Small dwelling
- Energy Star fans
- Solar electric

Measure	Wood Framed Walls	Standard Home Points	Tropical Zone Points
R-13 cavity wall insulation		0	1
R-19 roof insulation		-1	0
R-19 roof insulation + cool roof membrane <sup>1</sup> or radiant barrier <sup>3</sup>		0	1
R-19 roof insulation + attic venting <sup>2</sup>		0	1
R-30 roof insulation		0	1
R-13 wall insulation + high reflectance walls <sup>4</sup>		1	2
R-13 wall + 90% high efficacy lighting and Energy Star appliances <sup>5</sup>		1	2
R-13 wall insulation + exterior shading wpf=0.3 <sup>6</sup>		1	2
Ductless air conditioner <sup>7</sup>		1	1
1.071 X Federal minimum SEER for air conditioner		1	1
1.142 X Federal minimum SEER for air conditioner		2	2
No air conditioning installed		NA	2
House floor area $\leq 1,000 \text{ ft}^2$		1	1
House floor area $\geq 2,500 \text{ ft}^2$		-1	-1
Energy Star fans <sup>8</sup>		1	1
Install 1 kW or greater of solar electric		1	1

See also checklist

# Envelope – Points Option (R407)

Total points  $\geq 0$

- Roof and walls, or
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Options for credit

- Insulation
- Cool roof
- Radiant barrier
- Attic venting
- Wall reflectance
- More efficient lighting
- Efficient appliances
- Wall shading
- Ductless AC
- High efficiency AC
- No AC
- Small dwelling
- Energy Star fans
- Solar electric

Measure	<u>Metal Framed Walls</u>	Standard Home Points	Tropical Zone Points
R-13 + R-3 wall insulation		0	1
R-13 cavity wall insulation + R-0		-1	0
R-13 wall insulation + high reflectance walls <sup>4</sup>		0	1
R-13 wall + 90% high efficacy lighting and Energy Star Appliances <sup>5</sup>		1	2
R-13 wall insulation + exterior shading wpf=0.3 <sup>6</sup>		0	1
R-30 roof insulation		0	1
R-19 roof insulation		-1	0
R-19 + cool roof membrane <sup>1</sup> or radiant barrier <sup>3</sup>		0	1
R-19 roof insulation + attic venting <sup>2</sup>		0	1
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Energy Star Fans <sup>8</sup>		1	1
Install 1 kW or greater of solar electric		1	1

See also checklist

# Envelope – Points Option (R407)

Total points  $\geq 0$

- Roof and walls, or
- Roof alone and wall alone

Options for credit

- Insulation
- Cool roof
- Radiant barrier
- Attic venting
- Wall reflectance
- More efficient lighting
- Efficient appliances
- Wall shading
- Ductless AC
- High efficiency AC
- No AC
- Small dwelling
- Energy Star fans
- Solar electric

Measure	<u>Mass Walls</u>	Standard Home Points	Tropical Home Points
R-3/4 Insulation		0	1
R-0 Wall insulation		-1	0
R-0 Wall Insulation + high reflectance walls <sup>4</sup>		0	1
R-0 Wall + 90% high efficacy lighting and Energy Star Appliances <sup>5</sup>		1	2
R-0 Wall Insulation + exterior shading wpf=0.3 <sup>6</sup>		0	1
R-19 Roof/ceiling Insulation		-1	0
R-19 + Cool roof membrane <sup>1</sup> or Radiant Barrier <sup>3</sup>		0	1
R-19 Roof Insulation + Attic Venting <sup>2</sup>		0	1
R-30 Roof/ceiling Insulation		0	1
Ductless Air Conditioner <sup>7</sup>		1	1
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Install 1 kW or greater of solar electric		1	1

See also checklist

# Envelope – Total UA (R402.1.4)

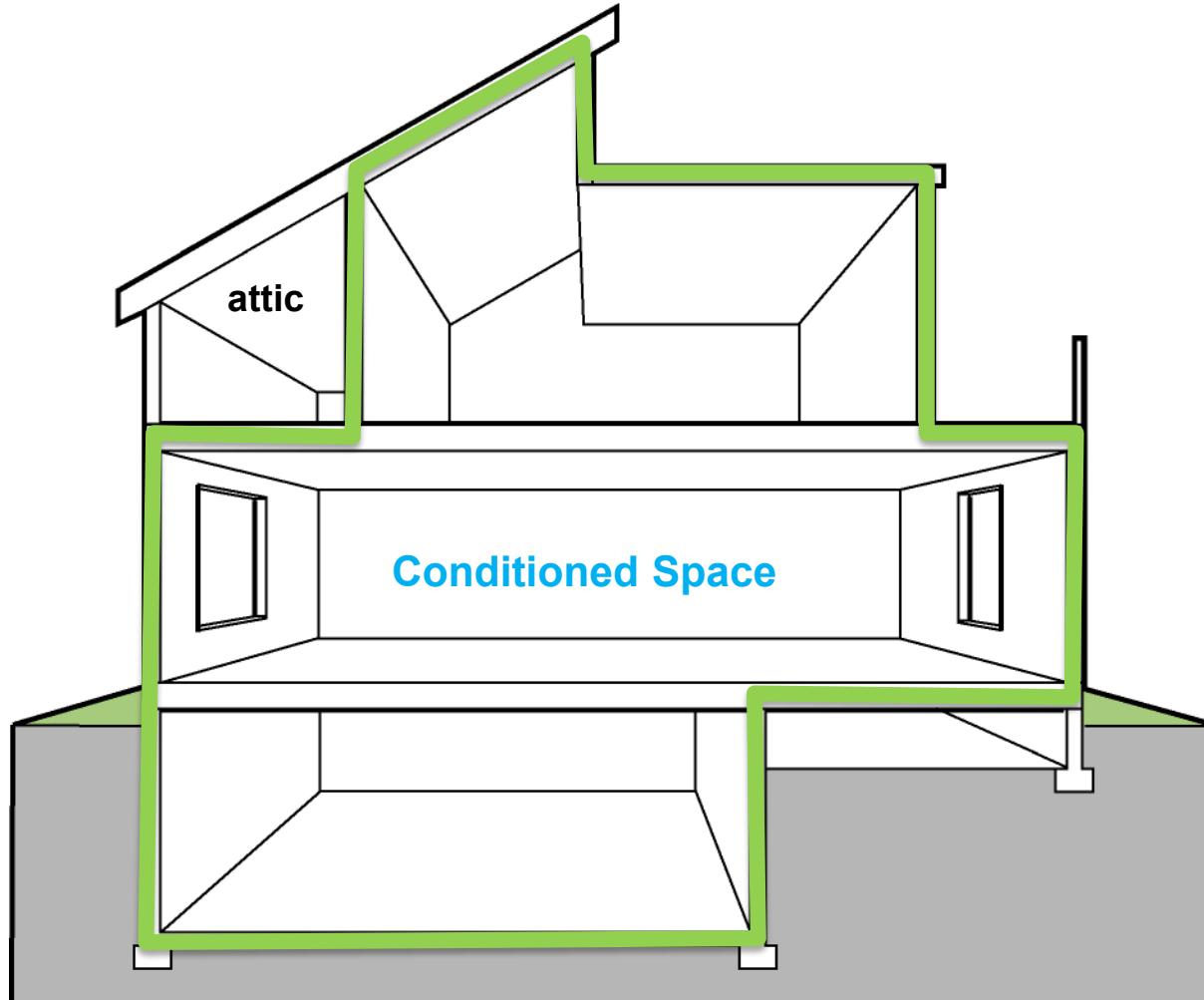
Alternative to prescriptive envelope

- Calculate total (U-factor x Area) for walls, roof and fenestration
- Typically use REScheck software
  - Desktop or Web version
  - Does not include Hawaii amendments
  - <https://energycode.pnl.gov/REScheckWeb>



The screenshot shows the REScheck-Web software interface. The top navigation bar includes the REScheck-Web logo, a user profile icon, and links for "Sign off" and "Help". The main menu has tabs for "Project", "Envelope", and "Compliance", with "Project" currently selected. The "Project Info" section contains fields for "Project Title" (Hawaii House), "Energy Code" (2018 IECC), and "Location" (Honolulu, Hawaii). The "Building Characteristics" section includes "Construction Type" (1- and 2-Family, Detached), "Conditioned Floor Area" (1500 ft<sup>2</sup>), and "Orientation - Front Faces". The "Features" section contains several checkboxes for various building features, with some being checked (e.g., "All ducts and air handlers are located within conditioned spaces: Yes" and "Duct(s) are buried in ceiling insulation: No"). Two green arrows point from the text "Does not include Hawaii amendments" in the list above to the "Energy Code" and "Location" fields on the software interface.

