

## **Energy Efficiency Requirements for the BC Building Code**

New energy efficiency requirements for the BC Building Code came into effect December 20, 2013. Designers and developers will have a choice of energy efficiency standards for complex buildings (Part 3). This includes: large residential, industrial, commercial and institutional buildings but does NOT include houses or small buildings.

Designers can use the 2011 National Energy Code or ASHRAE 90.1 (2010), creating greater flexibility for the construction industry. Government reports that, on average, each standard can increase energy savings up to 15 per cent over the previous requirements, depending on the type of building. Both standards are also associated with improved comfort for building residents.

The B.C. government adopted the new energy efficiency requirements in April 2013.

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