Analysis of Changes for the

9th Edition (2026) Florida Codes

Changes to the Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation

This *Analysis of Changes for the 9th Edition (2026) Florida Codes* is intended to provide a comprehensive comparison of the provisions in the *Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, 8th Edition (2023)* (FBCEC 8th Edition (2023)) and the *Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, 9th Edition (2026)* (FBCEC 9th Edition (2026)). The FBCEC 8th Edition (2023) is the base code for the FBCEC 9th Edition (2026), with changes coming from both the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and other Florida Building Commission approved modification proposals. This *Analysis* will serve as a useful tool to facilitate the transition to the new code.

The *Analysis* is arranged so that comparable provisions in the two codes can be easily located. The left two columns contain section numbers and titles of the corresponding requirements from the FBCEC 8th Edition (2023). The next two columns contain section numbers and titles of the corresponding requirements in the FBCEC 9th Edition (2026). The far-right column contains a brief analysis or comments on the differences between the provisions.

This *Analysis* is not intended to replace or interpret the provisions of the FBCEC 8th Edition (2023) or the FBCEC 9th Edition (2026). This information simply points out the differences. The *Analysis* is not designed to be used without the aid of the representative code books, as all the details pertaining to a specific section may or may not be provided. However, this *Analysis* will provide an easy means for identifying differences in the two codes, as well as enabling the user to locate issue specific provisions in the FBCEC 9th Edition (2026) by means of a numbered section cross reference.

Notable changes deemed to be the most significant or to have the greatest impact have been highlighted in yellow.

Residential Provision Changes

8th Edition (2023) FBCEC		9th Edition (2026) FBCEC		Analysis
Section	Requirement	Section	Requirement	
Chapter 1 [RE]: Scope and Administration				
R101.2	Scope	R101.2	Scope	Revises language specifying which building types the residential provisions section applies, now using the Chapter 2 definition of residential buildings.
--	--	R101.2.1	Appendices	New section clarifies that with two exceptions for Appendix RC and RD, appendices do not apply unless specifically adopted.
R101.5.1.1.1	Building thermal envelope alternative	R101.5.1.1.1	Building thermal envelope alternative	Removes REScheck compliance option.
--	--	R103.2.2	Solar-ready system	New section stipulates construction document details required where a solar-ready zone is provided.
Chapter 2 [RE]: Definitions				
--	--	R202	Definitions: Community Renewable Energy Facility	New definition for community renewable energy facility.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Demand Response Signal	New definition for demand response signal.

--	--	R202	Definitions: Demand Responsive Control	New definition for demand responsive control.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Direct Ownership	New definition for direct ownership.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Emittance	New definition for emittance.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Fuel Gas	New definition for fuel gas.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Green Retail Pricing	New definition for green retail pricing.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Heat Exchanger	New definition for heat exchanger.
R202	Definitions: Listed	R202	Definitions: Listed	Adds specifications for terms that are used to identify listed equipment, products, or materials.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Occupant Sensor Control	New definition for occupant sensor control.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Renewable Energy Investment Fund (REIF)	New definition for Renewable Energy Investment Fund (REIF).
--	--	R202	Definitions: Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)	New definition for Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

R202	Definitions: Renovated Building	R202	Definitions: Renovated Building	Increases renovated building cost threshold from 30 percent of assessed value of the structure to 75 percent in cases of a natural disaster that is the subject of a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Space Conditioning	New definition for space conditioning.
--	--	R202	Definitions: Space Conditioning Equipment	New definition for space conditioning equipment.
Chapter 3 [RE]: General Requirements				
R303.1.3	Fenestration product rating	R303.1.3	Fenestration product rating	Adds authorization requirements for manufacturers which label and certify fenestration product *U*-factors, and solar heat gain coefficients (SHGC) and visible transmittance (VT) of glazed fenestration products. Also adds specification that for Tubular Daylighting Devices, VT_{annual} be measured and rated in accordance with ANSI/NFRC 203.
Chapter 4 [RE]: Residential Energy Efficiency				
R401.2	Compliance	R401.2	Compliance	Adds requirement to comply with new Section R407—Additional

				Efficiency Requirements to compliance option #1 (increases prescriptive compliance stringency).
R401.2.1	Tropical zone	--	--	Removes Section R401.2.1 Tropical zone compliance section.
Section R402—Building Thermal Envelope				
R402.1	General (Prescriptive)	R402.1	General (Prescriptive)	Adds new Exception 3 to prescriptive compliance building thermal envelope requirements, allowing unvented attic and unvented enclosed rafter assemblies insulated and air sealed with a minimum of R-20 air impermeable insulation to meet Section R402 requirements if listed building airtightness, ventilation, roof rafter insulation, and HVAC equipment and ductwork location requirements are met (code language for consistency with HB 267—bill effective date July 1, 2025, and included as part of *2024 Supplement to the 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code – Supplement 4*).
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration	Adds *Vertical* to *Fenestration U-factor* column title, removes no