# Envelope – Air Leakage (R402.4)



## Installation details in Table R402.4.1.1

- Continuous air barrier
- Breaks or joints are sealed
- Recessed lighting
- Around windows and skylights



TABLE R402.4.1.1  
AIR BARRIER AND INSULATION INSTALLATION

COMPONENT	AIR BARRIER CRITERIA	INSULATION INSTALLATION CRITERIA	
General requirements	A continuous air barrier shall be installed in the building envelope. The exterior thermal envelope contains a continuous air barrier. Breaks or joints in the air barrier shall be sealed.	Air-permeable insulation shall not be used as a sealing material.	
Ceiling/attic	The air barrier in any dropped ceiling/soffit shall be aligned with the insulation and any gaps in the air barrier shall be sealed. Access openings, drop down stairs or knee wall doors to unconditioned attic spaces shall be sealed.	The insulation in any dropped ceiling/soffit shall be aligned with the air barrier.	
Walls	The junction of the foundation and sill plate shall be sealed. The junction of the top plate and the top of exterior walls shall be sealed. Knee walls shall be sealed.	Cavities within corners and headers of frame walls shall be insulated by completely filling the cavity with a material having a thermal resistance of R-3 per inch minimum.	
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Crawl space walls	Exposed earth in unvented crawl spaces shall be covered with overlapping polyethylene sheeting.	Where provided instead of floor insulation.	
Shafts, penetrations	Duct shafts, penetrations, and openings to exterior shall be sealed.	Recessed light fixtures installed in the building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the drywall.	
Narrow cavities		Batts in narrow cavities shall be cut to fit, or narrow cavities shall be filled by insulation that on installation readily conforms to the available cavity space.	
Garage separation	Air sealing shall be provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.		
Recessed lighting	Recessed light fixtures installed in the building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the drywall.	Recessed light fixtures installed in the building thermal envelope shall be air tight and IC rated.	
Plumbing and wiring		Batt insulation shall be cut neatly to fit around wiring and plumbing in exterior walls, or insulation that on installation readily conforms to available space shall extend behind piping and wiring.	
Shower/tub on exterior wall	The air barrier installed at exterior walls adjacent to showers and tubs shall separate them from the showers and tubs.	Exterior walls adjacent to showers and tubs shall be insulated.	
Electrical/phone box on exterior walls	The air barrier shall be installed behind electrical or communication boxes or air-sealed boxes shall be installed.		
HVAC register boots	HVAC register boots that penetrate building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the subfloor or drywall.		
Concealed sprinklers	When required to be sealed, concealed fire sprinklers shall only be sealed in a manner that is recommended by the manufacturer. Caulking or other adhesive sealants shall not be used to fill voids between fire sprinkler cover plates and walls or ceilings.		

a. In addition, inspection of log walls shall be in accordance with the provisions of ICC-400.

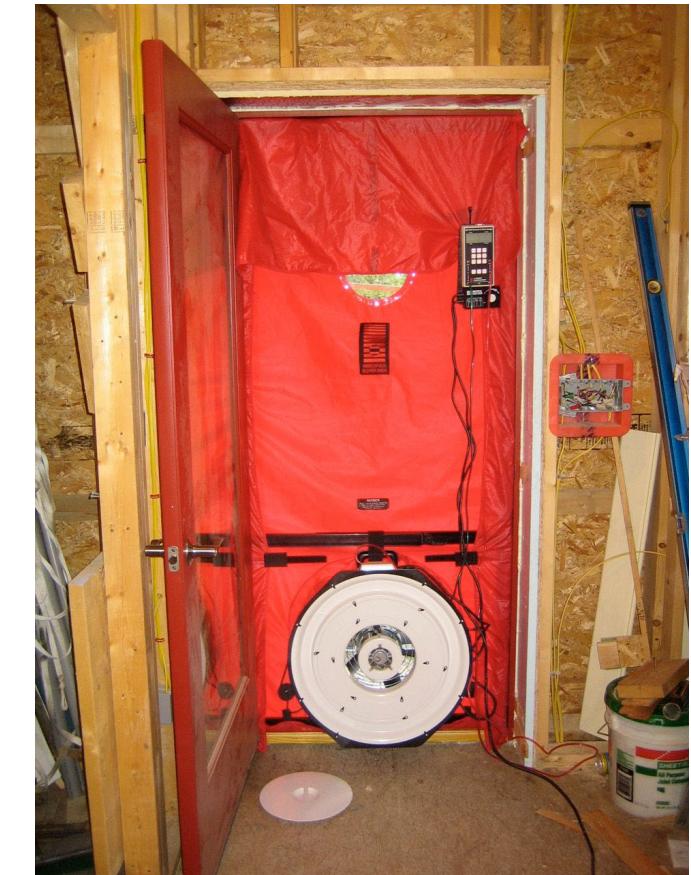
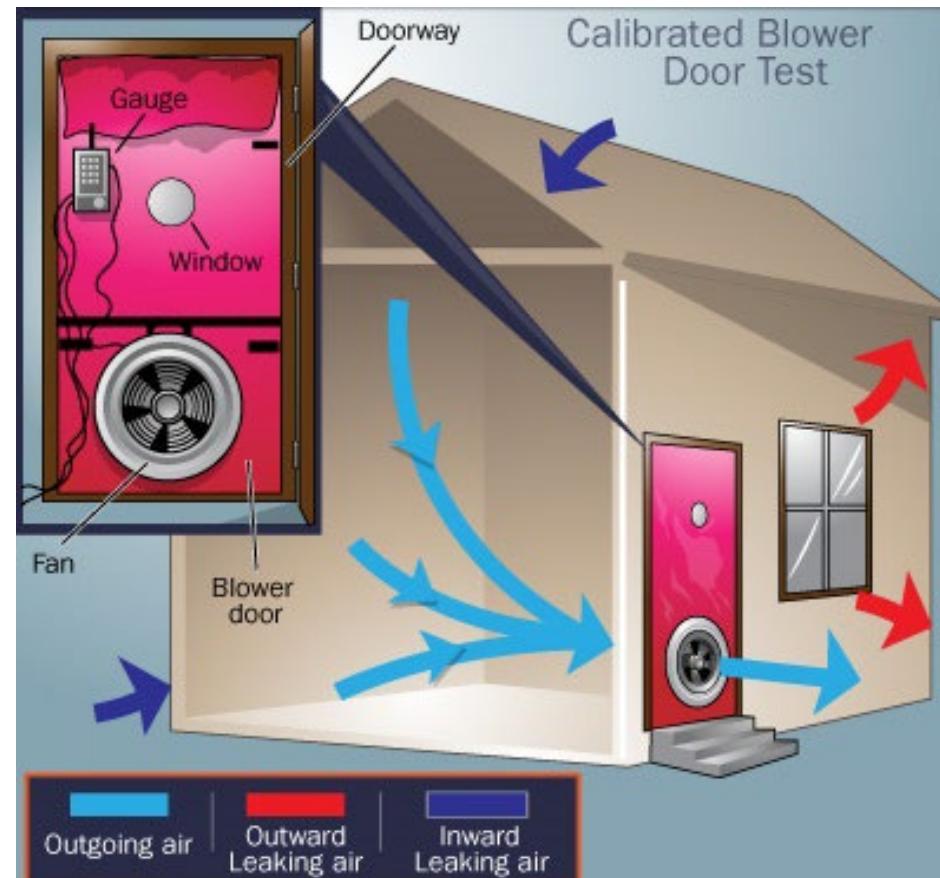
# Envelope – Air Leakage (R402.4)

