



2013 Reference Ace™ Tool Released to Help Decode Title 24, Part 6

New free online tool helps navigate California's building energy code Standards documents

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The California Statewide Codes & Standards Program is pleased to announce the launch of the 2013 version of its [Reference Ace™](#) tool designed to help users navigate the Title 24, Part 6 Standards documents. Key word search capabilities along with hyperlinks allow you to jump directly to related sections to make using the Standards documents easier. A version addressing the 2008 Standards was launched last year. Both the 2013 and 2008 versions of the Reference Ace are available online or via download on EnergyCodeAce.com.

The latest version includes the 2013 Residential and Nonresidential Standards which will become effective July 1, 2014. A more comprehensive version of this tool, which will link the Standards with the relevant sections in the Compliance Manuals, Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manuals, and the Appendices, is under development and is scheduled for release in the second quarter of 2014.

The Reference Ace is one of the suite of free tools offered on EnergyCodeAce.com, a new "one-stop shop" website designed to help building industry professionals and consumers meet the requirements of the state's building energy code, Title 24, Part 6. The site also offers free training and resources developed to "decode" these standards for the wide-range of people who need to understand them, including building department personnel, architects, lighting designers, builders, contractors, energy consultants, and building and homeowners, to name a few.



The [suite of free tools](#) available on EnergyCodeAce.com is designed to help you identify the forms, installation techniques, and standards relevant to building projects in California. In addition to the Reference Ace, these tools include:

- Forms Ace™ - aids in determining which compliance forms are applicable to your specific project; and
- Crack the Code Industry Workshops™ - downloadable packages designed to help building departments facilitate trainings for local installation contractors.

The Installation Ace,™ a "field guide" to assist you in identifying proper installation techniques and visual aides for some components commonly installed incorrectly, is scheduled to launch in May.





[Free trainings](#) offered by the program target a wide range of “hot topic” measures and audience groups, and are provided in a variety of formats, including:

- Traditional classroom - available through sponsoring utility energy centers or at a location of your request;
- Virtual classroom - delivered online in real-time by an instructor;
- Online self-study - allows you to take trainings at your convenience (coming soon); and
- Decoding Talks –online facilitated discussions with industry professionals

The Energy Code Ace Learning Portal, set to launch this summer, will enhance your training experience by providing a one-stop shop for training opportunities related to California Building Energy Efficiency standards and processes, allowing you access to classes and functionalities that will help you keep track of classes you’ve registered for, taken and that are recommended for you.



The site also offers a number of [free resources](#) to help facilitate effective implementation of California's energy building code. These include:

- Trigger Sheets – “Quick reference” component-by-component summaries of sections of 2013 Title 24, Part 6 “triggered” based on project scope;
- Fact Sheets – “Quick reference” summaries of key requirements, forms, definitions and resources for implementing 2013 Title 24, Part 6;
- Checklists – Step-by-step guidance for plans checks and field inspections;
- A list of useful links, telephone numbers and handy documents;
- FAQs on the program, this site and the code, itself;
- A place to submit your own questions; and
- “Ace Studies” – highlighting our “Energy Code Aces” and providing examples of how to correctly apply the code and have it work to your advantage (coming soon).

Registering on the site is encouraged as it allows content to be filtered and targeted messages to be sent to you based on the information you provide. You will also be able to earn “Ace Points” simply by engaging with the site and using its offerings.



About Energy Code Ace

The Energy Code Ace website is developed and provided by the California Statewide Codes & Standards Program, which offers free building energy code training, tools and resources for those who need to understand and meet the requirements of Title 24, Part 6. The program aims to advance the adoption and effective implementation of energy efficiency measures and building practices to lock in long-term energy savings. The program is funded by California utility customers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission and implemented by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas in support of the California Energy Commission. Find out more at www.EnergyCodeAce.com.



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