

BC Energy Step Code

The purpose of this bulletin is to explain how BC Energy Step Code pertains to new building permits.

Please Note:

- This is a supplement of the **Building Permit Application Checklist**, which can be found here: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/building-permits-inspections/forms-publications>

Starting May 1, 2023, **all applications for new structures** (except accessory buildings) must include:

- A **Pre-Construction Compliance Report** from an **Energy Advisor** or Registered Professional.
 - The Energy Advisor must provide their registration/certification information.
 - The date of the drawings and the name of the designer listed in the report must match the **Construction Drawings**.
- Construction Drawings for **New Single Family Dwellings** and **Part 9 Buildings** must meet Step 3 at minimum, with the exception of log homes, which must meet the original 2018 Code provisions.
- Construction Drawings for **Part 3 Buildings** must meet Step 2 at minimum, with the exception of schools, libraries, colleges, recreation centres, hospitals, and care centres, which must meet Part 8 of the **National Energy Code for Buildings**.

During the **Construction phase**:

- Builders are encouraged to work closely with Energy Advisors on and off site.
- Builders are encouraged to have a **Mid-Construction Compliance Report** with blower door test.
- Changes may not be made to the approved Construction Drawings without prior approval of the Energy Advisor and the CRD Building Inspection Division.

Prior to booking a **Final Inspection**:

- An **As-Built Compliance Report**, with blower door test results, must be submitted for review.