## Testing

Leakage  $\leq$  5 air changes per hour at 0.2 in. w.c. pressure (50 Pa)

Testing conducted by an approved third party

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# Envelope – Air Leakage (R402.4)

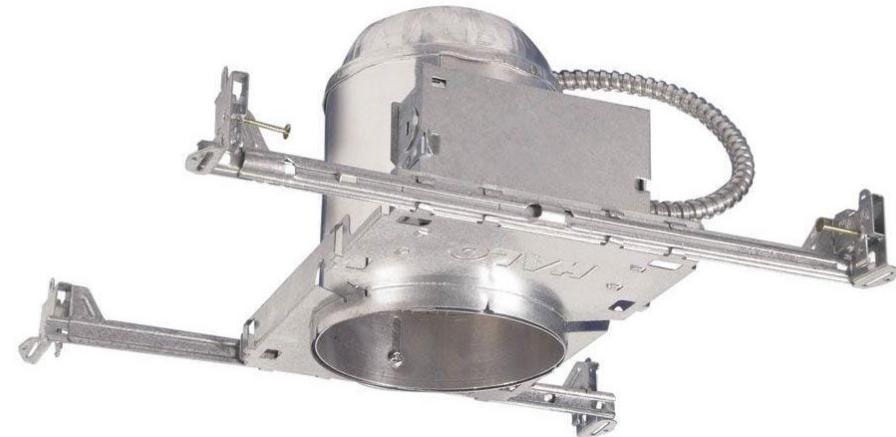
## Fenestration air leakage

- $\leq 0.3 \text{ cfm/ft}^2$  for windows, skylights and sliding doors
- $\leq 0.5 \text{ cfm/ft}^2$  for swinging doors
- Exception for site-built



## Recessed lighting in thermal envelope

- IC rated (insulation contact)
- Labeled  $\leq 2 \text{ cfm}$  at 75 Pa



# Prescriptive Envelope Summary

- Windows
  - SHGC (Table R402.1.2)
- Skylights
  - SHGC & U-factor (Table R402.1.2)
  - Total UA (R402.1.5)
- Wall and roof – four options
  - Insulation R-value (Table R402.1.2)
  - Assembly U-factor (Table R402.1.4)
  - Total UA (R402.1.5)
  - Points option (R407)
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  - Air barrier, sealing
  - Testing

Or Tropical Zone option



# Section 6

## Prescriptive - Systems



# What's covered

## Envelope

Roof  
Walls  
Windows & skylights  
Air leakage

## Systems

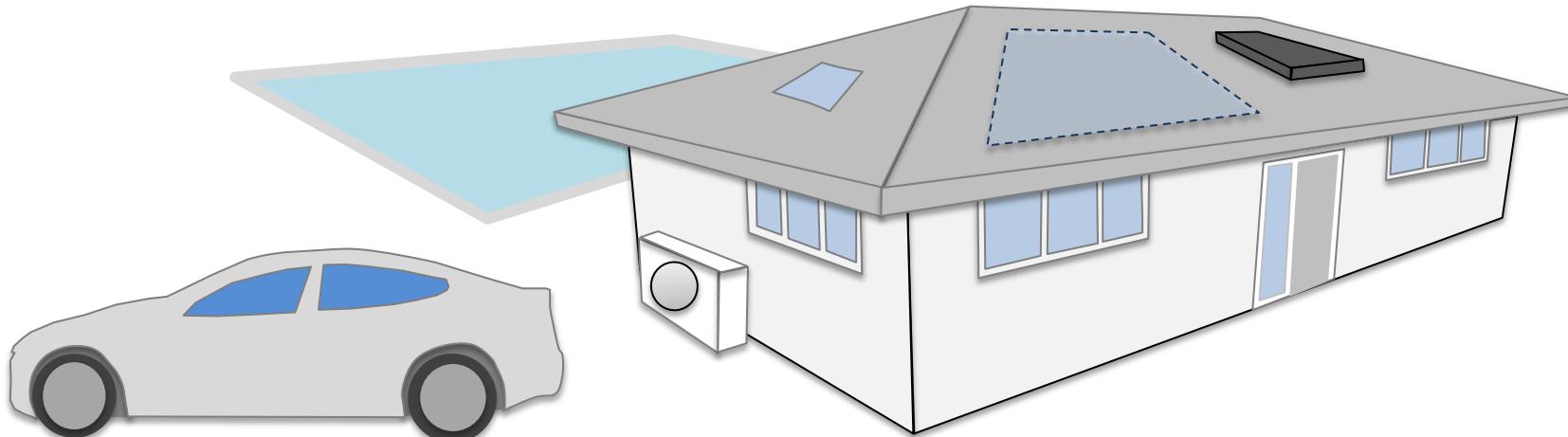
Air conditioning controls  
Duct insulation  
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Swimming pool

## Electrical

Permanently installed lighting  
Ceiling fans

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## Not covered

AC efficiency  
Water heater efficiency  
Plug-in lighting  
Appliances

# Systems – AC Requirements

Programmable thermostat



Duct sealing & fastening



Source: [www.energycodes.gov](http://www.energycodes.gov)

