# BUILDING CODE ERRATA



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## **ERRATA PACKAGE #4**

## DISCUSSION

The Alberta Building Code 2006 was adopted on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 by provincial regulation. The Building Code Amendment Regulation was adopted on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 and is declared to be in force on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Since that time, Code users and safety codes officers have identified several typographical and technical errors in the document that need to be revised. This STANDATA details the changes identified as of the issuance date above.

The errata have been approved by the Building Technical Council of the Safety Codes Council. The tables on the following pages identify the errata that apply to the Alberta Building Code 2006. Code users are instructed to make note of these changes in their Code books.

Replacement pages for Code books are provided at the end of this STANDATA.

The errata have been organized according to the Division they are in: Division A, B or C.

Unless stated otherwise, all Code references in this STANDATA are to Division B of the Alberta Building Code 2006.



Issue of this STANDATA is authorized by the Acting Chief Building Administrator





# **DIVISION B ERRATA**

Provision	Current Requirement	Revised Requirement	Justification		
9.10.15.2.(1)	3) For the purpose of using Table 9.10.15.5. to determine the required type of construction, cladding and <i>fire-resistance rating</i> for an irregularly shaped or skewed exterior wall,  a) the location of the <i>exposing building face</i> shall be taken as a vertical plane located so that no portion of the actual <i>exposing building face</i> is between the vertical plane and the line to which the <i>limiting distance</i> is measured, and b) the value for the maximum aggregate area of glazed openings (see first column of Table 9.10.15.5.) shall be determined using the <i>limiting distance</i> measured from the location described in Clause (a). (See A-3.2.3.1.(4) in Appendix A.)	3) For the purpose of using Table 9.10.15.5. to determine In determining the required type of construction, cladding-sheathing assembly and fire-resistance rating for an irregularly shaped or skewed exterior wall,  a)—the location of the exposing building face shall be taken as a vertical plane located so that no portion of the actual exposing building face is between the vertical plane and the line to which the limiting distance is measured., and  b)—the value for the maximum aggregate area of glazed openings (see first column of Table 9.10.15.5.) shall be determined using the limiting distance measured from the location described in Clause (a). (See Article 9.10.15.5. and A-3.2.3.1.(4) in Appendix A.)	Editorial correction due to removal of Table 9.10.15.5.		

These ERRATA apply throughout the Province of Alberta.

Division B 9.10.15.4.

**3)** In determining the required cladding-sheathing assembly and *fire-resistance rating* for an irregularly shaped or skewed exterior wall, the location of the *exposing building face* shall be taken as a vertical plane located so that no portion of the actual *exposing building face* is between the vertical plane and the line to which the *limiting distance* is measured. (See Article 9.10.15.5. and A-3.2.3.1.(4) in Appendix A.)

**4)** The *limiting distance* for an *exposing building face* that includes projections such as bow windows, bay windows or *flue* chases of *combustible construction*, shall be measured from the face of the projection nearest the line to which the *limiting distance* is measured.

#### 9.10.15.3. Limiting Distance where Firefighting Facilities are Inadequate

- **1)** Except for the purpose of applying Sentence 9.10.15.5.(11), a *limiting distance* equal to half the actual *limiting distance* shall be used as input to the requirements of this Subsection, where
  - a) the time from receipt of notification of a fire by the fire department until the first fire department vehicle capable of beginning suppression activities arrives at the *building* is greater than 10 minutes in not less than 10% of all calls to the *building*, and
- b) any *storey* in the *building* is not *sprinklered*. (See A-3.2.3.1. and A-3.2.3.1.(8) in Appendix A.)

## 9.10.15.4. Glazed Openings in Exposing Building Face

- **1)** Except as provided in Sentence (6), the maximum aggregate area of glazed openings in an *exposing building face* shall
  - a) conform to Table 9.10.15.4.,
  - b) conform to Subsection 3.2.3., or
  - c) be equal to or less than the *limiting distance* squared, where the *limiting distance* is not less than 1.2 m.

Table 9.10.15.4.

