



# Building Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2020:

## Dis-application of NCC 2019 heating and cooling load limits for residential energy efficiency

***The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify the energy efficiency provisions for building in Western Australia from 1 May 2020.***

The Building Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2020 (Amendment Regulations) were published in the Government Gazette on 31 March 2020 and have commenced operation.

The Amendment Regulations inserted new regulation 15C (*Modifications to Building Code*) into Part 2 of the Building Regulations 2012 (Building Regulations) to dis-apply the heating and cooling load limits in Part J0.2 and Part 3.12.0.1 of the 2019 edition of the National Construction Code (NCC 2019). Refer to [www.legislation.wa.gov.au](http://www.legislation.wa.gov.au) for a current version of the Building Regulations incorporating this amendment.

The NCC 2019 introduced additional and separate heating and cooling load limits to the NatHERS (Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme) compliance pathway for energy efficiency requirements in residential buildings.

Following consultation with industry, the State Government agreed to dis-apply the separate heating and cooling load limits for Western Australia. For example, (under the NatHERS compliance pathway) a new house in Climate Zone 5 that would have been required to achieve six stars and the separate heating and cooling load limits, will not need to comply with the separate heating and cooling load limits.

All other energy efficiency requirements in the NCC 2019 will apply from 1 May 2020.

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