Duct insulation

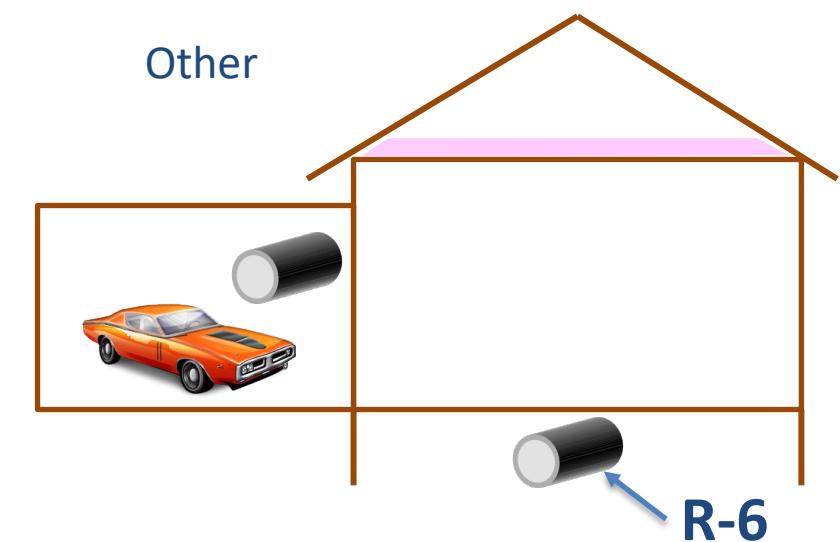
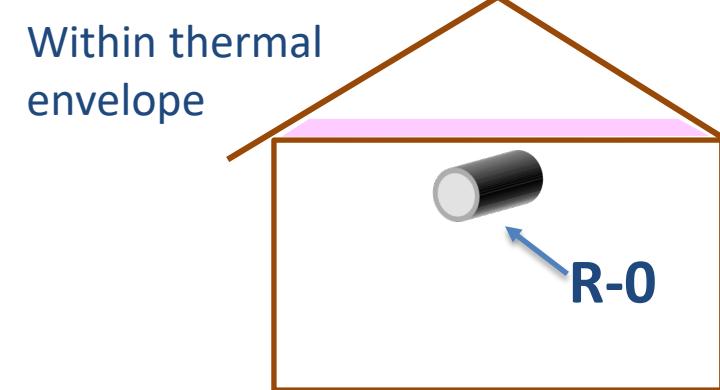
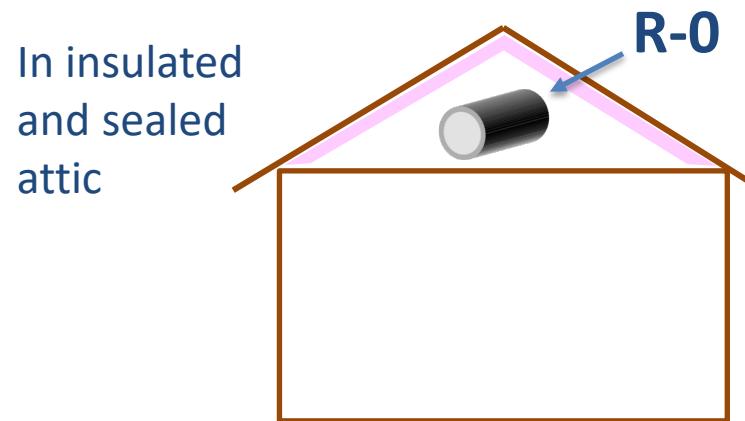
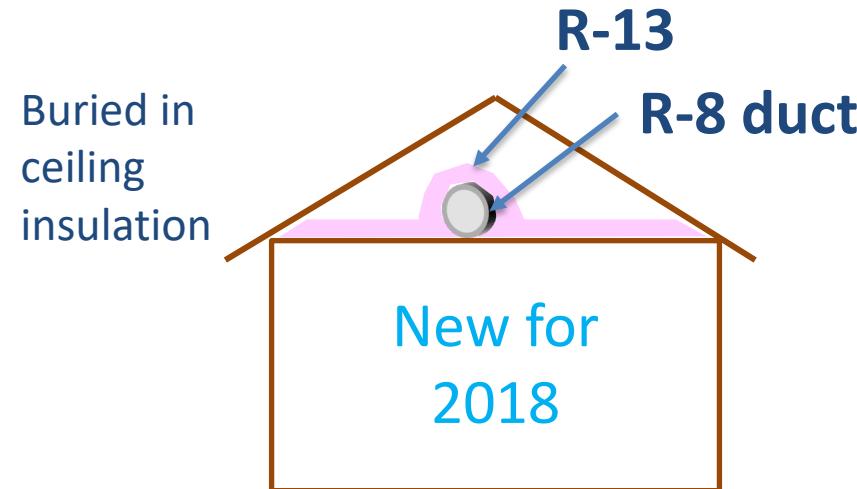
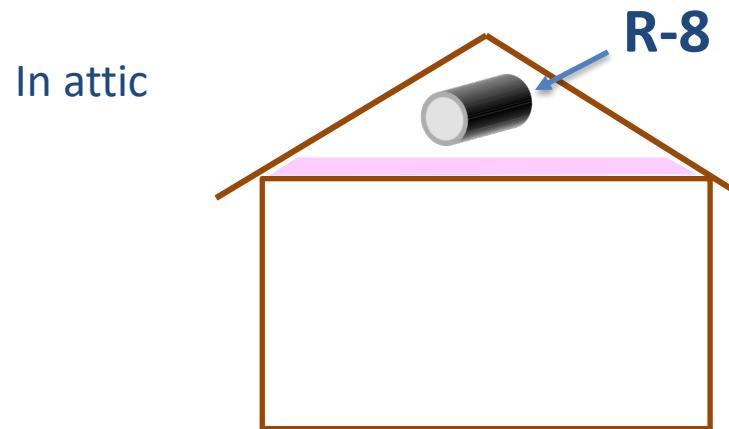


Duct testing



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# Systems – Duct Insulation



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## Examples



**R-6 (~1.75" thick)**



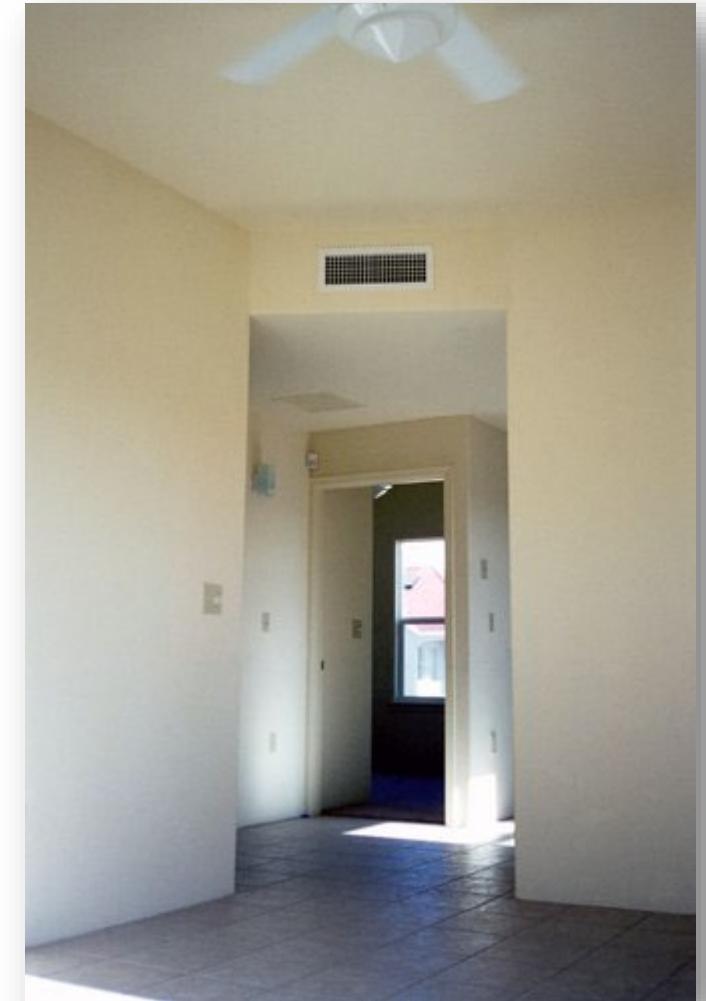
**R-8 (~2.5" thick)**

# Systems – Duct Insulation

## DUCTS WITHIN THERMAL ENVELOPE EXAMPLES



Source: DOE/NREL PIX03067



Source: DOE/NREL PIX10076

# Systems – Duct Sealing (R403.3.2)

IRC M1601.4.1 Joints, seams and connections

Ducts **mechanically fastened and sealed**

## Sealing options

**Tape** with UL mark “181 B-FX”



**Mastic** with UL mark “181 B-M”



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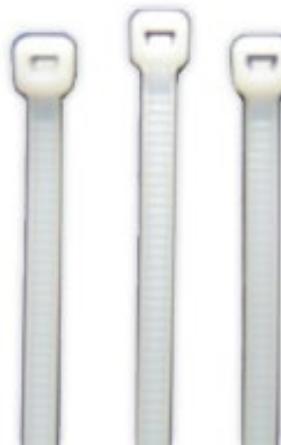
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## Fastening options

### Flex duct

Mechanical fasteners  
with UL mark “181 B-C”



### Metallic duct

- At least 1 inch overlap
- At least three screws/rivets

# Systems – Duct Testing (R403.3.3 & R403.3.4)

Rough-in test



Leakage  $\leq$  4 cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup>

Leakage  $\leq$  3 cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup>  
(without air handler)

← or →

Postconstruction test



Leakage  $\leq$  4 cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup>

Test **not** required if air handler and all ducts are within the thermal envelope

# Systems – Solar Water Heating (R403.5.4)

Solar water heating systems are required for new single-family residential construction pursuant to HRS 196-6.5

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## More information

<https://energy.hawaii.gov/what-we-do/energy-efficiency/solar-water-heat-variance/>

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol03\\_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0196/HRS\\_0196-0006\\_0005.htm](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol03_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0196/HRS_0196-0006_0005.htm)