	Requirements by Component: *Fenestration U-factor*		Requirements by Component: *Vertical Fenestration U-factor*	longer applicable footnote “b” and reflects renumbered footnote “j” to “i” (no change to footnote itself).
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Skylight U-factor*	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Skylight U-Factor*	Reduces maximum skylight *U-*factor from 0.75 to 0.60 for Climate Zone 1 and from 0.65 to 0.60 for Climate Zone 2.
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component*: Glazed Fenestration SHGC*	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Glazed Fenestration SHGC*	Removes no longer applicable footnote “b” and footnote “e” from Glazed Fenestration SHGC column.
--	--	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Skylight SHGC*	Adds *Skylight SHGC* column and specifies a maximum skylight SHGC of 0.28 for both Climate Zones 1 and 2 (reducing maximum skylight SHGC from 0.30 for both climate zones in 2023 8th Edition).
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Wood Frame Wall R-value*	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Wood Frame Wall R-value*	Adds continuous insulation *R-*value options to Wood Frame Wall *R*-value column insulation minimums for Climate Zones 1 and 2 and adds revised footnote “e” which now states that the first value shown is for cavity insulation and second value shown is for continuous

				insulation, and provides an example.
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Mass Wall R-value*	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Mass Wall R-value*	Replaces deleted 2023 8th Edition footnote "i" from Mass Wall *R*-value column with footnote "f" which now includes deleted footnote "i" clarification of when second *R*-value specified applies, and adds that mass walls must be in accordance with Section R402.2.5.
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Floor R-value*	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Floor R-value*	Florida applicable changes include adding cavity + continuous insulation and continuous insulation *R*-value alone options to Floor *R*-value column insulation minimums for Climate Zones 1 and 2, and adding footnote "h" which provides revised cavity insulation alone, cavity insulation + continuous insulation, and continuous insulation alone *R*-value examples.
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Basement wall R-value*	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Basement wall R-value*	Removes revised footnote "c" (which is now only concerned with slab insulation) and adds revised footnote "b" to Basement wall *R*-value column which provides cavity insulation alone, cavity

				insulation + continuous insulation, and continuous insulation alone *R*-value examples.
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Slab R-Value & Depth*	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Unheated Slab R-Value & Depth*	Adds *Unheated* to *Slab R-Value & Depth* column title.
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Slab R-Value & Depth*	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Unheated Slab R-Value & Depth*	Removes revised footnote "d" (now only concerned with basement wall insulation) from Slab *R*-Value & Depth column title and adds revised footnote "c" which now specifies that slab insulation installation be in accordance with Section R402.2.10.1.
--	--	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component: *Heated Slab R-Value & Depth*	Adds *Heated Slab R-value & Depth* column and specifies minimum Climate Zone 1 and 2 *R*-value requirements; also adds revised footnote "c" which now specifies that slab insulation installation be in accordance with Section R402.2.10.1.
Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration	Table R402.1.2	Insulation and Fenestration	Removes revised footnote "c" from Crawl Space Wall *R*-Value

	Requirements by Component: *Crawl Space Wall R-Value*		Requirements by Component: *Crawl Space Wall R-Value*	column title and adds revised footnote "b" which now provides cavity insulation alone, cavity insulation + continuous insulation, and continuous insulation alone *R*-value examples, and also adds revised footnote "e" which now clarifies that the first value shown is for cavity insulation and second value shown is for continuous insulation, and provides an example.
Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *Fenestration U-factor*	Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *Vertical Fenestration U-factor*	Adds *Vertical* to *Fenestration U-factor* column title.
Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *Skylight U-factor*	Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *Skylight U-factor*	Reduces maximum skylight *U*-factor from 0.75 to 0.60 for Climate Zone 1 and from 0.65 to 0.60 for Climate Zone 2.
--	--	Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *Unheated Slab F-factor*	Adds *Unheated Slab F-factor* column and specifies maximum *F*-factors; also adds new footnote "e" which provides *F*-Factor *R*-value and installation conditions requirements.
--	--	Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *Heated Slab F-factor*	Adds *Heated Slab F-factor* column and specifies maximum *F*-factors; also adds new footnote

