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2015 WSEC & IRC Ventilation Worksheet (Effective July 1, 2016)

INFORMATION IN THESE WORKSHEETS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

This set of worksheets has been developed to assist permit applicants with documenting compliance with the 2015 Washington State Energy Code. The following worksheets provide much of the required documentation for plan review. **The details, systems, and ratings noted here must also be shown on the drawings.**

PRESCRIPTIVE ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE FOR CLIMATE ZONE MARINE 4

Component	Fenestration ¹		Ceiling w/ Attic	Vaulted Ceiling	Wood Framed Wall (Int.) ²	Mass Wall (Above grade)	Below-Grade Wall ^{2,3}	Framed Floor	Slab R-Value & Depth
	Vertical	Overhead							
Prescriptive Value	U. 0.30 max.	U. 0.50 max.	R-49 min.	R-38 min.	R-21 min.	R-21 min.	R- 10/15/21 Int. + TB	R-30 min.	R-10 min. 2'

¹ Fenestration is defined as skylights, roof windows, vertical windows (fixed or moveable), opaque doors, glazed doors, glazed block and combination opaque/glazed doors. Fenestration includes products with glass and non-glass glazing materials.

² Int. (intermediate framing) denotes standard framing 16" o.c. with headers insulated with a minimum R-10 insulation.

³ 10/15/21 +TB" means R-10 continuous insulation on the exterior of the wall, or R-15 on the continuous insulation on the interior of the wall, or R-21 cavity insulation plus a thermal break between the slab and the basement wall at the interior of the basement wall. "10/15/21 +TB" shall be permitted to be met with R-13 cavity insulation on the interior of the basement wall plus R-5 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the wall. "TB" means thermal break between floor slab and basement wall.

Whole House Ventilation (Prescriptive)

Please check the appropriate box to describe which of the four prescriptive Whole House Ventilation Systems you will be using **AND** fill in the required whole house ventilation rate in CFM's. (See "2015 Residential Whole House Ventilation Rate" Handout.) A complete system required by one of the sections noted below must be specified on the drawings.

WHOLE HOUSE VENTILATION METHOD	Whole House Ventilation Rate
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent Whole House Ventilation Using Exhaust Fans & Fresh Air Inlets. (IRC M1507.3.4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent Whole House Ventilation Integrated with a Forced Air System. (IRC M1507.3.5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent Whole House Ventilation using a Supply Fan. (IRC M1507.3.6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent Whole House Ventilation Using a Heat Recovery Ventilation System (IRC M1507.3.7)	

Source Specific Exhaust Ventilation & Fan Efficiency

Required in each kitchen, bathroom, water closet compartment, laundry room, indoor swimming pool, spa and other rooms where water vapor or cooking odor is produced. (IRC M 1507.4) Fan efficiency from WAC 51-11R – Table R403.6.1. Kitchen Hoods greater than 400 cfm require makeup air per IRC M1503.4

Minimum Source Specific Ventilation Capacity Requirements

	Bathrooms – Utility Rooms		Kitchens	In-line fan
Intermittently operating	50 cfm min		100 cfm min	
Continuous operation	20 cfm min		25 cfm min	
Minimum Efficacy (cfm/watt)	1.4 cfm/watt if <90cfm	2.8 cfm/watt if >90cfm	2.8 cfm/watt	2.8 cfm/watt

Energy Efficiency Credits

Each dwelling unit shall comply with sufficient options from WSEC Table R406.2 so as to achieve the following minimum number of credits as described on the reverse side of this page.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Dwelling Unit: 1.5 credits (Dwelling units less than 1500 SF in conditioned floor area with less than 300 square feet of fenestration area. Additions to existing building that are greater than 500 SF of heated floor area, but less than 1500 SF. TOTAL SQUARE FEET OF FENESTRATION: _____ (doors, windows, skylights)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Dwelling Unit: 3.5 credits (All dwelling units not included in #1 or #3. Exception: Dwelling units serving R-2 occupancies shall require 2.5 credits.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Large Dwelling Unit: 4.5 credits (Dwelling Units exceeding 5000 SF of conditioned floor area.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additions less than 500 SF: 0.5 credits

