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## Distillery Classification

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The construction of a new building – or change of use to an existing building – where the use of the building will be a distillery, constitutes an occupancy classification of Group F, Division 1 for that building or space within it.

Things to remember as designers and safety codes officers:

- The terms “craft”, “micro”, “nano” and the like, when used in conjunction with “distillery”, are not defined terms in the National Building Code-2019 Alberta Edition or the National Fire Code-2019 Alberta Edition. They carry no significance in the classification of a building or space within a building that is used as a distillery.
- An alternative solution may be proposed, which takes into account all hazards related to the operation of a distillery.
- An occupancy reclassification of an existing building or space within it (change of use) is to be made to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).
- Both the Building and Fire AHJ’s would review any alternative solution proposed by the applicant.
- Independent ready to drink facilities may fall under the definition of distillery. The AHJ will need to review the process in order to determine if this activity meets the requirements of Group F, Division 1 or Group F, Division 2.

For more information on distilleries, proponents can visit the Alberta Distillery Association’s website here: <https://www.albertacraftdistillers.com/>

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