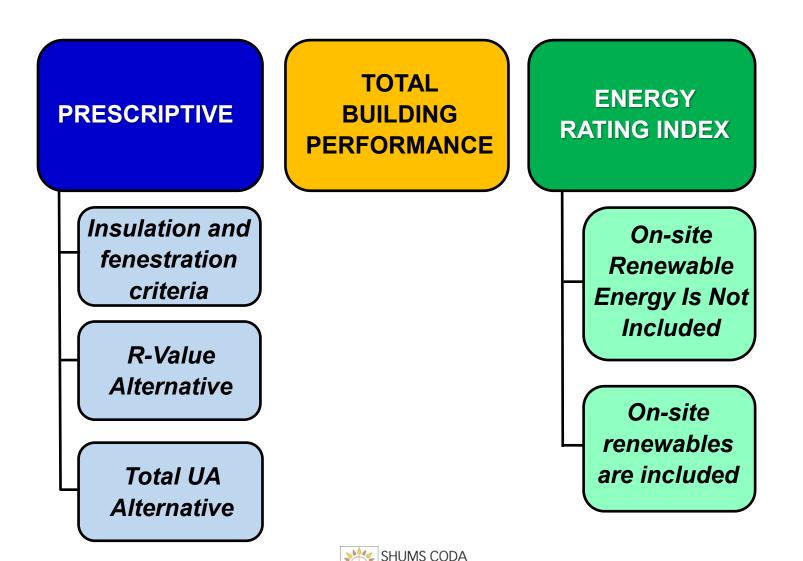


2021 IECC Residential Energy Compliance Paths Energy Code Support Program

All new residential projects are required to utilize one of the energy compliance path referenced in Section R401.2 of the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). These different energy compliance have different approached to achieve energy code compliance. This provide flexibility for the designer, architect, or building owner to determine which is the best option for their project to be design to. The energy compliance path must be known in the beginning of the process, long before the project is submitted for permit application.



ASSOCIATES



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PRESCRIPTIVE PATH

The prescriptive path is the path that is referred to as the "By the Book" compliance path. You follow what the code states. The prescriptive path is a path that contains three options for compliance. Each option contains different types of flexibility for the thermal envelope to comply with the requirements of the energy code.

R402.1.2 - Insulation and Fenestration Criteria

This option requires projects to comply with section R402.1.2. Table R402.1.2 utilizes the U-factor, which demonstrates the maximum value permitted for compliance. The entire assembly of the thermal envelope is used to demonstrate compliance with Table R402.1.2. Documentation of where the values of the assembly came from is required.

R402.1.3 - R-Value Alternative

This option is the most straight forward approach. Section R402.1.3 including Table R402.1.3 is what is followed for this option. The insulation would need to meet the minimum R-values listed in Table R402.1.3 and the U-factors and SHGC can not exceed the values listed in Table R402.1.3. Section R402.2 contains more flexibility for this option.

R402.1.5- Total UA Alternative

This option is the only option of the prescriptive path that allows for some trading of the thermal envelope components. A report is required to show compliance, and the software often utilized are REScheck, Ekotrope, or REMRate.





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TOTAL BUILDING PERFORMANCE R405

This energy compliance path utilizes the entire building's energy performance, and the annual energy cost of the proposed design determine if the design will comply with this compliance path.

This path allows for trading of components beyond what is found in the thermal envelope. It will utilize a twin building concept of a referenced design building that uses Table R402.1.2 values and a proposed design building.

Projects must comply with the sections listed in Table R405.2. These are sections that reside outside of section R405, but are requirements that all projects must comply with no matter the compliance path utilized.

The components of the building that are permitted to be traded are listed in Table R405.4.2(1). This table has the parameters of how to treat these building components within design of the building.

This path uses a third party verifier.

Two reports are required to be provided when utilizing this path.

The two most often utilized software is REMRate and Ekotrope, but others may qualify. REScheck is **NOT** a software that can be utilized with this path.





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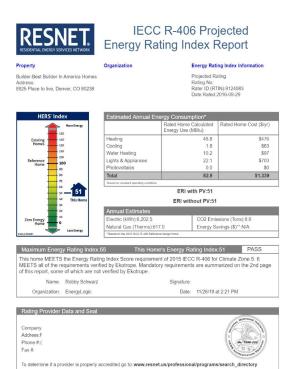
ENERGY RATING INDEX R406

This energy compliance path is similar to an existing program. This path does utilize a twin building concept. The standard reference design is based off the U-factor prescriptive values found in the 2006 IECC. The proposed design can use desired values, but nothing less than the established backstop values.

This path has two options included and it is determined if the project utilizes renewable energy in the calculation. Very specific requirements are included when utilizing renewable energy to obtain compliance.

Project must comply with Table R406.2. R406.2 is a table of required items, regardless of the compliance pathway.

Two reports are required to be submitted.



Compliance is determined by the energy rating index score and it can not exceed the number listed in Table R406.4. The lower the number the better.

REMRate or Ekotrope are software that are often be utilized.