				"e" which provides *F*-Factor *R*-value and installation conditions requirements.
Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *footnote "a"*	Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *footnote "a"*	Revises footnote "a" to include *F*-factors, and adds *approved* source option for nonfenestration *U*-factor and *F*-factor determination.
Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *footnote "b"*	Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *footnote "b"*	Revises footnote "b" to add that mass walls must be in accordance with Section R402.2.5 and adds maximum mass wall *U*-factor for Climate Zone 0.
Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *footnote "c"*	Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *footnote "c"*	Revises footnote "c" to clarify maximum basement wall *U*-factor (applicable to Climate Zone 3 in table).
--	--	Table R402.1.4	Equivalent *U*-Factors: *footnote "d"*	Adds footnote "d" which stipulates a slightly lower maximum *U*-factor for vertical fenestration products installed in Marine Climate Zone 4 and Climate Zones 5 through 8 in locations meeting provided elevation or windborne debris region criteria.
Table R402.4.1.1	Air Barrier and Insulation	Table R402.4.1.1	Air Barrier and Insulation	Adds requirement to Ceiling/Attic Air Barrier Criteria that the sealing of access openings, drop-down

	Installation: *Ceiling/attic*		Installation: *Ceiling/attic*	stairs or knee-wall doors to unconditioned attic spaces be “with gasketing materials that allow for repeated entrance over time.”
Table R402.4.1.1	Air Barrier and Insulation Installation: *Ceiling/attic*	Table R402.4.1.1	Air Barrier and Insulation Installation: *Ceiling/attic*	Adds clarifying Ceiling/Attic Insulation Installation Criteria requirements that access hatches and doors be installed and insulated in accordance with Section R402.2.4, and eave baffles be installed in accordance with Section R402.2.3.
Section R403—Systems				
R403.1.2	Programmable thermostat (Prescriptive)	R403.1.2	Programmable or “smart” thermostat (Prescriptive)	Revises section title to add *smart* thermostats and clarifies thermostat temperature set back capability requirements.
R403.3.3	Duct testing (Mandatory)	R403.3.3	Duct testing (Mandatory)	Removes duct testing exception for buildings complying by Section R405 (Performance). See related changes to Section R405.2.3 and Table R405.5.2(1) below.
R403.5.1.1	Circulation systems	R403.5.1.1	Circulation systems	Adds minimum ½” insulation thickness requirement for supply and return piping mains in circulation and recirculation systems other than cold water

				pipe demand recirculation systems.
--	--	R403.6.3	Testing	New section adds mechanical ventilation system flow rate testing and verification requirements. Includes exceptions for certain kitchen range hoods, ventilation systems with an integrated diagnostic tool used for airflow measurement and user interface, and for unit sampling as specified.
--	--	R403.6.4	Unit sampling	New section allows unit sampling testing of mechanical ventilation systems for buildings with eight or more dwelling units or sleeping units and provides requirements regarding which units are tested. Corrective action and retesting requirements are also stipulated where ventilation flow rates are less than the minimum permitted rate.
--	--	R403.6.5	Intermittent exhaust control for bathrooms and toilet rooms	New section specifies control requirement options for exhaust systems designed for intermittent operation serving bathrooms or toilet rooms. An exception is provided for bathroom and toilet room exhaust systems serving as

				integral components of outdoor air ventilation systems or whole-house mechanical ventilation systems.
R403.7.1	Equipment sizing (Mandatory)	R403.7.1	Equipment sizing (Mandatory)	Removes ACCA Manual S sizing language from this section (moved to revised Section R403.7.1.1) and adds that the manufacturer and model number of any supplementary units must also be submitted.
R403.7.1.1	Cooling equipment capacity	R403.7.1.1	Cooling equipment capacity	Revises section to require cooling only equipment capacity selection to be in accordance with Section R403.7.1 and according to one of three options: Option A: Requires that in accordance with ACCA Manual S, the total capacity not be less than the calculated total load but also not more than specified maximums based on whether the equipment is single stage, two stage, or multi-stage. Option B: Requires that in accordance with ACCA Manual S, the sensible capacity not be less than the calculated sensible load

				but also not more than 1.20 times greater than the sensible load. Also requires that the latent capacity not be less than the calculated latent load. Option C: For sizing based on Manual J, a permanently installed supplementary unit is permitted to meet the calculated latent load (includes primary unit total capacity requirements and primary plus supplemental unit latent capacity requirements). This option also requires the efficiency rating of the supplementary unit to be included as proposed per Table R405.5.2.(1) and R406.4, and that a provided notice regarding the unit be installed on the air handler.
R403.12	Residential pools and permanent residential spas	R403.12	Residential pools and permanent residential spas	Changes out referenced standard from “APSP” to “PHTA.”
R403.13	Dehumidifiers (Mandatory)	R403.13	Dehumidifiers (Mandatory)	Revises Item 1, replacing capacity based minimum dehumidifier efficiency requirements with requirements to comply with

