

STANDATA interpretation 23-BCI-005

Building

Approved organization - QAI Laboratories

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Purpose

To recognize an organization which issues evaluation reports used to determine compliance with the National Building Code – 2023 Alberta Edition (NBC(AE)) as being an approved organization in Alberta.

Discussion

The Canadian Construction Materials Centre is already recognized within the NBC(AE) as an approved organization which issues evaluation reports that may be used to determine compliance with the NBC(AE).

There are other third-party accredited organizations which also issue evaluation reports for the same purpose. These organizations will require the approval of the Provincial Building Administrator for their evaluation reports to be used in Alberta in accordance with Sentence 1.2.2.1.(2) of Division A of the NBC(AE).

These organizations are accredited by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) for certifying products where there are applicable standards.

Code References

Division A, Article 1.2.2.1.

1.2.2. Materials, Appliances, Systems and Equipment

1.2.2.1. Characteristics of Materials, Appliances, Systems and Equipment

- 1) All materials, *appliances*, systems and equipment installed to meet the requirements of this Code shall possess the necessary characteristics to perform their intended functions when installed in a *building*.
- 2) Evaluation reports issued by the Canadian Construction Materials Centre, National Research Council of Canada, or an organization approved by the *Provincial Building Administrator* may be used in determining compliance with the requirements of this Code.

Application

This interpretation applies to an organization that issues evaluation reports for use in Alberta as provided for under the NBC(AE).

Interpretation

This interpretation recognizes QAI Laboratories as an approved organization that issues evaluation reports that may be used to determine compliance with the requirements of the NBC(AE).

Conditions:

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1. The organization must maintain their accreditation with the SCC.
2. Where there is a change or lapse of their accreditation, the organization must notify the Provincial Building Administrator when such changes take effect.

This INTERPRETATION is applicable throughout the Province of Alberta.

Unless stated otherwise, all Code references in this STANDATA are to the National Building Code – 2023 Alberta Edition

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