# Systems – Service Hot Water

## Circulation systems (R403.5.1.1)

- If a pump is installed, automatic temperature and demand controls required

## Heat trace systems (R403.5.1.1)

- If a heat trace is installed, automatic temperature controls required

## Demand recirculation systems (R403.5.2)

- Control based on signal from user action
- Limit on hot water temperature entering cold water piping

(Water heaters covered by Federal standards)



# Systems – Service Hot Water

R-3 hot water pipe insulation required (R403.5.3)

- Pipe  $\geq \frac{3}{4}$ " diameter
- Serving more than one dwelling
- Outside conditioned space
- From water heater to manifold
- Under a slab
- Buried
- In recirculating systems

**R-3 insulation (typically  $\frac{1}{2}$ ")**



R-3 required except for:

- Piping under a slab
- Buried piping
- Piping serving only one dwelling unit

**Honolulu  
Amendment**

# Systems – Pools and Spas (R403.10)

- On/off switch
- Time switch
- Cover for heated pool
- Unless >75% solar or heat pump



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## Section 7

# Prescriptive - Electrical & Lighting

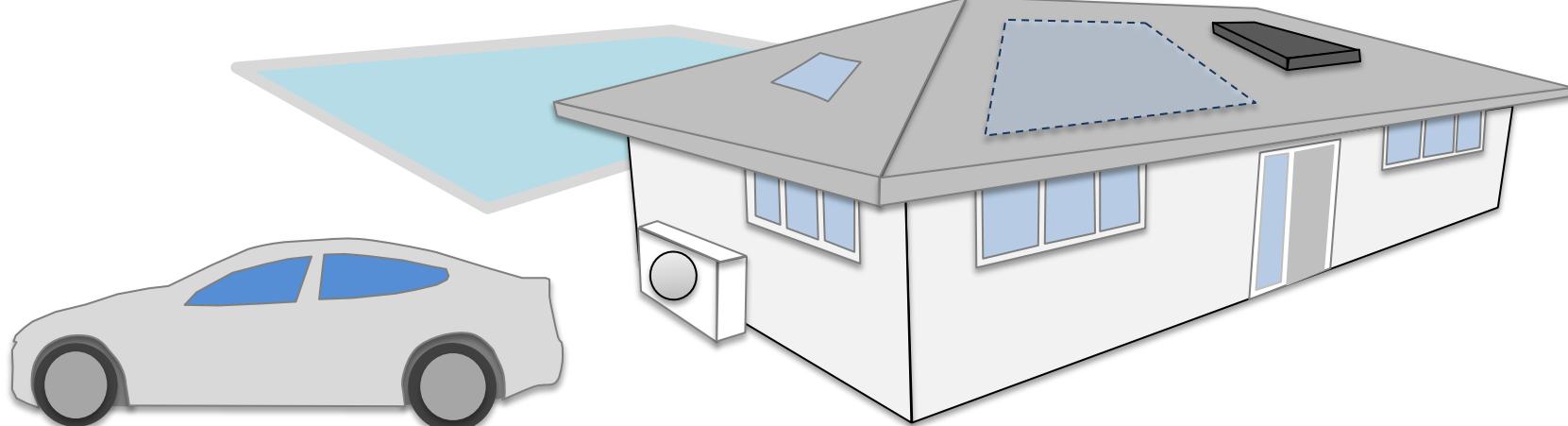


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# Lighting (R404.1)

High efficacy  
≥ 90% of lamps

Lamp Wattage	Efficacy (lumens/watt)
> 40 watts	60
15-40 watts	50
< 15 watts	40

**HIGH-EFFICACY LIGHTING** means an efficacy of not less than 70 lumens per watt for lamps and 55 lumens per watt for fixtures.

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Source: DOE/NREL PIX20307

LED

# Ceiling Fans (R404.2)

**R404.2 Ceiling Fans (Mandatory).** A ceiling fan, ceiling fan rough-in or whole house fan is provided for bedrooms and the largest space that is not used as bedroom.

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**Exception:** For production home building, ceiling fan junction boxes shall be provided for bedrooms and the largest interior space that is not used as a bedroom, and ceiling fan equipment shall be provided as a buyer's option.

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# Section 8

## Solar and Electric Vehicle Readiness

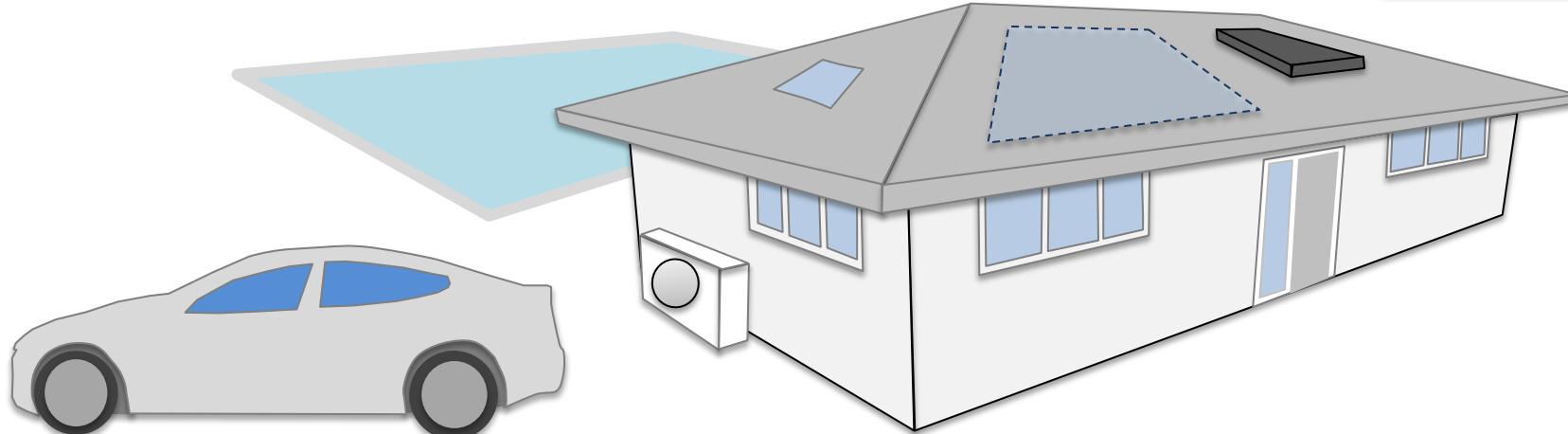


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# Solar Readiness

## Honolulu amendment

### R408.1

#### Solar conduit and electrical panel readiness

- Plans show:
  - A location for solar equipment
  - Pathway for conduit
- Electrical panel reserve capacity:
  - Single family/duplex: 5kW PV per unit
  - Multi-family: sized for common area load or roof space
- Conduit installed for new buildings
  - Electrical panel to inverter location
  - Inverter location to underside of roof