2015 WSCE – Table R406.2 – **circle the options that you will be using for this project**

OPTION	DESCRIPTION	CREDIT(S)
1a	EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1a: Vertical fenestration U = 0.28 Floor R-38 Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab. OR Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 5%.	0.5
1b	EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1b: Vertical fenestration U = 0.25 Wall R-21 plus R-4 Floor R-38 Basement wall R-21 int plus R-5 ci Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab. OR Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 15%.	1.0
1c	EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1c: Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications: Vertical fenestration U = 0.22 Ceiling and single-rafter or joist-vaulted R-49 advanced Wood frame wall R-21 int plus R-12 ci Floor R-38 Basement wall R-21 int plus R-12 ci Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab OR Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 30%.	2.0
1d	EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1d: Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications: Vertical fenestration U = 0.24. Projects using this option may not use Option 1a, 1b or 1c.	0.5
2a	AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2a: Compliance based on R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 3.0 air changes per hour maximum AND All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the <i>International Residential Code</i> shall be met with a high efficiency fan (maximum 0.35 watts/cfm), not interlocked with the furnace fan. Ventilation systems using a furnace including an ECM motor are allowed, provided that they are controlled to operate at low speed in ventilation only mode. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the qualifying ventilation system.	0.5
2b	AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2b: Compliance based on Section R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 2.0 air changes per hour maximum AND All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the <i>International Residential Code</i> shall be met with a heat recovery ventilation system with minimum sensible heat recovery efficiency of 0.70. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the heat recovery ventilation system.	1.0
2c	AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2c: Compliance based on Section R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 1.5 air changes per hour maximum. AND All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the <i>International Residential Code</i> shall be met with a heat recovery ventilation system with minimum sensible heat recovery efficiency of 0.85. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the heat recovery ventilation system.	1.5
3a	HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3a: Gas, propane or oil-fired furnace with minimum AFUE of 94%, or Gas, propane or oiled-fired boiler with minimum AFUE of 92%. Projects may only include credit from one space heating option, 3a, 3b, 3c or 3d. When a housing unit has two pieces of equipment (i.e., two furnaces) both must meet the standard to receive the credit. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.	1.0
3b	HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3b: Air-source heat pump with minimum HSPF of 9.0. Projects may only include credit from one space heating option, 3a, 3b, 3c or 3d. When a housing unit has two pieces of equipment (i.e., two furnaces) both must meet the standard to receive the credit. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.	1.0
3c	HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3c: Closed-loop ground source heat pump; with a minimum COP of 3.3 OR Open loop water source heat pump with a maximum pumping hydraulic head of 150 feet and minimum COP of 3.6. Projects may only include credit from one space heating option, 3a, 3b, 3c or 3d. When a housing unit has two pieces of equipment (i.e., two furnaces) both must meet the standard to receive the credit. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.	1.5
3d	HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3d: Ductless Split System Heat Pumps, Zonal Control: In homes where the primary space heating system is zonal electric heating, a ductless heat pump system shall be installed and provide heating to the largest zone of the housing unit. Projects may only include credit from one space heating option, 3a, 3b, 3c or 3d. When a housing unit has two pieces of equipment (i.e., two furnaces) both must meet the standard to receive the credit. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.	1.0

