

CHAPTER 13
PERFORMANCE COMPLIANCE METHODS

SECTION 1301.2.3
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1301.2.3 Additions. Additions to existing buildings shall comply with the requirements of the *International Building Code*, *International Residential Code*, and this code for new construction. The combined height and area of the existing building and the new addition shall not exceed the height and area allowed by Chapter 5 of the *International Building Code*. Where a fire wall that complies with Section 705 of the *International Building Code* is provided between the addition and the existing building, the addition shall be considered a separate building.



Q: Is an addition to an existing building subject to the requirements of the *International Building Code* for new construction if the existing building including the new addition complies with the mandatory safety scores required in Section 1301 of the *International Existing Building Code*?

A: Yes. New construction, including additions to existing buildings and/or alterations to existing buildings, must comply with the provisions of the *International Building Code*. In addition to the *International Building Code*, new construction is also subject the provisions of all International Codes to the extent mandated by the authority having jurisdiction, such as the *International Fire Code*, *International Plumbing Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Energy Conservation Code*, etc.