## Maui amendment

### Appendix RA Solar-Ready Provisions

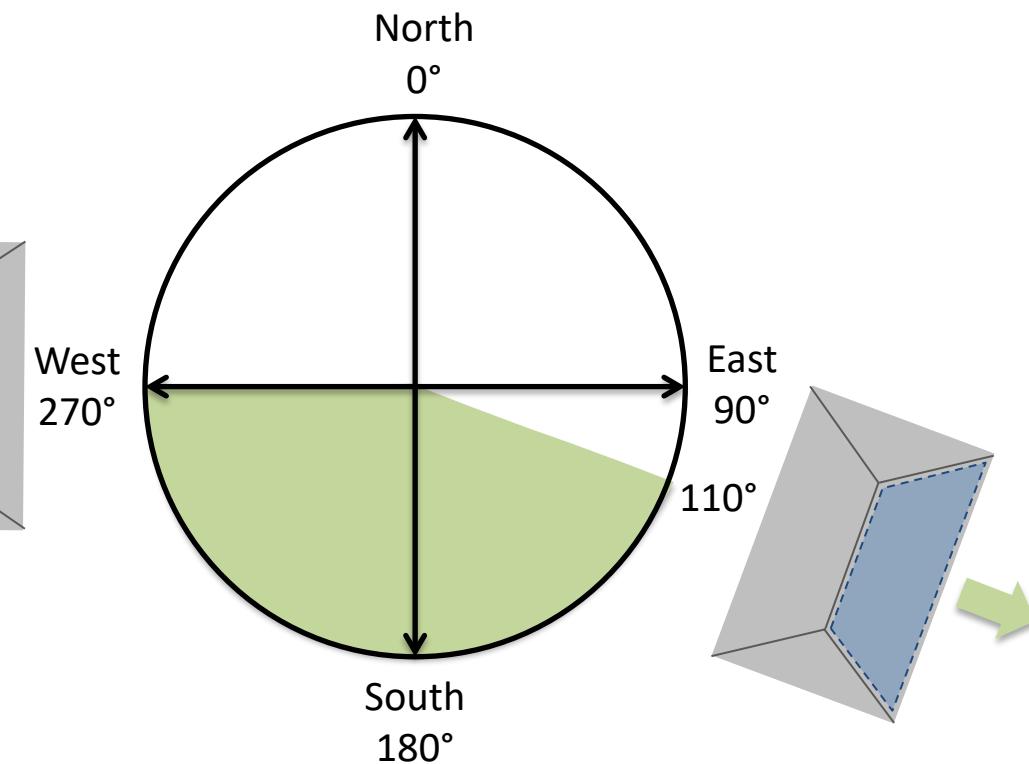
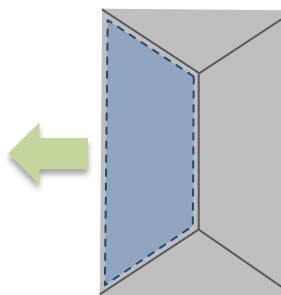
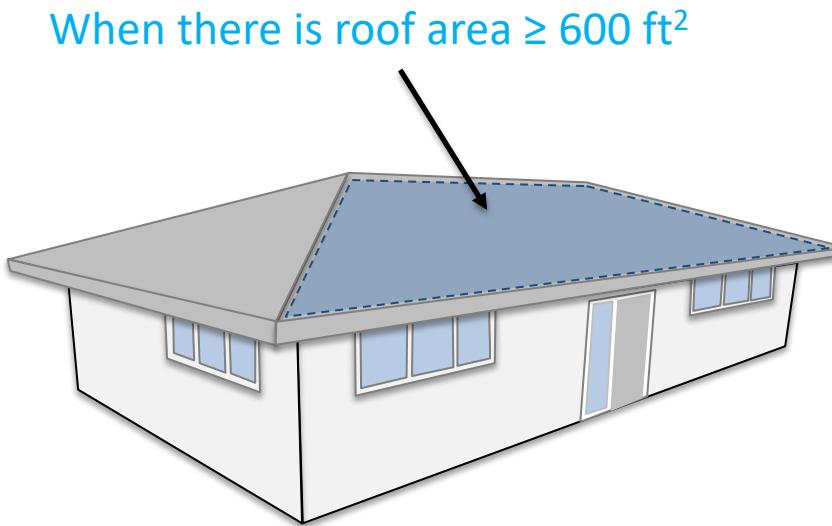
- Area reserved for PV or solar thermal system
- Pathways for routing of conduit or plumbing
- Electrical panel reserved space
- Permanent certificate near electrical panel



# Solar Readiness - Appendix RA (Maui)

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When is compliance required?



That is oriented between  $110^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$

# Solar Readiness - Appendix RA (Maui)

Maui  
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## Exceptions

- Permanently installed on-site renewable energy system
- Roof is shaded >70% of daylight hours
- Tropical Zone compliance or Energy Rating Index compliance

# Solar Readiness - Appendix RA (Maui)

Maui  
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## Solar-ready zone area requirements

(Excluding mandatory fire code setback or access areas)

Total area

$\geq 300 \text{ ft}^2$ , or

$\geq 150 \text{ ft}^2$  for townhouses  $\leq 2,000 \text{ ft}^2$  floor area

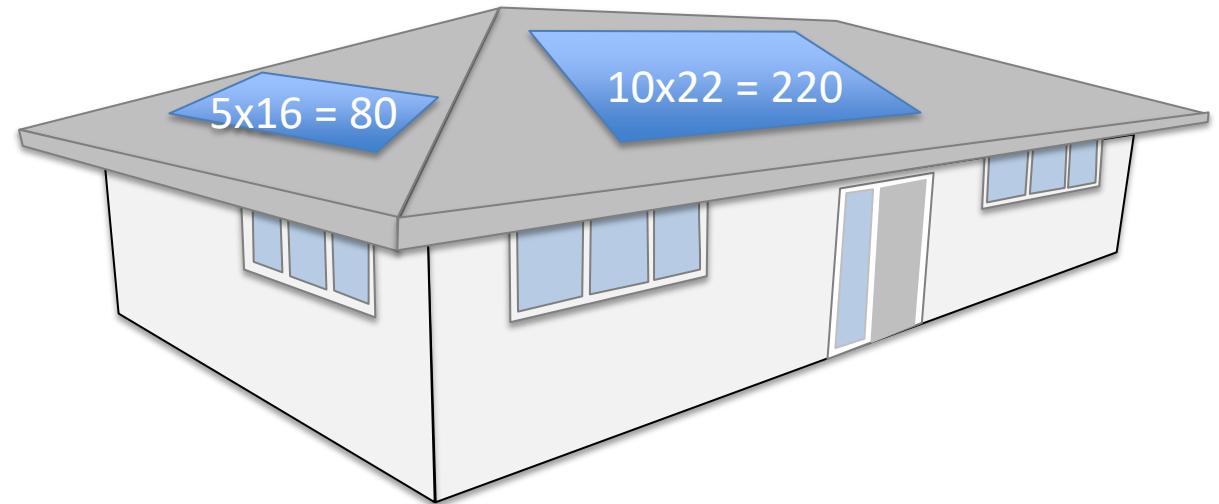
Multiple separate areas ok

Minimum area dimensions

$\geq 5 \text{ ft}$  wide

$\geq 80 \text{ ft}^2$

Example



# Solar Readiness - Appendix RA (Maui)

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## Other requirements

Free from obstructions

Roof load documentation

Interconnection pathway for conduit or plumbing

Electrical service reserved space

Construction documentation certificate

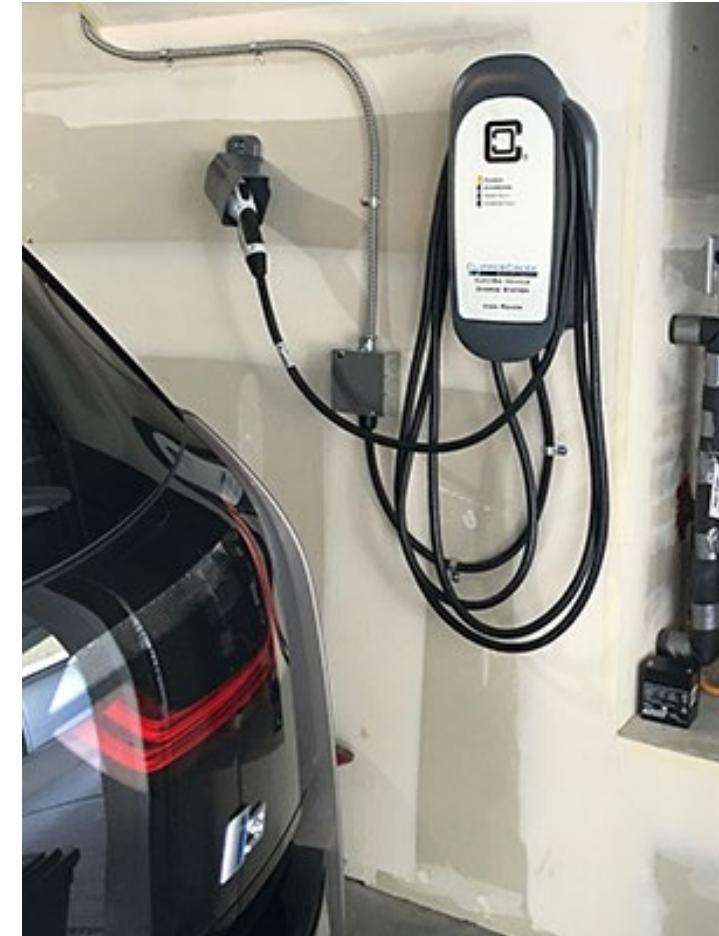
# Electric Vehicle Readiness (R404.3)