2015 WSCE – Table R406.2 - Continued

OPTION	DESCRIPTION	CREDIT(S)
4	<p>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM: All heating and cooling system components installed inside the conditioned space. This includes all equipment and distribution system components such as forced air ducts, hydronic piping, hydronic floor heating loop, convectors and radiators. All combustion equipment shall be direct vent or sealed combustion. For forced air ducts: A maximum of 10 linear feet of return ducts and 5 linear feet of supply ducts may be located outside the conditioned space. All metallic ducts located outside the conditioned space must have both transverse and longitudinal joints sealed with mastic. If flex ducts are used, they cannot contain splices. Flex duct connections must be made with nylon straps and installed using a plastic strapping tensioning tool. Ducts located outside the conditioned space must be insulated to a minimum of R-8. Locating system components in conditioned crawl spaces is not permitted under this option. Electric resistance heat and ductless heat pumps are not permitted under this option. Direct combustion heating equipment with AFUE less than 80% is not permitted under this option.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and shall show the location of the heating and cooling equipment and all the ductwork.</p>	1.0
5a	<p>EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5a: All showerhead and kitchen sink faucets installed in the house shall be rated at 1.75 GPM or less. All other lavatory faucets shall be rated at 1.0 GPM or less. Plumbing Fixtures Flow Ratings. Low flow plumbing fixtures (water closets and urinals) and fittings (faucets and showerheads) shall comply with the following requirements: 1. Residential bathroom lavatory sink faucets: Maximum flow rate - 3.8 L/min (1.0 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1. 2. Residential kitchen faucets: Maximum flow rate - 6.6 L/min (1.75 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1. 3. Residential showerheads: Maximum flow rate - 6.6 L/min (1.75 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum flow rates for all showerheads, kitchen sink faucets, and other lavatory faucets.</p>	0.5
5b	<p>EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5b: Water heating system shall include one of the following: Gas, propane or oil water heater with a minimum EF of 0.74 OR Water heater heated by ground source heat pump meeting the requirements of Option 3c. OR For R-2 occupancy, a central heat pump water heater with an EF greater than 2.0 that would supply DHW to all the units through a ceiling minimum pipe insulation.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the water heater equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.0
5c	<p>EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5c: Water heating system shall include one of the following: Gas, propane or oil water heater with a minimum EF of 0.91 OR Solar water heating supplementing a minimum standard water heater. Solar water heating will provide a rated minimum savings of 85 therms or 2000 kWh based on the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC) Annual Performance of OG-300 Certified Solar Water Heating Systems OR Electric heat pump water heater with a minimum EF of 2.0 and meeting the standards of NEEA's Northern Climate Specifications for Heat Pump Water Heaters</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the water heater equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency and, for solar water heating systems, the calculation of the minimum energy savings.</p>	1.5
5d	<p>EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5d: A drain water heat recovery unit(s) shall be installed, which captures waste water heat from all the showers, and has a minimum efficiency of 40% if installed for equal flow or a minimum efficiency of 52% if installed for unequal flow. Such units shall be rated in accordance CSA B55.1 and be so labeled.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall include a plumbing diagram that specified the drain water heat recovery units and the plumbing layout needed to install it and labels or other documentation shall be provided that demonstrates that the unit complies with the standard.</p>	0.5
6	<p>RENEWABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY: For each 1200 kWh of electrical generation per each housing unit provided annually by on-site wind or solar equipment a 0.5 credit shall be allowed, up to 3 credits. Generation shall be calculated as follows: For solar electric systems, the design shall be demonstrated to meet this requirement using the National Renewable Energy Laboratory calculator PVWATTS. Documentation noting solar access shall be included on the plans. For wind generation projects designs shall document annual power generation based on the following factors: The wind turbine power curve; average annual wind speed at the site; frequency distribution of the wind speed at the site and height of the tower.</p> <p>To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall show the photovoltaic or wind turbine equipment type, provide documentation of solar and wind access, and include a calculation of the minimum annual energy power production.</p>	0.5

Simple Heating System Size Electronic version available at: http://www.energy.wsu.edu/Documents/Heat_Sizing_code%20specs_final_2015.xls

Please complete the following information regarding the heating system for this project. The electronic version automatically calculates the information based on the information selected. The paper form below may be used if a computer is not available but will need to be hand calculated.

