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STEP CODE CHECKLIST

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Any revisions during construction impacting the energy efficiency will require a new BC Energy Compliance Report and Energy Model Report(s).

BC Step Code Compliance Checklist (Pre-Construction) To be completed by an Energy Advisor in good standing with Natural Resources Canada
HOT2000 Report(s) or Compliance Calculator with Detailed Model Report(s)
 To be prepared by an Energy Advisor in good standing with Natural Resources Canada
 Dwellings with secondary suites to be modeled with baseloads for 4 adults, per ERS guidelines.
 If complying via the MEUI % improvement or TEDI % heat loss reduction options, the ERS Home Owner Information Sheet must be provided.
If complying with the Zero Carbon Step Code EL-3 pathway and the proposed heating systems include a combination of electricity and fossil fuel-powered equipment, provide an additional model with the most GHG-intensive equipment set as the primary system (exclude the heat pump from the model).
GHG Calculator
■ To be prepared by an Energy Advisor in good standing with Natural Resources Canada.
 If complying with the Zero Carbon Step Code EL-3 pathway, provide signed PDF printout of GHG Calculator result using the estimated annual fuel consumption figures from HOT2000 (exclude base loads).
If heating systems include a combination of electricity and fossil fuel powered equipment, use fuel consumption figures from the model with the heat pump excluded.
Architectural Drawings with Construction Assembly Details
 To be prepared by an architect or designer
 The drawings must include a statement from the architect/designer confirming that the design substantially complies with the requirements of BCBC 9.36
 The construction details must match the assemblies referenced in the BC Energy Compliance Report (Pre-Construction). Coordination between the Architect/Designer and Energy Advisor is required prior to permit application.



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Any revisions during construction impacting the energy efficiency will require a new BC Energy Compliance Report and Passive House Planning Package.

BC Step Code Compliance Checklist (Pre-Construction)
 To be completed by a Certified Passive House Designer or Certified Passive House Consultant
Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) To be prepared by a Certified Passive House Designer or Certified Passive House Consultant using a current version of the PHPP software
Passive House Building Certifier Assurance Letter
■ To be prepared by a Passive House Building Certifier . The letter is to include:
 A general description of the project scope and design based on the drawings and PHPP with reference to the date(s) of these items
 Identification of the roles and responsibilities of the Certified Passive House Designer/Consultant with regards to field reviews and airtightness testing
 A statement that the project design and specifications have been reviewed and, in the opinion of the Building Certifier, the project is capable of achieving Passive House certification if built to the design and specifications noted in the Building Certifier's letter
Architectural Drawings with Construction Assembly Details
 To be prepared by an Architect or Designer
The construction details must match the assemblies referenced in the PHPP as well as the BC Step Code Compliance Checklist (Pre-Construction). Coordination between the Architect/Designer and Certified Passive House Designer/Consultant is required prior to permit application.
 The drawings must include a zoning summary with reference to zoning bylaw requirements and proposed figures (refer to s.120.29 High-Performance Buildings)

