

Introduction

This Module explores the organization of the 2005 Code and is fundamental to learning new information in later modules.

Organization of the 2005 Code

**The 2005 Code is organized into three Divisions:
Division A, Division B, and Division C.**

Division A Compliance, Objectives and Functional Statements

Division A primarily contains information that is new to the 2005 Code. It states:

- how to comply with the Code,
- the application of the various Divisions and Parts, and
- the objectives and functions that the Code is aiming to achieve:
 - *objectives* describe the overall goals that the Code's provisions are intended to achieve;
 - *functional statements* are the functions that a building or its elements must be capable of performing and they are used together with the objectives in the evaluation of alternative solutions.

Division B Acceptable Solutions

“Acceptable solutions” is a new term to designate the technical provisions of the Code, which are now in Division B; it is used interchangeably with “Division B provisions.”

An *acceptable solution* is a provision or set of provisions in Division B.

New tables titled “Objectives and Functional Statements Attributed to the Acceptable Solutions” are located at the end of each Part in Division B.

These *attribution tables* identify the objectives and functional statements linked to the provisions in Division B.

Division C Administrative Provisions

Division C contains administrative provisions regarding information required on plans, professional design and review, and documentation for work governed by the Code, including requirements for the documentation of alternative solutions.

Appendices

Each Division has at least one Appendix; Appendices continue to contain explanatory information only.

User's Guide – NFC 2005 , Application and Intent Statements

This User's Guide is a companion document to the Code that provides supplementary information only, in the form of intent and application statements:

- *Intent statements* explain the reason for the existence of a Code requirement.
- *Application statements* clearly describe the buildings and situations to which a provision applies and does not apply.

The intent and application statements do not form a legally binding part of the Code.

Due to the volume of material these statements represent, this new information is only published on CD-ROM.

Summary

The key points of this Module are:

- The 2005 Code is organized into three Divisions: *Division A, Division B, and Division C*.
- Division A contains compliance methods and the definitions of the Code's objectives and functional statements.
- An *acceptable solution* is a provision or set of provisions in Division B.
- An *attribution table* is included at the end of each Part in Division B.
- Division C contains administrative provisions.
- There are two options for *compliance* with the 2005 Code:
 - Apply the provisions in Division B.
 - Use an *alternative solution*.
- *Objectives* state what the Code aims to achieve.
- *Functional statements* describe the functions that the building or its elements must be capable of performing.
- Each Division has at least one Appendix that continues to be for explanatory purposes only.
- User's Guides to the 2005 National Model Codes are only published electronically. They contain supporting documentation in the form of *intent and application statements*, which are not legally binding.