				specified test method standards and efficiency standard.
Section R405—Simulated Performance Alternative (Performance)				
R405.2.3	Duct air leakage testing	--	--	Section stipulating cases where duct leakage testing is required for Section R405 (Performance) compliance is deleted since the duct testing exception for Section R405 compliance has been removed in Section R403.3.3 (see above).
R405.3	Performance-based compliance	R405.3	Performance-based compliance	Reduces maximum annual total normalized Modified Loads of the Proposed Design from 95 percent to 85 percent of annual total loads of the Standard Reference Design (increases stringency).
Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Above-grade walls*	Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Above-grade walls*	Changes Above-grade walls Standard Reference Design solar absorptance specification of 0.75 to solar reflectance specification of 0.25 (no change in stringency).
Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Roofs*	Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Roofs*	Changes Roofs Standard Reference Design solar absorptance specification of 0.75 to solar reflectance specification of 0.25 (no change in stringency).

Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Skylights*	Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Skylights*	Changes Standard Reference Design area for skylights from "None" to Proposed Design skylight area-based area, and adds Reference orientation, *U*-factor, and SHGC specifications.
Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Thermal distribution systems*	Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Thermal distribution systems*	Revises specification for how non-tested ducts are to be modeled in the Proposed Design for Section R405 compliance. Also revises language for how hydronic and ductless systems are to be modeled in the Proposed Design (no change in stringency for hydronic and ductless systems).
Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Thermal distribution systems*	Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Thermal distribution systems*	Clarifies that ducts located in an unvented attic with insulation at the roof deck must be modeled in the attic for the Proposed Design (no change in stringency).
Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Thermal distribution systems*	Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Thermal distribution systems*	Clarifies that air handlers located in an unvented attic with insulation at the roof deck must be modeled in the attic for the Proposed Design (no change in stringency).

Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Thermostat*	Table R405.5.2(1)	Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Designs: *Thermostat*	Clarifies offsets for modeling programmable thermostats for the Proposed Design. (See also new Section R405.7.9.)
R405.5.3.4	Maximum fenestration SHGC	R405.5.3.4	Maximum fenestration SHGC	Reduces the Proposed Design maximum area-weighted average fenestration SHGC from 0.50 to 0.40 for Section R405 compliance (but keeps existing exception for window area-weighted average overhang depths of 4.0 feet or greater).
R405.7.2	Installation criteria for homes claiming the cool roof option	R405.7.2	Installation criteria for homes claiming the cool roof option	Replaces solar reflectance standards specified for cool roof credit for Section R405 compliance.
--	--	R405.7.9	Installation criteria for homes claiming the programmable thermostat option	Specifies installation criteria for homes claiming programmable or "smart" thermostat credit for Section R405 compliance.
Section R406—Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative				
R406.4	ERI-based compliance	R406.4	ERI-based compliance	Updates the ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301 standard used for determining the ERI for the rated design from the 2019 edition to the 2022 edition and adds "Addendum B-2022."
Section R407—Additional Efficiency Requirements				

--	--	R407	Additional Efficiency Requirements	New section details the new additional efficiency requirements for Section R401.2 Item 1 (prescriptive) compliance (increases stringency).
--	--	R407.1	Scope	New section states that this section provides the additional efficiency measures and credits now required for Section R401.2 Item 1 (prescriptive) compliance.
--	--	R407.2	Additional energy efficiency credit requirements	New section specifies the efficiency credits required for Section R401.2 Item 1 (prescriptive) compliance.
--	--	Table R407.2	Credits for Additional Energy Efficiency	New table provides the additional efficiency measure options available for compliance with Section R407 and their associated Climate Zone 1 and 2 credits (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.1	Enhanced building thermal envelope options	New section lists specific additional efficiency sections that stipulate enhanced building thermal envelope credit option details (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).

--	--	R407.2.1.1	Enhanced building thermal envelope performance	New section provides requirements for obtaining the enhanced building thermal envelope credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.1.2	Improved fenestration	New section provides requirements for obtaining the improved fenestration credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	Table R407.2.1.2	Improved Fenestration	New table provides maximum vertical fenestration *U*-factor and SHGC values for obtaining the improved fenestration credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.1.3	Roof solar reflectance index	New section provides requirements for obtaining the roof solar reflectance index credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.1.3.1	Aged solar reflectance	New section provides equation for assigning a three-year-aged roof solar reflectance value where not otherwise available for the roof

