

# A Standalone Multifamily Section Would Improve Title 24, Part 6

Multifamily dwellings represent roughly half of all new residential construction in California, but the current energy efficiency building standards do not adequately address the different types of multifamily buildings, nor the variations between single-family homes and nonresidential buildings. A separate multifamily section would better serve the design and construction industries, energy consultants, building departments, and energy efficiency program administrators.

## Why Do We Need These Changes?

A separate multifamily section would properly address the unique needs of multifamily buildings, including:

-  Space heating and cooling equipment
-  Occupant ability to complete upgrades
-  Air quality concerns and ventilation requirements
-  Occupancy schedules
-  Domestic hot water equipment
-  Capacity for rooftop solar relative to conditioned floor area
-  Construction practices

## Proposed Changes

To improve compliance with the requirements for multifamily buildings, the Statewide Codes and Standards Team recommends:

1. A separate multifamily section;
2. A single multifamily performance software package;
3. More multifamily building prototypes;
4. A separate Multifamily Compliance Manual; and
5. Multifamily-specific compliance forms.

## Join the Conversation

The Statewide Codes and Standards Team will host stakeholder meetings to discuss proposed restructuring of the multifamily standards in the 2022 Title 24, Part 6 code.

For more information, and to register, follow the links below.

[February 8, 2019, 8AM to 10AM PST](#)  
[February 25, 2019, 8AM to 10AM PST](#)

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## Benefits When Applying the Standards

A separate multifamily section would benefit stakeholders across the industry by providing:

- Consistency in the analysis and compliance process;
- Better enforcement of multifamily energy standard;
- More targeted energy code requirements for multifamily buildings;
- Consistency in incentive programs;
- Multifamily occupants will experience an increase in energy efficiency, comfort, and improved air quality.

