

1 **ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE AMENDMENTS**

2 2013 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Brad R. Wilson**

5 Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends the State Construction Code.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ adopts the 2012 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code;
- 13 ▶ modifies certain provisions of the International Energy Conservation Code; and
- 14 ▶ modifies certain energy provisions of the International Residential Code.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 This bill ~~§~~→ [takes effect on July 1, 2013] provides a contingent effective date ←~~§~~ .

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **15A-2-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 76

22 **15A-3-203**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 14

23 **15A-3-701**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 14

24 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

25 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

27 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*



59 Utah Division of Forestry, as a construction code that may be adopted by a local compliance
 60 agency by local ordinance or other similar action as a local amendment to the codes listed in
 61 this section.

62 Section 2. Section **15A-3-203** is amended to read:

63 **15A-3-203. Amendments to Chapters 6 through 15 of IRC.**

64 [~~(1) IRC, Sections R612.2 through R612.4.2, are deleted.~~]

65 [~~(2) IRC, Chapter 11, is deleted and replaced with Chapter 11 of the 2006 International
 66 Residential Code and Chapter 4 of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code.~~]

67 (1) In IRC, Section N1101.8 (R103.2), all words after the words "herein governed." are
 68 deleted and replaced with the following: "Construction documents include all documentation
 69 required to be submitted in order to issue a building permit."

70 (2) In IRC, Section N1101.14 (R303.3), all wording after the first sentence is deleted.

71 (3) In IRC, Table N1102.1.1 ~~§~~ → [~~402.1.1~~] (R402.1.1) ← ~~§~~

71a and Table N1102.1.3(R402.1.3), the rows for

72 "climate zone 3", "climate zone 5 and Marine 4", and "climate zone 6" are deleted and replaced
 73 and a new footnote j is added as follows:

74 "TABLE N1102.1.1 (R402.1.1)										
75 <u>INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT^a</u>										
76 CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR ^b	SKYLIGHT ^b U-FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC ^{b,c}	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE	MASS WALL R-VALUE ^{i,j}	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT ^c WALL R-VALUE	SLAB ^d R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE ^e WALL R-VALUE
77 3	0.65	0.65	0.40	30	15	5	19	0	0	5/13
78 5 and Marine 4	0.35	0.60	NR	38	19 or 13 + 5 ^h	13	30 ^g	10/13	10, 2 ft	10/13
79 6	0.35	0.60	NR	49	19 or 13 + 5 ^h	15	30 ^g	10/13	10, 4 ft	10/13

80 j. Log walls complying with ICC400 and with a minimum average wall thickness of 5" or greater shall be permitted in Zones 5-8 when overall window glazing is .31 U-factor or lower, minimum heating equipment efficiency is 90 AFUE (gas) or 84 AFUE (oil), and all other component requirements are met."

81 <u>TABLE N1102.1.3 (R402.1.3)</u>
82 <u>EQUIVALENT U-FACTORS^a</u>

	<u>CLIMATE ZONE</u>	<u>FENESTRATION U-FACTOR</u>	<u>SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR</u>	<u>CEILING U-FACTOR</u>	<u>FRAME WALL U-FACTOR</u>	<u>MASS WALL U-FACTOR^b</u>	<u>FLOOR U-FACTOR</u>	<u>BASEMENT WALL U-FACTOR</u>	<u>CRAWL SPACE WALL U-FACTOR</u>
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84	<u>3</u>	<u>0.65</u>	<u>0.65</u>	<u>0.035</u>	<u>0.082</u>	<u>0.141</u>	<u>0.047</u>	<u>0.360</u>	<u>0.136</u>
85	<u>5 and Marine 4</u>	<u>0.35</u>	<u>0.60</u>	<u>0.030</u>	<u>0.060</u>	<u>0.082</u>	<u>0.033</u>	<u>0.059</u>	<u>0.065</u>
86	<u>6</u>	<u>0.35</u>	<u>0.60</u>	<u>0.026</u>	<u>0.060</u>	<u>0.060</u>	<u>0.033</u>	<u>0.059</u>	<u>0.065</u>

87 (4) In IRC, Section N1102.2.1 (R402.2.1), the last sentence is deleted.