				solar reflectance index credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.2	More efficient HVAC equipment performance options	New section provides requirements for obtaining heating and cooling equipment credit, including cooling with electric resistance heating, cooling with gas heating, and air source heat pump options (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.3	Reduced energy use in service water-heating options	New section provides table-based requirements for obtaining service water heating credit, including gas-fired, heat pump, solar thermal, and compact hot water distribution options (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	Table R407.2.3	Service Water Heating Efficiencies	New table provides efficiencies required for service water heating credit, including for gas-fired, heat pump, solar thermal, and compact hot water distribution options (for Section R407

				additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.3.1	Compact hot water distribution system option	New section provides requirements for obtaining compact hot water distribution system credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.3.1.1	Water volume determination	New section provides requirements for calculating water volume in the piping between a source of heated water and the termination of a fixture supply for compact hot water distribution system credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	Table R407.2.3.1	Internal Volume of Various Water Distribution Tubing	New table provides the volume in ounces of water per foot for various water distribution tubing types by diameter; used for compact hot water distribution system credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.4	More efficient thermal distribution system options	New section provides requirements for two options for obtaining more efficient thermal distribution system credit, one for

				ductless or hydronic thermal distribution located on the conditioned side of the building thermal envelope, and another for space conditioning equipment and 80 percent or more of ductwork being located in conditioned space (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.5	Renewable energy	New section provides requirements for obtaining renewable energy credit, including for on-site renewable energy systems and for off-site procurement (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	Table R407.2.5	On-site and Off-site Renewable Energy Procurement Requirements	New table provides required rated procured watts per conditioned square foot of dwelling unit for on-site renewable systems and off-site procurement, for obtaining renewable energy credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.5.1	Off-Site Procurement	New section provides source options for off-site renewable

				energy procurement, for renewable energy credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.5.1.1	Connection to procured off-site energy	New section provides procured energy delivery options for off-site renewable energy procurement, for renewable energy credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.5.2	Off-Site contract	New section provides requirements for energy contracts for off-site renewable energy procurement, for renewable energy credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.5.3	Renewable energy certificate (REC) documentation	New section provides requirements for documentation of RECs for off-site renewable energy procurement, for renewable energy credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.6	Demand response	New section provides general requirements for thermostat

				demand responsive control credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.6.1	Single-stage HVAC system controls	New section provides specific requirements for thermostat demand responsive control credit for single-stage HVAC systems (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.6.2	Variable-capacity and two-stage HVAC system controls	New section provides specific requirements for thermostat demand responsive control credit for variable-capacity and two-stage HVAC systems (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
--	--	R407.2.7	Whole-home lighting control	New section provides requirements for whole-home lighting control credit (for Section R407 additional efficiency requirements for prescriptive compliance).
Chapter 5 [RE]: Existing Buildings				
R502.1.1.2	Heating and cooling systems	R502.1.1.2	Heating and cooling systems	Adds Section R403.7 (equipment sizing requirements and electric resistance space heating

				prohibition for Climate Zone 2 prescriptive compliance) to prescriptive compliance requirements for new heating, cooling, and duct systems that are part of an addition.
Chapter 6 [RE]: Referenced Standards				
See Energy Conservation volume for additions, updates, and changes.				
Appendix RD: Forms				
Forms	Duct Leakage Test Report	Forms	Duct Leakage Test Report	Code edition is updated from 2023 and 8th Edition to 2026 and 9th Edition.
--	--	Forms	Mechanical Ventilation Test Report	New form for reporting mechanical ventilation flow rate test results with pass/fail status (also see new mechanical ventilation testing Section R403.6.3).
Forms	Envelope Leakage Test Report (Blower Door Test)	Forms	Envelope Leakage Test Report (Blower Door Test)	Code edition is updated from 2023 and 8th Edition to 2026 and 9th Edition.
Forms	Form R402-2023	Forms	Form R402-2026	Code edition is updated from 2023 to 2026.
Forms	Form R402-2023	Forms	Form R402-2026	Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component table and footnotes on first page are updated and expanded to reflect Table R402.1.2 changes.

Forms	Form R402-2023	Forms	Form R402-2026	Minimum Efficiency Level Required column entry for the "Other" row of the Air conditioning systems section of the Equipment Requirements and Installed Values table on second page is expanded from "See Tables C403.2.3(1)–(11)" to "See Tables C403.2.3(1)–(16)."
Forms	Residential Energy Conservation Code Documentation Checklist	Forms	Residential Energy Conservation Code Documentation Checklist	Code edition is updated from 2023 to 2026 and FBC software compliance footnote is updated to 9th Edition (2026).
Forms	Form R400-2023	Forms	Form R400-2026	Code edition is updated from 2023 to 2026.