## HONOLULU R408.2

- Dedicated receptacle or junction box
- Minimum AC Level 2 charge  
(208 to 240VAC 1-phase minimum 16A)
- In each enclosed attached garage

## MAUI R404.3

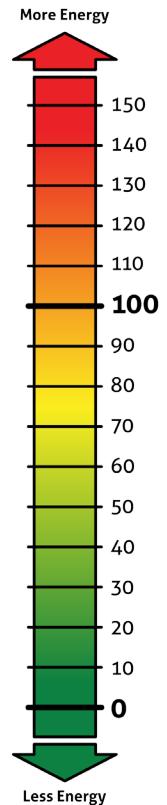
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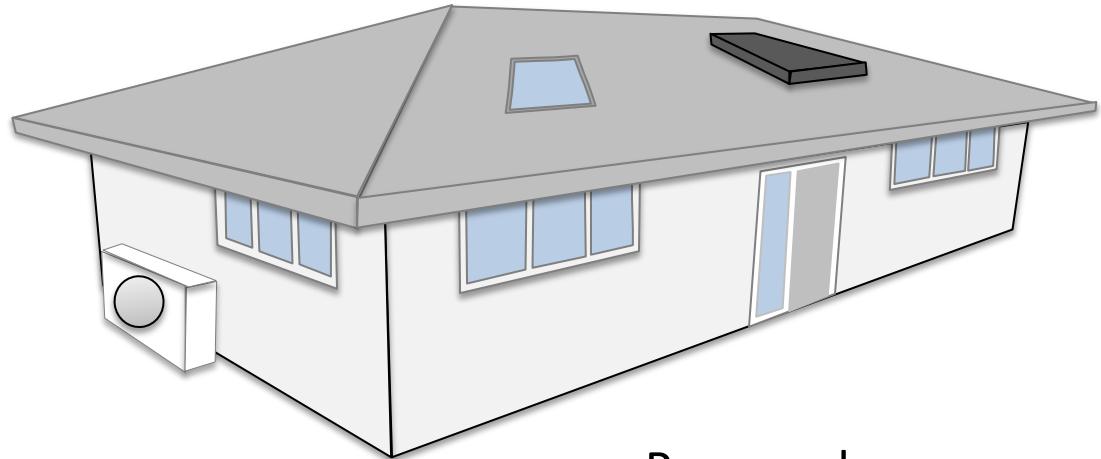
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## Section 9

# Performance Compliance Options

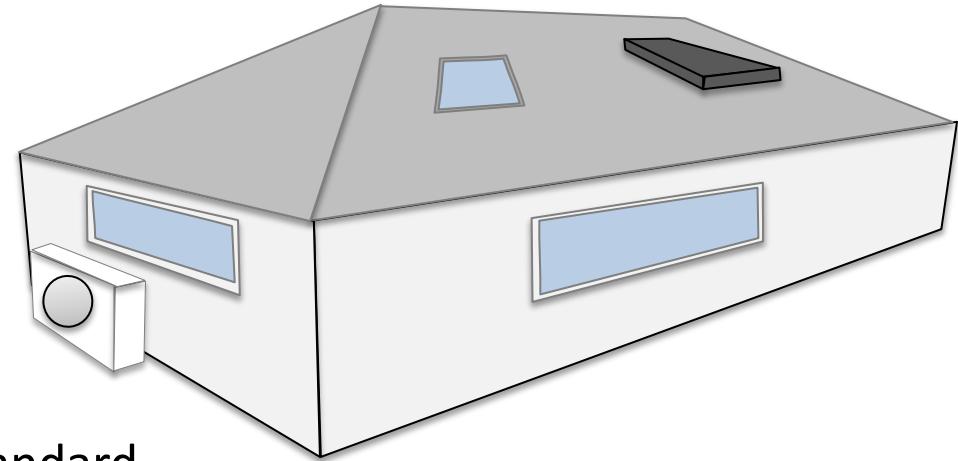


# Simulated Performance Alternative (R405)



Proposed  
design  
\$/year

$\leq$



Standard  
reference  
design  
\$/year

## Common software

- REM/Rate and REM/Design
- Ekotrope
- EnergyGauge USA
- IC3 (Texas A&M)

## Standard reference design

- Prescriptive envelope
- Window area  $\leq$  15% of floor area
- Windows equally distributed all sides
- **No window shading**
- Proposed cooling system
- Proposed water heating system

# Energy Rating Index Compliance (R406)

## Compliance

- Mandatory requirements
- Envelope performance  $\geq$  2009 IECC
- Energy Rating Index  $\leq 57$  (was 52)
- Verification by approved third party

## Accredited providers

<https://www.resnet.us/providers/accredited-providers/accredited-rating-providers/>

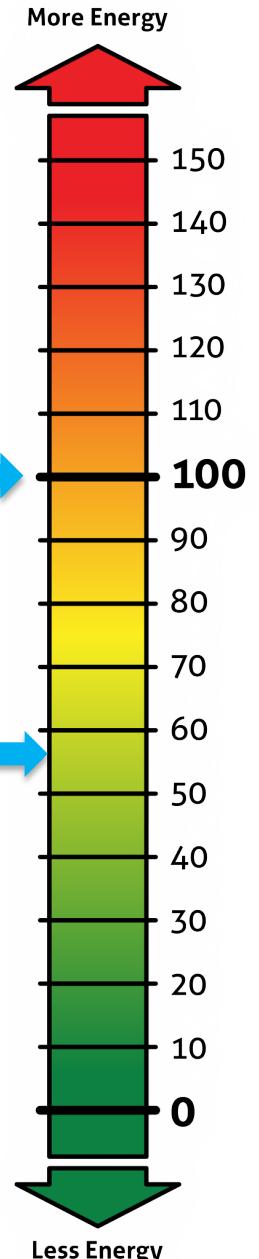
## Accredited software tools (Dec. 2023)

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- Ekotrope
- EnergyGauge USA
- REM/Rate

2006 IECC  
reference  
house

57 max for  
compliance in  
Hawai'i climate



## Section 10

### Large homes compliance

# Large home compliance (Honolulu R401.3)

## All single-family homes $\geq 7000 \text{ ft}^2$

- Demand response controls
  - Electric water heaters
  - AC  $> 2.5$  tons
  - Pool and spa pumps
  - Electric pool and spa heaters
- Walls
  - R-13 minimum, or
  - Solar reflectance  $\geq 0.30$
- Roofs any two:
  - R30
  - Attic ventilation
  - Cool roof

## $\geq 7000 \text{ ft}^2$ and $\geq 2000 \text{ ft}^2$ of A/C space

- Compliance alternative:
  - Simulated performance alternative, 10% better than reference design, or
  - Energy rating index alternative, ERI  $< 52$
- HVAC must be multi-stage variable capacity
- Thermostats capable of demand response

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# Large home compliance (Maui R401.3)