Maximum Area of Glazed Openings in Exterior Walls
Forming Part of Sentence 9.10.15.4.(1)

Maximum	Maximum Aggregate Area of Glazed Openings, % of Exposing Building Face Area											
Total Area	Limiting Distance, m											
of Exposing Building Face, m <sup>2</sup>	Less than 1.2	1.2	1.5	2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	12.0	16.0	20.0	25.0
30	0	7	9	12	39	88	100	_	_	_	_	_
40	0	7	8	11	32	69	100	_	_	_	_	_
50	0	7	8	10	28	57	100	_	_	_	_	_
100	0	7	8	9	18	34	56	84	100	_	_	_
Over 100	0	7	7	8	12	19	28	40	55	92	100	

Where the limits on the area of glazed openings are determined for individual portions of the exterior wall, as described in Subclause 9.10.15.2.(1)(b)(iii), the maximum aggregate area of glazed openings for any portion shall conform to the values in the row of Table 9.10.15.4. corresponding to the maximum total area of *exposing building face* (see column 1 of the Table) that is equal to the sum of all portions of the *exposing building face*. (See Appendix A.)

9.10.15.5. Division B

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- **3)** Individual glazed openings in an *exposing building face* shall have a projected area that is not more than 50% of the maximum allowable aggregate area of glazed openings determined in Sentence (1), unless
  - a) the *building* is *sprinklered* throughout, or
  - b) the *limiting distance* is more than 2 m.

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**4)** An individual glazed opening described in Sentence (3) shall be separated by not less than 2 m horizontally and 2 m vertically from any other glazed opening that is located on the same *exposing building face* and within the same *fire compartment*. (See A-3.2.3.1.(6) in Appendix A.)

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- **5)** For the purposes of Sentence (4),
- a) two adjacent spaces are permitted to be considered as separate *fire compartments* where there is a full height wall extending not less than 1.5 m from the interior face of the exterior wall, finished in accordance with Subsection 9.29.4. or 9.29.5., and
- b) two stacked spaces shall be considered to be a single room or space where the spaces are on the same *storey*.

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- **6)** The limits on the area of glazed openings shall not apply to the *exposing building face* of a *dwelling unit* facing a detached garage or accessory *building*, where
  - a) the detached garage or accessory building serves only one dwelling unit or a primary dwelling unit with a secondary suite,
  - b) the detached garage or accessory *building* is located on the same property as that *dwelling unit*, and
  - c) the *dwelling unit* served by the detached garage or accessory *building* is the only *major occupancy* on the property.

## 9.10.15.5. Construction of Exposing Building Face of Houses

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- **1)** Except as provided in Sentences (4) and (6), each *exposing building face* and any exterior wall located above an *exposing building face* that encloses an *attic or roof space* shall be constructed in conformance with Sentence (2) or (3)
  - a) for the *exposing building face* as a whole, or
  - b) for any number of separate portions of the *exposing building face* (see Subclause 9.10.15.2.(1)(b)(iii), Sentence 9.10.15.4.(2), and Appendix Note A-9.10.15.4.(2) in Appendix A).

(See also Subsection 9.10.8.)

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- **2)** Except as provided in Sentences (3) and (4), where the limiting distance is less than 1.2 m, the exposing building face and any exterior wall located above the exposing building face that encloses an attic or roof space shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than 45 min, and
  - a) where the limiting distance is less than 0.6 m, the cladding shall
    - i) be of a noncombustible material conforming to Section 9.20., 9.27. or 9.28. (See Appendix A-9.10.14.5.(1).), or
    - ii) conform to Clause 3.2.3.7.(3)(d),
  - b) where the limiting distance is not less than 0.6 m and less than 1.2 m, the cladding shall
    - i) be of a noncombustible material conforming to Section 9.20., 9.27. or 9.28. (See Appendix A-9.10.14.5.(1).), or
    - ii) conform to Clause 3.2.3.7.(3)(c) or (d), or
  - c) the wall assembly shall satisfy the criteria of Sentences 3.1.5.5.(2) and (3) when subjected to testing in conformance with CAN/ULC S134, "Fire Test of Exterior Wall Assemblies."

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- **3)** Where a garage or accessory building serves one dwelling unit only and is detached from any building, the exposing building face
  - a) need not conform to the minimum required fire-resistance rating stated in Sentence (2) where the limiting distance is 0.6 m or more, and
- b) need not conform to the type of cladding or wall assembly required by Clause (2)(a), (b) or (c), regardless of the limiting distance.