

BUILDING OFFICIAL LIMITED TRAINING PROGRAM

Terms and Definitions

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

BUILDING OFFICIAL LIMITED COURSE TERMINOLOGY

Program attendees are encouraged to have a general understanding of the following terms and definitions, which will be referenced during the program presentation. Please review these terms and definitions prior to attending the program.

- Web links are indicated as [underlined blue type](#).
- See Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry for the [2020 Minnesota State Building Codes](#).
- See [Merriam-Webster Collegiate](#) Dictionary for terms not defined in code texts (Minnesota Rule Chapter 1300.0070).

STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE ([Minnesota Statute 326B.103](#))

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| • Administrative authority | • Designate | • Person with a disability |
| • Agricultural building | • Equivalent protection | • Public building |
| • City | • Historic building | • Remodeling |
| • Code | • Municipality | • State licensed facility |

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS OF THE BUILDING CODE ([Minnesota Rules 1300.0070](#))

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| • Approved | • Commissioner | • Municipality |
| • Building official | • Historical building | • Performance-based design |
| • Building service equipment | • Mandatory terms | • State-owned buildings |

ACCESSIBILITY CODE ([2020 MN Accessibility Code](#))

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| • Accessible route | • Common use | • Ramp |
| • Addition | • Curb ramp | • Site |
| • Alteration | • Dwelling unit | • Sleeping unit |
| • Change of occupancy | • Employee work area | • Technically infeasible |
| • Circulation path | • Maneuvering clearance | • Turning space |
| • Clear floor space | • Primary function | |

RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW ([2020 Minnesota Residential Code](#))

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Braced wall line | • Exterior wall covering | • Live loads |
| • Braced wall panel | • Flashing | • Mean roof height |
| • Cladding | • Floor area | • Registered design professional |
| • Dead loads | • Guard | • Sill height |
| • Dwelling, single family | • Habitable space | • Structural composite lumber |
| • Exterior wall | • Light-frame construction | |

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CODE ([2020 Minnesota Residential Energy Code](#))

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Above-grade wall | • Continuous air barrier | • Residential building |
| • Air barrier | • Cubic feet per minute (CFM) | • R-value (thermal resistance) |
| • Balanced system | • Energy recovery ventilator (ERV) | • Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) |
| • Basement wall | • Exterior wall | • Testing (blower door RE 402.4.1.2) |
| • Building thermal envelope | • Fenestration | • U-factor (thermal transmittance) |
| • Commercial building | • Heat recovery ventilator (HRV) | • Ventilation |
| • Conditioned space | • Mechanical ventilation | • Ventilation air |

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TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOUSES ([2020 Minnesota Residential Code](#))

- Accessory structure
- Addition
- Alteration
- Building
- Building official
- Building, existing
- Construction documents
- Draft stop
- Dwelling unit
- Dwelling: Townhouse
- Dwelling: Two-Family
- Exterior wall
- Fire separation distance
- Fireblocking
- Height, story
- Label
- Labeled
- Listed
- Lot
- Lot line
- Parapet
- Public way
- Story above grade plane
- Structure

RESIDENTIAL SITE INSPECTIONS ([2020 Minnesota Residential Code](#))

- Flame spread index
- Grade
- Grade plane
- Habitable space
- Occupancy classifications
- Pan flashing
- Truss design drawings
- Vapor retarder class
- Water resistive barrier

PLUMBING CODE ([2015 Minnesota Plumbing Code](#))

- Building drain
- Building sewer
- Trap arm
- Vent
- Wet vent (Section 908 Vertical and Horizontal)

MECHANICAL AND FUEL GAS CODE ([2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code](#))

- Air, exhaust
- Air, makeup
- Combustion air
- Power vent appliance
- Ready access
- Ventilation

COMMERCIAL BUILDING CODE ([2020 Minnesota Building Code](#))

- Area, building
- Common path of egress travel
- Control area
- Exit
- Exit access
- Exit access stairway
- Exit discharge
- Exterior insulation finishing system (EIFS)
- Fire barrier
- Fire partition
- Fire wall
- Intervening room (MN Building Code Section 1014.2)
- Intumescent fire-resistant coatings
- Means of egress
- Mezzanine (MN Building Code Section 505.2)
- Non-combustible membrane
- Shaft
- Story
- Structure
- Technically infeasible
- Vapor retarder class

MANUFACTURED STRUCTURES ([Minnesota Rule 1350.0100](#)) ([Minnesota Rule 1360.0200](#)) ([Minnesota Rule 1361.0200](#))

1350

- Construction compliance certificate
- Installation alteration
- Installation compliance certificate
- Installation instructions
- Installation seal
- Installation standards
- Installer
- Manufactured home

1360

- Closed construction
- Compliance Certificate and data plate
- Manufacturer
- Open construction
- Prefabricated building
- Seal

1361

- Building component
- Industrialized Building Commission
- Industrialized/modular building
- Model rules and regulations