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City of Los Angeles – Department of Building & Safety

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I. Purpose

This bulletin outlines how the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) enforces the 2025 California Energy Code (CEC) and the documentation required for compliance.

II. Enforcement of the California Energy Code

Per CEC Section 10-103(d), LADBS ensures all new construction, additions, and alterations meet current energy standards before issuing permits.

A. Plan Submittal

LADBS verifies required energy forms and calculations during intake. Incomplete applications without these specifications will be rejected.

B. Plan Check

Plans are reviewed to ensure they incorporate CEC efficiency standards. Permits are only issued once compliance is fully demonstrated on construction documents.

C. Inspection

Inspectors verify that on-site installation matches approved plans and CEC standards. A Certificate of Occupancy is only issued after all mandatory Certificates of Installation, Acceptance, and Verification are submitted.

III. Documentation

Compliance requires four primary certificates—**Compliance, Installation, Acceptance, and Verification**—supported by detailed plans and calculations.

A. Required Plan Check Documents

LADBS uses the following to verify compliance:

Certificate of Compliance: Lists required energy features: Must be signed by the Designer and Documentation Author. [CEC 10-103(a)1]

Building Plan Check Design Plans and Specifications: Must detail all features from the Certificate of Compliance, including insulation R-values, fenestration U-factors/SHGC, building orientation, and solar/energy storage capacities.

Mechanical Plan Check Documents and Plans: Demonstrates that the design of mechanical systems (HVAC, ventilation, boilers, water heater, chillers, controls, ductwork, pumps, etc.) complies with California Energy Code requirements. California Energy Commission-approved modeling software or

prescriptive compliance paths may be used to verify that the proposed equipment meets all mandatory measures and meets the prescriptive or performance requirements for the minimum efficiency, ventilation, sizing, and controls standards (e.g. SEER, economizer provisions).

Electrical Plan Check Documents and Plans:

Nonresidential / Commercial Lighting

Certificate of Compliance – NRCC-LTI-01-E / NRCC-LTO-01-E - Indoor Lighting (NRCC-LTI-01-E) verifies design-phase compliance with indoor lighting power and control requirements. Outdoor Lighting (NRCC-LTO-01-E) covers outdoor lighting power allowances, controls, and zoning per CEC sections 130–140.

Supportive Data: LADBS may require original software modeling files or input data used for calculations.

Combined and Express Permits: Under LAMC 91.107.2.2, specific project types such as Single-Family Dwellings, Duplexes, and Townhomes may qualify for combined permits, which eliminate the need for separate permit applications and document submittals for electrical or mechanical plan checks. Additionally, express permits do not require a plan check or the submission of construction documents for review, as specified in Information Bulletin P/GI 2026-003. Nevertheless, relevant energy compliance documentation for these projects remains subject to verification during the inspection process.

B. Required Inspection Documents

The following must be available on-site for inspection:

1. **Certificate of Compliance:** Identifies all energy features, materials, and manufactured devices required for compliance. [CCEC 10-103(a)1]
2. **Certificate of Installation:** Certifies that installed materials (insulation, HVAC, high-efficacy luminaires, etc.) match approved plans. [CEC 10-103(a)3]
3. **Certificate of Acceptance:** Required for nonresidential/high-rise buildings to confirm systems (lighting/mechanical) were tested and perform correctly. [CEC 10-103(a)4]
4. **Certificate of Verification:** Required for features needing third-party diagnostic testing by a certified ECC-Rater. [RA2, RA3, NA1, NA2]

IV. References

- A. [2025 California Energy Code \(Title 24, Part 6\)](#)
- B. [2025 Reference Appendices - California Energy Commission](#)
- C. [2025 Energy Code Compliance Software](#)
- D. [2025 Single-Family Forms](#)
- E. [2025 Low-rise Multifamily Forms](#)
- F. [2025 Nonresidential, Hotel/Motel, High-rise Multifamily Forms](#)