

## CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE – MATRIX ADOPTION TABLE CHAPTER 6 – CLASSIFICATION OF WORK

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Adopting Agency	BSC	BSC- CG	SFM	HCD			DSA			OSHPD					
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Adopt Entire Chapter as amended (amended sections listed below)			X												
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<a href="#">607.1</a>			X												

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## CHAPTER 6 CLASSIFICATION OF WORK

**User note:**

**About this chapter:** [Chapter 6](#) provides an overview of the Work Area Method available as an option for rehabilitation of a building. The chapter defines the different classifications of alterations and provides general requirements for alterations, change of occupancy, additions and historic buildings. Detailed requirements for all of these are given in [Chapters 7 through 11](#).

### SECTION 601 GENERAL

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**601.1 Scope.**

The provisions of this chapter shall be used in conjunction with [Chapters 7 through 11](#) and shall apply to the alteration, addition and change of occupancy of existing structures, including moved structures, as referenced in [Section 301.3.2](#). The work performed on an existing building

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shall be **classified in accordance with this chapter. Historic buildings and structures shall comply with Part 8, Title 24, C.C.R.**

**Exceptions:**

1. **[SFM] Use of Chapters 6–11 is not permitted in H, I and L, R-2.1, R-3.1 occupancies and high-rise buildings.**
2. **[BSC] Use of Chapters 6–11 is not permitted in occupancies, buildings and applications regulated by Building Standards Commission and listed in Section 1.2.**

**601.1.1 Compliance with other alternatives.**

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Alterations, additions and changes of occupancy to existing structures **shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 7 through 11** or with one of the alternatives provided in Section 301.3.

**601.2 Work area.**

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The work area, as defined in Chapter 2, shall be identified on the construction documents.

**SECTION 602  
ALTERATION—LEVEL 1**

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**602.1 Scope.**

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Level 1 alterations include the removal and replacement or the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment or fixtures that serve the same purpose.

**602.2 Application.**

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Level 1 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 7.

**SECTION 603  
ALTERATION—LEVEL 2**

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**603.1 Scope.**

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Level 2 alterations include the addition or elimination of any door or window, the reconfiguration or extension of any system, or the installation of any additional equipment, and shall apply where the work area is equal to or less than 50 percent of the building area.

**Exception:** The movement or addition of nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height shall not be considered a Level 2 alteration.

**603.2 Application.**

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Level 2 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 7 for Level 1 alterations as well as the provisions of Chapter 8.

## SECTION 604 ALTERATION—LEVEL 3

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### 604.1 Scope.

Level 3 alterations apply where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area.

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### 604.2 Application.

Level 3 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 7 and 8 for Level 1 and 2 alterations, respectively, as well as the provisions of Chapter 9.

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## SECTION 605 CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

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### 605.1 Scope.

Change of occupancy provisions apply where the activity is classified as a change of occupancy as defined in Chapter 2.

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### 605.2 Application.

Changes of occupancy shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 10.

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## SECTION 606 ADDITIONS

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### 606.1 Scope.

Provisions for additions shall apply where work is classified as an addition as defined in Chapter 2.

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### 606.2 Application.

Additions to existing buildings shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 11.

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## SECTION 607 HISTORIC BUILDINGS

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### 607.1 Scope.

*The provisions of the California Historical Building Code (Part 8, Title 24, C.C.R) shall apply to qualified historical buildings or properties.*

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