

**APPENDIX RC
THIRD PARTY VERIFICATION**

**SECTION RC101
GENERAL**

RC101.1 Scope. The provisions of this appendix govern the requirements for third-party verification of this code.

RC101.2 Adoption. The authority having jurisdiction may adopt this appendix to utilize third-party verification of this code.

**SECTION RC102
DEFINITIONS**

THIRD-PARTY VERIFIER. An independent person or firm responsible for conducting inspections and/or testing and plan review to verify a project's compliance with the provisions of this code.

**SECTION RC103
QUALIFICATIONS**

RC103.1 General. It shall be the responsibility of the permit holder to retain a qualified *third-party verifier*. The *third-party verifier* shall not be an employee of the owner or builder or have a financial interest in the project.

RC103.2 Residential buildings. Third-party verifiers shall have one of the following minimum qualifications to conduct inspections or plan review for the energy efficiency provisions of *residential buildings* as defined by this code:

1. Accredited HERS Rater
2. ICC Residential Energy Inspector/Plans Examiner Certification
3. EarthCraft House Technical Advisor
4. Building Performance Institute (BPI) Analyst
5. Equivalent qualifications as approved by the local *code official*

Exception: Where the specific provisions of this code require additional qualifications.

RC103.3 Commercial buildings. Third-party verifiers shall have one of the following minimum qualifications to conduct inspections or plan review for the energy efficiency provisions of *commercial buildings* as defined by this code:

1. ICC Commercial Energy Inspector and ICC Commercial Plans Examiner Certifications
2. Equivalent qualifications as approved by the local *code official*

Exception: Where the specific provisions of this code require additional qualifications.

SECTION RC104 INSPECTIONS

RC104.1 General. Construction or work, conducted under the provisions of this code, for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by a *third-party verifier*.

RC104.2 Inspection requests. It shall be the duty of the permit holder or their duly authorized agent to notify the *third-party verifier* when work is ready for inspection and to provide access to and means for inspection of such work required by this code.

RC104.3 Fees. The permit holder shall be responsible for all fees charged by the *third-party verifier*.

RC104.4 Residential buildings. A minimum of two inspections shall be conducted for each residential building. The first inspection shall be conducted prior to the closing-up of building cavities; and shall include verification of compliance with the following: insulation, fenestration, air sealing and duct insulation and sealing. The second inspection shall be conducted after the building has been substantially completed and prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The second inspection shall include verification of compliance with any portions of this code not verified during the first inspection.

RC104.5 Commercial buildings. A minimum number of inspections as determined by the *third-party verifier* shall be conducted to ensure verification of compliance with the provisions of Chapter 5 of this code or ASHRAE 90.1.

RC104.6 Re-inspection. A building shall be re-inspected when determined necessary by the *third-party verifier* or local *code official*.

RC104.7 Approval report. Inspection and verification reports shall be submitted by the *third party verifier* to the local *code official*.
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