

## 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.**

A new table titled “Objectives and Functional Statements Attributed to the Acceptable Solutions” is located at the end of Part 2 in Division B.

This *attribution table* identifies 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**

<p><b>Each Division has at least one Appendix; Appendices continue to contain explanatory information only.</b></p>
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**User's Guide – NPC 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 Part 2 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.