

APPLICATION OF ALBERTA BUILDING CODE (ABC:B:9.36) TO EXISTING BUILDINGS

The guiding principle is that the level of life safety and building performance of lawfully-existing construction shall not be decreased as a result of alterations, rehabilitation, refurbishment, renovation or repair. (A:1.1.1.2.(3),(4),(6); A:1.2.2.3.)

Existing buildings NOT CONSTRUCTED according to section 9.36 of ABC2014 i.e. permit before november 1, 2016.

Existing buildings CONSTRUCTED according to section 9.36 of ABC2014 i.e. permit from november 1, 2016

MECHANICAL

1 Maintenance and repair of **existing mechanical components** shall be to codes standards not less than at time of construction/installation.

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3 Installation of **new mechanical systems** shall be to codes current at time of permit application for the new work. Apply minimum prescriptive requirements.

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ENCLOSURE / ENVELOPE

4 Maintenance and repair of existing envelope components/assemblies shall be to codes standards not less than at time of construction/installation

5 Installation of **new envelope components** in the replacement or alteration, other than additions, of existing construction shall be to codes standards current at time of permit application for the new work, applied to existing construction to the extent reasonably practical. Lawfully-existing exposed framing/structure/components that remain unchanged need be insulated/made airtight only to the extent practical. Existing windows, doors, hatches, etc. not intended to be changed may remain as is. For new components, apply minimum prescriptive requirements.

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6 Construction of **new building envelope assemblies** through addition beside, above or below existing structure shall be to codes standards current at time of permit application for the new work. Apply minimum prescriptive requirements, or model whole house.

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