Conditioned Floor Area (sq ft)	<input type="text"/>
Average Ceiling Height (ft)	<input type="text"/> x <input type="text"/>
Conditioned Volume (cu ft)	<input type="text"/>

Glazing and Doors	U-Factor	X	Area	=	UA
	u= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> sf		<input type="text"/>

Skylights	U-Factor	X	Area	=	UA
	u= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> sf		<input type="text"/>

Insulation					
Attic	U-Factor	X	Area	=	UA
	u= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> sf		<input type="text"/>

Single Rafter or Joist Vaulted Ceilings	U-Factor	X	Area	=	UA
	u= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> sf		<input type="text"/>

Above Grade Walls	U-Factor	X	Area	=	UA
	u= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> sf		<input type="text"/>

Floors	U-Factor	X	Area	=	UA
	u= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> sf		<input type="text"/>

Below Grade Walls	U-Factor	X	Area	=	UA
	u= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> sf		<input type="text"/>

Slab Below Grade	F-Factor	X	Length	=	UA
	f= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> f		<input type="text"/>

Slab on Grade	F-Factor	X	Length	=	UA
	f= <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/> f		<input type="text"/>

Sum of UA

Envelope Heat Load Btu / Hour

Sum of UA x 45

Air Leakage Heat Load Btu / Hour

Volume x 0.6 x 45 x .018

Building Design Heat Load Btu / Hour

Air Leakage Heat Load + Envelope Heat Load

Building and Duct Heat Load Btu / Hour

Ducts in unconditioned space: Building Design Heat Load x 1.10

Ducts in conditioned space: Building Design Heat Load x 1

Maximum Heat Equipment Output Btu / Hour

Building and Duct Heat Load x 1.40 for Forced Air Furnace

Building and Duct Heat Load x 1.25 for Heat Pump

Duct Testing Standard (RS-33) For New and Existing Construction

New Construction

Based on the protocol for "Total Leakage Testing," or "Leakage Testing to Outdoors" duct leakage in new construction shall not exceed $0.04 \text{ CFM}_{25} \times \text{floor area}$ (in square feet) served by the system for leakage to outdoors or for total leakage when tested post construction. When testing at rough-in, targets should not exceed $0.04 \text{ CFM}_{25} \times \text{floor area}$ (in square feet) for total leakage or $0.03 \text{ CFM}_{25} \times \text{floor area}$ (in square feet) if the air handler is not installed.

Exception: The total leakage test is not required for ducts and air handlers located entirely within the building thermal envelope. Ducts located in crawl spaces do not qualify for this exception.

Existing Construction

When a space-conditioning system is altered by the installation or replacement of space-conditioning equipment (including replacement of the air handler, outdoor condensing unit of a split system air conditioner or heat pump, cooling or heating coil, or the furnace heat exchanger), the duct system that is connected to the new or replacement space-conditioning equipment shall be tested. The test results shall be provided to the building official and the homeowner.

Exception 1: Duct systems that are documented to have been previously sealed as confirmed through field verification and diagnostic testing in accordance with procedures in RS-33.

Exception 2: Ducts with less than 40 linear feet in unconditioned spaces.

Exception 3: Existing duct systems constructed, insulated or sealed with asbestos.

Exception 4: Additions of less than 750 square feet of conditioned floor area.

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

1. All testing must be done by a qualified technician. The minimum qualification requirement is documented attendance at a duct testing training course approved by the building official. The following existing training programs are recognized as equivalent to this requirement:
 - a. Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes Program, Performance Testing training for new construction.
 - b. Performance Tested Comfort Systems (PTCS) training for existing homes and new construction.
 2. Duct systems must be designed, sized, and installed using recognized industry standards and International Residential Code (IRC) requirements, so that calculated heating and/or cooling loads are delivered to each zone.
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Total Duct Leakage Test

Testing Procedure Application:

This test is appropriate in new construction when ducts are to be tested at the rough-in stage before the house envelope is intact and can also be done post construction. The test measures the total collected leaks in the system at an induced pressure of 25 Pascals (PA). Compared to the leakage to exterior test, the total leakage test is simpler, but does not discriminate between leakage to inside and outside the heated space; as such, this test is not recommended for homes with complete house envelopes and HVAC systems. In such cases, the leakage to outside test is recommended.

