

Green Remodeling – Mandatory Practices



Overview

The 2020 NGBS Section 3 – Compliance Method provides rules for remodeled buildings, and subsection **305.2.3 Mandatory Practices for whole-building ratings** states that, “Unaltered portions of the existing building shall not be required to meet Mandatory requirements except when life safety or apparent moisture issues exist.” This exception applies to **Section 11 Remodeling**, including the new prescriptive options for energy efficiency compliance in the following subsections.

- 11.703.1.1 Building Thermal Envelope Compliance
- 11.703.1.2 Building Envelope Leakage
- 11.703.1.3 Duct Testing
- 11.703.2.5.1 Fenestration

Compliance Questions and Clarifications

- Q:** Are the mandatory practices in section 11.703 Prescriptive Path required for every project?
A: No, only the relevant ones apply per section 305.2.3.
- Q:** If a renovation project is limited in scope or has limitations on what can be renovated, is it still eligible to demonstrate compliance via 11.703?
A: Yes. Unaltered portions are exempt per 305.2.3.
- Q:** Is section 11.703 Prescriptive Path restricted to gut rehabs?
A: No.

Certification Process Guidance

If one or more of the mandatory 11.703 practices are not relevant to the renovation project, select “N/A” for the item in the NGBS Green Scoring Tool.

Pursue at least 30 points from other 11.703 practices.