

PA Amendments to the 2015 Codes

(Which will become the Uniform Construction Code for PA October 1st, 2018)

2015 IECC-C C104.2.6 (Reverts to 2009 section, which still requires a final inspection, but no longer requires a preliminary commissioning report)

2015 IECC-C C408.2.4 (Removes the section requiring a preliminary commissioning report)

2015 IRC R322.2.1 (Does not raise the elevation requirements for flood hazard areas by 1 foot) (<https://up.codes/s/flood-resistant-construction>) (https://consensus.fsu.edu/FBC/Flood-Resistant-Standards/IRC09_FBC_draft1.pdf)

2015 IRC R507.6 (Deck beam spacing lengths)

2015 IRC E3901.7 foyers

2015 IRC-P (allow for air testing instead of requiring water testing for plumbing)

2015 IECC-R R402.1.2 (another variation on cavity vs continuous insulation)

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2015 IECC – add 2018 IECC R403.3.6 and R403.3.7 (insulate duct work in unconditioned space)

2015 IECC-R R402.4.1.2 Reducing the airtightness requirement for PA (mostly climate zone 5) from 3 ACH to 5 ACH (which is the requirements for only the very southern part of the US)

2015 IECC-R R403.3.5 Removes the section that does not allow framing cavities to act as ducts

2015 IECC-R R403.5.2 Removed: Defining and guidelines for hot water demand recirculation pumps

2015 IECC-R R406.4 Impact is reducing the minimum required energy efficiency of a home by the Energy Rating Index from 55 to 61 for Climate Zone 5 (for all climate zones it is reduced, by 5 covers most of PA). On this scale 0 is net zero home and 100 is 2006 IECC