

Technical Bulletin

The 2022 Standards Have Been Adopted effective January 1st, 2023

The 2022 version of Title 24, Part 6: Building Energy Efficiency Standards (BEES) has been adopted by the California Energy Commission (CEC), and will go into effect on January 1st, 2023. Overall, there are not many changes that affect HERS Raters' day-to-day operations. CalCERTS will keep our Raters updated on any important changes and recertification requirements as we get closer to the effective date.

The largest change is in the reorganization of the Standards relative to multi-family buildings. In previous code cycles, low-rise multi-family buildings (3 or fewer stories) fell under the residential code, and high-rise multi-family buildings fell under the non-residential code. In the 2022 code cycle, multi-family buildings will have their own code section apart from the residential and nonresidential sections. However, there will still be a distinction between low-rise and high-rise buildings in the requirements and verification process.

The following documents have been officially adopted and cannot be changed:

1. The "Express Terms," which include Title 24, part 1 (administrative sections) and part 6 (residential and nonresidential energy code sections). A link to the marked-up document that shows deletions and additions to the previous version can be found here: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=238848>
2. The Reference Appendices, which contain all of the HERS protocols: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=238837>
3. The Alternative Calculation Method Approval Manual, which sets the rules that must be followed by the compliance software used for the performance approach: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=237715>

The important documents that still need to be developed and that the public still can provide input on are the Compliance Manuals and the Compliance Documents (e.g., CF1R, CF2R and CF3R forms). CalCERTS encourages all Raters to provide input on these documents to help make the overall compliance process better. The Compliance Document forms have a huge impact on HERS Registries. CalCERTS staff will be working closely with CEC staff to get the CalCERTS Registry approved well in advance of the start date of the new code.

The following CEC publications provide a good summary of the 2022 Code:

- Press release regarding adoption of the 2022 Standards: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/news/2021-08/energy-commission-adopts-updated-building-standards-improve-efficiency-reduce-0>
- Executive Summary of 2022 Standards: https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/CEC_2022_EnergyCodeUpdateSummary_ADA.pdf

For more details, visit the CEC website: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2022-building-energy-efficiency>

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