Standard:

- 1) For certification, the measured duct leakage must not exceed ***0.04 CFM₂₅ x floor area*** (in square feet) served by the system at rough-in **when the air handler is installed.**
 - 2) The measured duct leakage at rough-in must not exceed ***0.03 CFM₂₅ x floor area*** (in square feet) served by the system **when the air handler is not installed.**
 - 3) If testing post construction, the total leakage must not exceed ***0.04 CFM₂₅ x floor area*** (in square feet) served by the system.
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Duct Leakage Affidavit (New Construction)

Permit #: _____

House address or lot number: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Cond. Floor Area (ft²): _____ Source (circle one): Plans Estimated Measured

Duct tightness testing is not required. The total leakage test is not required for ducts and air handlers located entirely within the building thermal envelope. Ducts located in crawl spaces do not qualify for this exception.

Air Handler in conditioned space? yes no Air Handler present during test? yes no

Circle Test Method: Leakage to Outside Total Leakage

Maximum duct leakage:

Post Construction, total duct leakage: (floor area x .04) = _____ CFM@25 Pa

Post Construction, leakage to outdoors: (floor area x .04) = _____ CFM@25 Pa

Rough-In, total duct leakage with air handler installed: (floor area x .04) = _____ CFM@25 Pa

Rough-In, total duct leakage with air handler not installed: (floor area x .03) = _____ CFM@25 Pa

Test Result: _____ CFM@25Pa

Ring (circle one if applicable): Open 1 2 3

Duct Tester Location: _____ Pressure Tap Location: _____

I certify that these duct leakage rates are accurate and determined using standard duct testing protocol.

Company Name: _____ Technician: _____

Technician Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

Duct Leakage Test Results (Existing Construction)

Permit #: _____

House address or lot number: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Cond. Floor Area (ft²): _____

Duct tightness testing is not required for this residence per exceptions listed at the end of this document

Test Result: _____ CFM@25Pa

Ring (circle one): Open 1 2 3

Duct Tester Location: _____

Pressure Tap Location: _____

I certify that these duct leakage rates are accurate and determined using standard duct testing protocol

Company Name: _____

Duct Testing Technician: _____

Technician Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

Washington State Energy Code Reference:

R101.4.3.1 Mechanical Systems: When a space-conditioning system is altered by the installation or replacement of space-conditioning equipment (including replacement of the air handler, outdoor condensing unit of a split system air conditioner or heat pump, cooling or heating coil, or the furnace heat exchanger), the duct system that is connected to the new or replacement space-conditioning equipment shall be tested as specified in RS-33. The test results shall be provided to the building official and the homeowner.

Exceptions:

1. Duct systems that are documented to have been previously sealed as confirmed through field verification and diagnostic testing in accordance with procedures in RS-33.
 2. Ducts with less than 40 linear feet in unconditioned spaces.
 3. Existing duct systems constructed, insulated or sealed with asbestos.
 4. Additions of less than 750 square feet.
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A permanent certificate shall be posted within three feet of the electrical distribution panel. The certificate shall be completed by the builder or registered design professional and include all of the information as follows:

2012 WSEC Residential Energy Compliance Certificate

Property Address: _____		
Conditioned Floor Area _____	Date: ____ / ____ / ____	
Builder or registered design professional : _____		
Signature: _____		
R-Values		
Ceiling: Vaulted R- _____	Floors: Over unconditioned space R- _____	
Attic R- _____	Slab on grade floor R- _____	
Walls: Above grade R- _____	Doors: _____ R- _____	
Below, int. R- _____	_____ R- _____	
Below, ext. R- _____	_____ R- _____	
U-Factors and SHGC		
NRFC rating (or) _____	Windows U- _____	SHGC- N/A
Default rating (Appendix A WSEC 2012) _____	Skylights U- _____	SHGC- N/A
Table 406.2 Option(s) _____		Total 406.2 Credits _____
Heating, Cooling & Domestic Hot Water		
System	Type	Efficiency
Heating		
Cooling		
DHW		
Duct & Building Air Leakage		
All ducts & HVAC in conditioned space (yes / no)		Insulation R- _____
Air handler present (yes / no)		
Test Target _____	CFM@25Pa	Test Result _____ CFM@25Pa
Building air leakage target: ACH ₅₀ < 5.0 - Tested leakage: ACH ₅₀ = _____		
Onsite Renewable Energy Electric Power System		
System type: _____		Rated annual generation _____ Kwh