

Residential Energy Efficiency Worksheet

2018 IRC, 2018 IECC & 2021 PA Alternative Residential Energy Provisions

Address of Project: _____ Building Permit #: _____

Print Name-Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

PA UCC Energy Compliance Path (Check One)

- 1. Pennsylvania Alternate Energy Provisions – Choose Entry Option on Page #2
- 2. IRC Chapter 11
- 3. IECC – Chapter 4
- 4. Above Code Program -REScheck or other: _____

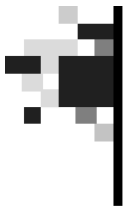
Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component (PA Alternate & IRC Chapter 11)

Wood Frame Walls (R-value)	R-20 cavity or R-13 cavity + R-5 insulated sheathing
Ceilings with Attic Space (R-value)	R-49 (R-38 approved if not compressed over wall top plates)
Ceilings without Attic Space (R-value)	R-30 where roof/ceiling assemblies do not allow R-38 <u>Limited to lesser of 500 square feet or 20% of area - IRC only</u>
Floors (R-value)	R-30 (or insulation to fill framing cavity, min R-19) R-19 permitted in basement floors per PA Alt.
Basement Walls (R-value)	IRC R-15 continuous insulation or R-19 cavity insulation PA Alt. R-10 continuous insulation or R-13 cavity insulation
Crawl Space Walls (R-value)	IRC R-15 continuous insulation or R-19 cavity insulation PA Alt. R-10 continuous insulation or R-13 cavity insulation
Unexcavated Foundation (R-value)	R-10 to a depth of 2 feet (add R-5 if slab heated)
Mechanical System Piping	R-3 HVAC piping <55 deg or > 105 deg
HVAC Duct Insulation	Attic Ducts R-8 for 3" diameter & greater, R-6 less than 3" Other Ducts R-6 for 3" diameter & greater, R-4.2 less than 3" No insulation required for ducts completely inside thermal envelope
Window & Door (U-factor)	0.30 maximum (15 sq. ft. window exemption) <u>(Opaque Door Exemptions - 24 sq. ft. IRC, 54 sq. ft. PA Alt.)</u>
Thermally Isolated Sunroom	R-24 Ceilings, R-13 Walls, 0.45 Glazing U-factor
Recessed Lights in Thermal Envelope	IC rated and labeled ASTM E283
Lighting Equipment	Minimum 90% high-efficacy lamps in permanent light fixtures

Air Leakage – Building Thermal Envelope. Building envelope air tightness and insulation installation shall be demonstrated to comply with one of the following options. **Testing does not apply to additions & alterations.**

- Testing of Building Thermal Envelope.** Tested air leakage is less than 3 ACH when tested with a blower door at a pressure of 50 Pascals (0.007 psi) in accordance with RESNET/ICC380, ASTM E779 or ASTM E1827. Testing shall occur after rough in and after installation of penetrations of the building envelope, including penetrations for utilities, plumbing, electrical, ventilation and combustion appliances. See IRC Section N1102.4.1.2 or PA Alt. 304.1.2 for complete requirements.
- Approved Testing Agency (RESNET Certified or BPI Envelope Specialist) providing evidence of blower door testing

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Duct Sealing. Ducts, air handlers, filter boxes and building cavities used as ducts shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with the 2018 IMC or IRC Section M1601.4.1.

Duct Testing. Please choose either Option 1a, 1b or 2 for duct tightness testing, or the exception if it applies. **Choose one of the following:** (duct testing applies to additions and alterations only when new HVAC system(s) installed)

Rough-In Test Options. (Partial system testing is not permitted. i.e. ducts in exterior walls)

- Option 1a. **Rough-in test (Air handler installed):** Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 4 cfm (113.3 L/min) per 100 sq.ft. (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1-inch w.g. (25 Pa). IRC Section N1103.3.4 or PA Alternative Section 402.3
- Option 1b. **Rough-in test (no air handler):** Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 3 cfm (85 L/min) per 100 sq.ft. (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1 w.g. (25 Pa). IRC Section N1103.3.4 or PA Alternative Section 402.3

Post Construction Test Option. (Partial system testing is not permitted. i.e. ducts in exterior walls)

- Option 2. **Post-construction test (Air handler installed):** Total leakage less than or equal to 4 cfm (113.3 L/min) per 100 sq. ft. (9.29m²) of conditioned floor area when tested at a pressure differential of 0.1-inch w.g. (25 Pa). IRC Section N1103.3.4 or PA Alternative Section 402.3
- Approved Testing Agency (for example: RESNET Certified, BPI Envelope Specialist) providing evidence of duct testing.
- Conditioned Floor Area Square Footage _____
- Exception: Duct tightness test is not required if the air handler and all ducts (supply & return) are located within conditioned space. Ducts located in exterior walls are not within conditioned space.** When ducts are installed in exterior walls, duct testing is required.