

## 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 – NFC 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 6.5.1.7.(1) of Division B, which deals with the inspection of emergency lights.

Application 1:

<b>Subject of the provision →</b>	Frequency of inspection of emergency lights.
<b>Exceptions →</b>	Exceptions: except as stated in Article 6.5.1.6., which applies to self-contained emergency lighting unit equipment.
<b>Situations where the provision applies →</b>	This applies to emergency power systems in buildings that are used to supply emergency power to emergency lighting systems.

### Multiple Application Statements

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

On the CD-ROM (both NFC 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 Fire Code of Canada 2005 on CD-ROM includes the User's Guide – NFC 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 – NFC 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.