## Maui Amendment

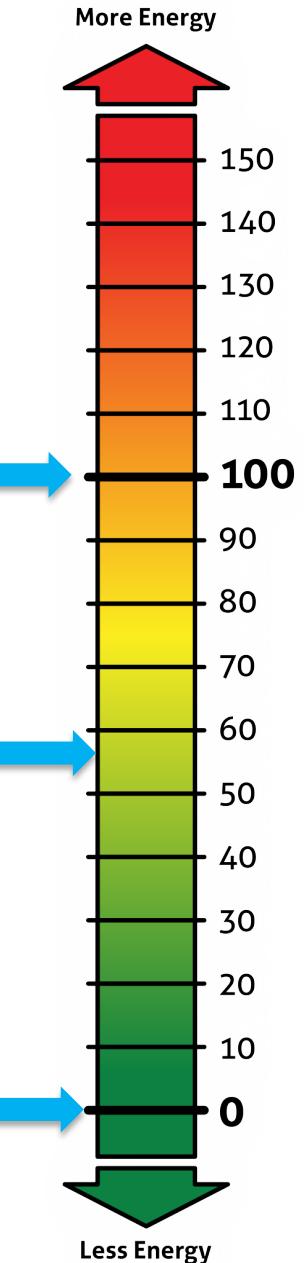
**R401.2 Compliance.** New one- or two-family residential buildings with five thousand square feet or more of conditioned floor area must achieve a verified maximum energy rating index (ERI) score of zero. All projects must also comply with one of the following:

1. Sections R401.3 through R404.
2. Section R405 and the provisions of Section R401 through R404 labeled “Mandatory.”
3. An energy rating index (ERI) approach in Section R406.
4. The tropical zone requirements in Subsection R401.2.1.

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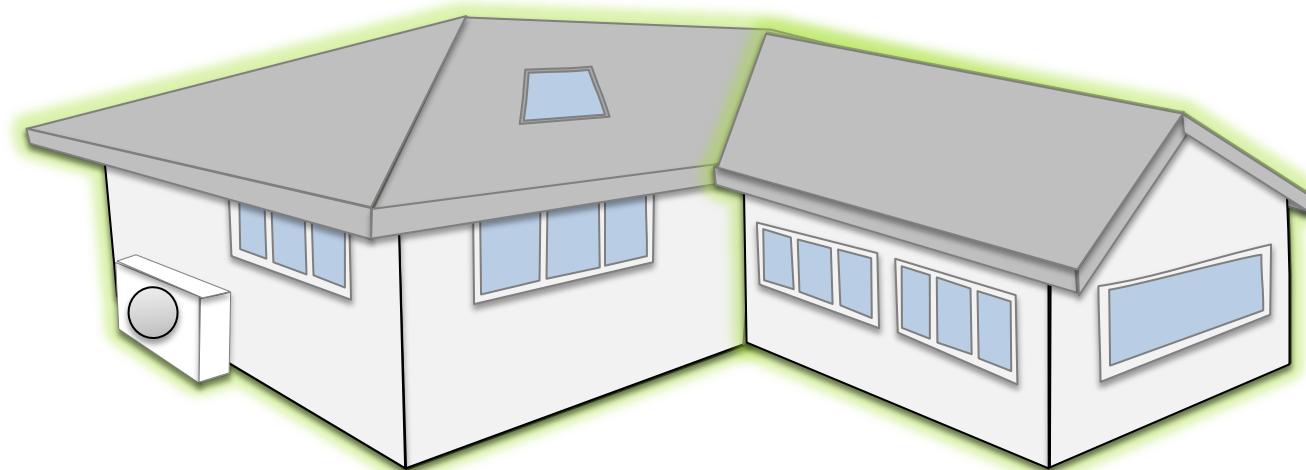
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# Section 11

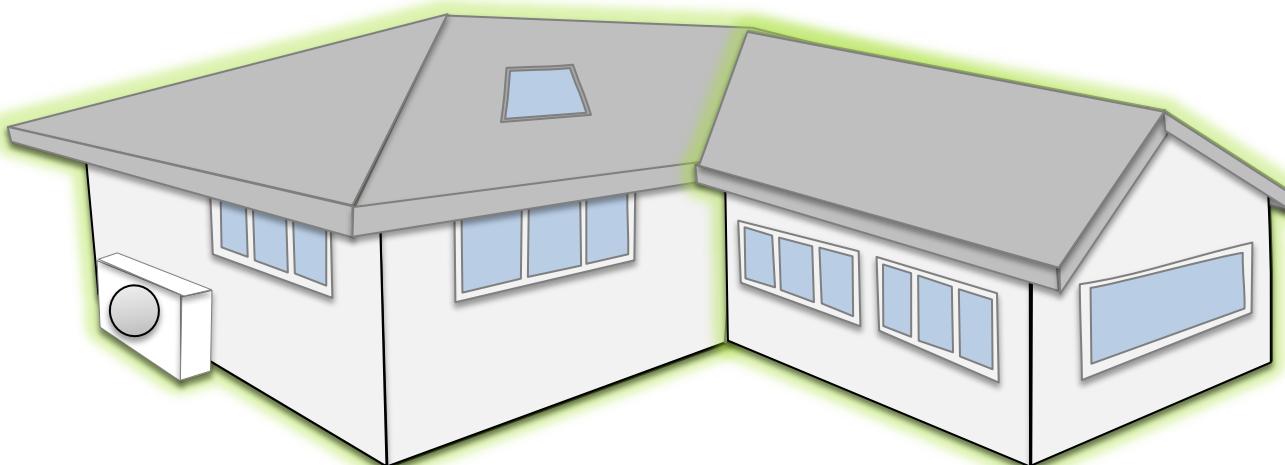
## Existing Building Compliance



# Additions (R502)

## Three options

1. New construction requirements for addition alone
2. Performance method for existing + addition
3. Existing + addition no more energy than existing



### Envelope

New roof

New walls

New windows & skylights

Air leakage

### Systems

New AC

New duct

New water heating

New lighting

# Alterations (R503)

## General requirement for alterations

Altered components meet new construction requirements

## Example alterations

- New windows in existing wall
- Replaced windows with sash and frame
- New AC system
- New water heating system
- New lighting systems
- Replace wall siding
- Roof replacement

## Some exceptions

# Alterations (R503)

## Roof

Meet new construction insulation requirements

## Exceptions

- Roof repair – no requirement
- Roof recover – no requirement
- Roof replacement – [State amendment](#)

**ROOF REPLACEMENT.** *The process of removing the existing roof covering, repairing any damaged substrate and installing a new roof covering.*

## Roof replacement options

1. R-30 insulation or cool roof
2. R-19 or cool roof (Tropical Zone)
3. Choose two
  1. Energy Star roof covering
  2. Radiant barrier
  3. Attic ventilation
  4. Exceptions listed in C402.3
4. Shake on battens replaced with equal or better performance

1. Portions covered by:
  - 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.
2. Portions shaded during summer solstice
3. Portions ballasted with stone 17 lb/sf

# Alterations (R503)

## Walls

R-value or U-factor for new construction

## Exceptions

- Wall cavity is not exposed
- Wall cavity is filled with insulation

# Alterations (R503)

## Windows

0.25 SHGC for new windows and replacement windows or skylights

(Area weighted average allowed)

## Skylights

U-factor  $\leq 0.75$

SHGC  $\leq 0.30$

(Area weighted average allowed)

## Exception

- Glazing-only repairs of existing windows and skylights

# Alterations (R503)

## Air conditioning systems

New systems and components meet new construction requirements

### Exceptions

- Duct extensions of less than 40 ft in unconditioned space

## Water heating systems

New systems and components meet new construction requirements

# Alterations (R503)

## Lighting

High efficacy  $\geq$  90% of lamps

## Exceptions

- Alterations that replace less than 50 percent of the luminaires in a space, provided that such alterations do not increase the installed interior lighting power.

## Section 12

### Wrap Up

# Wrap Up – Compliance Alternatives

1. Tropical Zone
  - ≤50% air conditioned
  - not heated
  - elevation < 2,400 feet
2. Prescriptive
  - Envelope (+ Points Option)
  - Systems
  - Electrical power and lighting systems
3. Simulated performance alternative
4. Energy rating index (ERI)
  - ERI ≤ 57
5. Large homes
  - Honolulu and Maui

# Q&A

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