88 (5) In IRC, Section N1102.2.2 (R402.2.2), the last sentence is deleted.

89 (6) In IRC, Section N1102.3.3 (R402.3.3), the last sentence is deleted.

90 (7) In IRC, Section N1102.3.4 (R402.3.4), the last sentence is deleted.

91 (8) In IRC, Section N1102.4.1 (R402.4.1), in the first sentence, the word "and" is
 92 deleted and replaced with the word "or".

93 (9) In IRC, Section N1102.4.1.1 (R402.4.1.1), the last sentence is deleted and replaced
 94 with the following: "Where allowed by the building official, the builder may certify compliance
 95 to components criteria for items which may not be inspected during regularly scheduled
 96 inspections."

97 (10) In IRC, Section N1102.4.1.2 (R402.4.1.2), the following changes are made:

98 a. In the first sentence, the words "in Zones 1 and 2, and 3 air changes per hour in Zone 3
 99 through 8" are deleted.

100 b. In the third sentence, the words "Where required by the building official," and the word
 101 "third" are deleted.

102 c. The following sentence is inserted after the third sentence: "The following parties shall be
 103 approved to conduct testing: Parties certified by BPI or RESNET, or licensed contractors who
 104 have completed training provided by Blower Door Test equipment manufacturers or other
 105 comparable training."

106 (11) In IRC, Section N1102.4.4 (R402.4.4), the last sentence is deleted.

107 (12) In IRC, Section N1103.2.2 (R403.2.2), the requirements for ~~Ḥ→ [duct tightness]~~ total
 107a leakage ←Ḥ testing
 108 are deleted and replaced with the following:

109 "1. Postconstruction test: Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 10 cfm (283
 110 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m2) of conditioned floor space when tested at a pressure

111 differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air
 112 handler enclosure. All register boots shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.

113 2. Rough-in test: Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 10 cfm (283 L/min) per
 114 100 square feet (9.29 m2) of conditioned floor area when tested at a pressure differential of at
 115 least 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer's air handler
 116 enclosure. All registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test. If the air handler is
 117 not installed at the time of the test, total leakage shall be less than or equal to 7.5 cfm (212
 118 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m2) of conditioned floor area."

119 (13) In IRC, Section N1103.2.2 (R403.2.2), the exception for ~~§~~ → [duct tightness] total
 119a leakage ←~~§~~ testing is

120 deleted and replaced with the following: "Exception: The total leakage test is not required for
 121 systems with all air handlers and at least 50% of all ducts (measured by length) located entirely
 122 within the building thermal envelope."

123 (14) In IRC, Section N1103.2.3 (R403.2.3), the words "or plenums" are deleted.

124 (15) In IRC, Section N1103.4.2 (R403.4.2), the sentences for "3.", "9.", and the last
 125 sentence are deleted.

126 (16) In IRC, Section N1103.5 (R403.5), the first sentence is deleted.

127 (17) IRC, Section N1104.1 (R404.1) and the exception are deleted, and N1104.1.1
 128 (R404.1.1) becomes N1104.1 (R404.1).

129 (18) In IRC, Table N1105.5.2(1) (R405.5.2(1)), the following changes are made under
 130 the column STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN:

131 a. In the row "Air exchange rate", the words "in Zones 1 and 2, and 3 air changes per hour in
 132 Zones 3 through 8" are deleted.

133 b. In the row "Heating systems^{f, g}", the standard reference design is deleted and replaced with
 134 the following:

135 "Fuel Type: same as proposed design

136 Efficiencies:

137 Electric: air source heat pump with prevailing federal minimum efficiencies

138 Nonelectric furnaces: natural gas furnace with prevailing federal minimum efficiencies

139 Nonelectric boilers: natural gas boiler with prevailing federal minimum efficiencies

140 Capacity: sized in accordance with Section N1103.6"

141 c. In the row "Cooling systems^{f, h}" the words "As proposed" are deleted and replaced with the

142 following:

143 "Fuel Type: Electric

144 Efficiency: in accordance with prevailing federal minimum standards"

145 d. In the row "Service water heating^{f, g, h, i}", the words "As proposed" are deleted and replaced
146 with the following:

147 "Fuel Type: same as proposed design

148 Efficiency: in accordance with prevailing federal minimum standards

149 Tank Temperature: 120° F"

150 e. In the row "Thermal distribution systems" the word "none" is deleted and replaced with the
151 following: "Thermal distribution system efficiency (DSE) of .080 shall be applied to both the
152 heating and cooling system efficiencies."

