

# CHAPTER 6

## CLASSIFICATION OF WORK

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**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 12.

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### SECTION 601 GENERAL

[S] **601.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall be used in conjunction with Chapters 7 through ~~((12)) 11 and 14~~ and shall apply to the *alteration, addition and change of occupancy of existing structures*. ~~((, including historic and moved structures, as referenced in Section 301.3.2.))~~ The work performed on an *existing building* shall be classified in accordance with this chapter.

**Note:** All alterations, additions and changes of occupancy are required to comply with Chapter 3.

[S] **601.1.1 Compliance with other alternatives.** *Alterations, additions and changes of occupancy to existing structures* shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 3 and 7 through ~~((12)) 11~~ or with one of the alternatives provided in Section 301.3.

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

### SECTION 602 ALTERATION—LEVEL 1

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

### SECTION 603 ALTERATION—LEVEL 2

[W] **603.1 Scope.** 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))~~ is below the threshold of a Level 3 alteration.

**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.** 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

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

**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.

**SECTION 605  
CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY**

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

**605.2 Application.** *Changes of occupancy* shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 10.

**SECTION 606  
ADDITIONS**

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

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

**[S] SECTION 607  
~~((HISTORIC BUILDINGS))~~ LANDMARKS**

**[S] 607.1 Scope.** ~~((*Historic building* provisions))~~ *Landmarks* shall ~~((apply to buildings classified as historic as defined in Chapter 2))~~ comply with the provisions of Section 310.

**[S] ~~(607.2 Application.~~** Except as specifically provided for in Chapter 12, *historic buildings* shall comply with applicable provisions of this code for the type of work being performed.)

