

# SVOBODA HOMES CONSTRUCTION & INSPECTIONS

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## PERMIT APPLICATION & ENERGY CODE REQUIREMENTS January 2020

The Government of Saskatchewan has amended *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Regulations* (the UBAS Regulations). Previously, the 2015 edition of the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings (NECB) was scheduled to come into force on January 1, 2018. The UBAS Regulations now require the 2017 edition of the NECB to come into force on January 1, 2018 for any new building permit issued on or after that date. Government Relations, in conjunction with a number of stakeholders, has developed a guide which is intended to help local authorities understand and enforce the NECB in their jurisdiction. This guide will be posted to the [www.saskatchewan.ca/buildingstandards](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/buildingstandards) shortly and is also available by contacting [BuildingStandards@gov.sk.ca](mailto:BuildingStandards@gov.sk.ca).

### National Building Code of Canada Section 9.36.

#### Implementation of Energy Codes in Saskatchewan

The UBAS Act adopts the NBC, as amended by Saskatchewan, and establishes the minimum standard for *building*, accessibility, and energy efficiency. NBC Section 9.36. came into force January 1, 2019, without amendment. All permits for construction which are issued on or after this date are subject to the application of NBC Section 9.36.

In Saskatchewan, subsequent editions of the NBC (including NBC Section 9.36.) will be automatically adopted one year after the date of publication. There are four possible paths for complying with NBC Section 9.36. with each path having some limitations on its use, as identified in the wording of the NBC Section 9.36. NBC Section 9.36. can be applied using one of the following approaches:

- a prescriptive path;
- a prescriptive path with trade-off provisions;
- a performance path; or,
- the NECB.

*Local authorities* may also accept either certification programs as being deemed compliant or an alternative solution for the purpose of compliance. A *building's owner*, in consultation with the *appropriate local authority*, can decide which of the four compliance paths to use, taking into account the size of the *building* and its intended use. A *competent person* may also submit an alternative solution demonstrating that the performance of an alternative solution demonstrating that the of the *building* satisfies the objective and function statements attributed to NBC Section 9.36. as a performance means of compliance. *Local authorities* have the discretion to accept or reject an alternative solution.

The general scope of the NBC Section 9.36. applies to:

- *building envelope*;
- HVAC equipment; and
- service water heating equipment.

#### National Energy Code for Buildings Path

All *buildings* that are permitted to be designed in accordance with NBC Section 9.36. can be designed using the NECB.

A professional *designer* is required for the design of energy efficiency requirements of a *building* if the *owner* chooses to apply the NECB for *building* performance. A *competent person* may design a *building* that is still within NBC Part 9 but *owners* would have to employ a professional *designer* to verify compliance with the NECB.

Please see Part III of this guide for NECB requirements for *buildings*.

As a Building Official for the RM of Mervin, I am still becoming acquainted with the New Energy Code Requirements. Plans must to be designed for the Climatic Zone the building is to be constructed. For Example: Location: Brightsand Lake or Turtle Lake use Zone 7B - Meadow Lake 6280 HDD. Any questions please contact me.

Please contact Building Official (Inspector) with any questions or inquiries regarding filing a Permit Application. If requirements are in place at time of filing Permit Application, process will be efficient, streamline and timely. Thank you.

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