153 (19) In Table N1105.5.2(2) (R405.5.2(2)), the number "0.80" is inserted under "Forced
154 air systems" for "Distribution system components located in unconditioned space".

155 (20) In IRC, Section M1307.2, the words "In Seismic Design Categories D1 and D2"
156 are deleted.

156a **§→ (21)The RESCheck Software adopted by the United States Department of Energy and**
156b **modified to meet the requirements of this section shall be used to verify compliance with this**
156c **section. The software shall address the Total UA alternative approach and account for**
156d **Equipment Efficiency Trade-offs when applicable per the standard reference design as**
156e **amended. ←§**

157 ~~[(3)]~~ **§→ [(21)] (22) ←§** IRC, Section M1411.6, is deleted.

158 ~~[(4) In IRC, Section M1502.4.4.1, the words "25 feet (7,620 mm)" are deleted and~~
159 ~~replaced with "35 feet (10,668 mm)".]~~

160 Section 3. Section **15A-3-701** is amended to read:

161 **Part 7. Statewide Amendments to IECC**

162 **15A-3-701. General provisions.**

163 The following is adopted as an amendment to the IECC to be applicable statewide~~[, in~~
164 ~~IECC, Section 504.4.];~~

165 (1) In IECC, Section C202, the definition for "CONDITIONED SPACE" is deleted and
166 replaced with the following: "CONDITIONED SPACE. An area, room or space enclosed
167 within the building thermal envelope that is directly heated or cooled, or indirectly heated or
168 cooled by any of the following means:

169 1. Openings directly into an adjacent conditioned space.

170 2. An un-insulated floor, ceiling or wall adjacent to a conditioned space.

171 3. Un-insulated duct, piping or other heat or cooling source within the space."

172 (2) In IECC, Section C404.4, a new exception is added as follows: "Exception: Heat

260 with the following:

261 "Fuel Type: same as proposed design

262 Efficiency: in accordance with prevailing federal minimum standards

263 Tank Temperature: 120° F"

264 e. In the row "Thermal distribution systems" the word "none" is deleted and replaced with the
 265 following: "Thermal distribution system efficiency (DSE) of .080 shall be applied to both the
 266 heating and cooling system efficiencies."

267 (22) In IECC, Table R405.5.2(2), the number "0.80" is inserted under "Forced air
 268 systems" for "Distribution system components located in unconditioned space".

268a **§→ (23)The RESCheck Software adopted by the United States Department of Energy**
 268b **and modified to meet the requirements of this section shall be used to verify compliance with**
 268c **this section. The software shall address the Total UA alternative approach and account for**
 268d **Equipment Efficiency Trade-offs when applicable per the standard reference design as**
 268e **amended. ←§**

269 Section 4. **Study on improving residential energy efficiency.**

270 (1) During the 2013 interim, the Architectural Advisory Committee of the Uniform
 271 Building Code Commission, in consultation with the Mechanical Advisory Committee of the
 272 Uniform Building Code Commission, shall study and make recommendations ~~to~~ → **[on ways to**
 273 **increase residential energy efficiency by 5% by January 1, 2015] regarding increasing residential**
 273a **energy performance ←~~to~~ .**

274 (2) The Architectural Advisory Committee shall present its recommendations to the
 275 Business and Labor Interim Committee no later than the October 2013 interim meeting.

276 Section 5. **§→ Contingent ←§ §→ [Effective] effective ←§ date.**

277 **§→ [This bill takes effect on July 1, 2013.] This bill takes effect on the first day of the**
month following the month in which the Uniform Building Code Commission certifies in
writing to the Business and Labor Interim Committee that the United States Department of
Energy has adopted a version of the RESCheck software that can be used to verify compliance
to the requirements of this bill. ←§