

## Introduction

Application statements were developed to help Code users determine if, when and where a particular Code provision applies. They are published along with the intent statements in the User's Guide – NBC 2005, Application and Intent Statements (on CD-ROM only).

## What is an Application Statement?

*Application statements* were created to bring together the application details for a particular requirement. Every Code provision in Division B has a comprehensive application statement that lists all the situations to which the Code provision applies and identifies exemptions. There are no application statements for Division A or C provisions, or for the Appendices.

**An application statement clearly describes the situations to which each Division B Code provision applies and does not apply.**

As with intent statements, this new material is not a legally binding part of the Code. (Note that in the case of a difference between the Code and the application statements in the User's Guide, the Code governs.)

## Format and General Content of an Application Statement

Application statements are published with the corresponding intent statements for a provision. The application statement brings together all of the Code information about what element or operation the provision addresses, limits on where the provision applies, and any exceptions to the requirement.

Most requirements apply very specifically to a certain situation, and as such, application statements can be long.

**Application statements have three components:**

- 1. the subject of the provision;**
- 2. a list or description of situations where the provision applies; and**
- 3. a list of exceptions (if there are any).**

The text of a typical application statement is reproduced below for Sentence 9.10.18.3.(2) of Division B, which deals with rooms and spaces requiring heat or smoke detectors.

Application 1:

<b>Subject of the provision →</b>	Heat detectors or smoke detectors in storage rooms, service rooms, elevator shafts, chutes, janitors' closets and any other rooms where hazardous substances are intended to be used or stored.
<b>Situations where the provision applies →</b>	This applies to buildings to which Part 9 applies [see Sentence 1.3.3.3.(1) of Division A for application of Part 9] where fire alarm systems are required [see Article 9.10.18.2.].
<b>Exceptions →</b>	Exceptions: except as stated in Sentence 9.10.18.3.(3), which applies to dwelling units and sprinklered buildings.

## Multiple Application Statements

If a Code provision has Clauses, it may have more than one application statement.

On the CD-ROM (both NBC and User's Guide), groups of related objectives and intent and application statements are presented in different tabbed "windows." It is important to review all application statements related to a provision.

## Summary

The key points of this Module are:

- An application statement clearly **describes the situations** to which each Code provision applies and does not apply.
- Application statements have three components:
  - the **subject of the provision**;
  - a **list or description of situations where the provision applies**; and
  - a **list of exceptions** (if there are any).
- Application statements are not a legally binding part of the Code. Like intent statements and appendix material, they are provided as explanatory information only.
- **Two products**, available at [www.nrc.gc.ca/virtualstore/](http://www.nrc.gc.ca/virtualstore/), **contain the application statements**:
  - The National Building Code of Canada 2005 on CD-ROM includes the User's Guide – NBC 2005, Application and Intent Statements, with links between the Code provisions and their application statements along with the intent statements and objectives.
  - The User's Guide – NBC 2005, Application and Intent Statements CD-ROM includes the application statements along with the intent statements and objectives attributed to the provisions in Division B but does not contain any Code provision text.