

301.3 Alteration, Change of Occupancy, Addition or Relocation

The *alteration, change of occupancy, addition* or relocation of all *existing buildings* shall comply with one of the methods listed in Sections 301.3.1 through 301.3.3 as selected by the applicant. Sections 301.3.1 through 301.3.3 shall not be applied in combination with each other. Where this code requires consideration of the seismic force-resisting system of an *existing building* subject to *alteration, change of occupancy, addition* or relocation of *existing buildings*, the seismic evaluation and design shall be based on Section 301.4 regardless of which compliance method is used.

Exception: Subject to the approval of the *code official*, *alterations* complying with the laws in existence at the time the building, or the affected portion of the building was built shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code. New structural members added as part of the *alteration* shall comply with the *Florida Building Code, Building*. This exception shall not apply to alterations that constitute substantial improvement in flood hazard areas that comply with Section 503.2, 701.3 or 1302.6. This exception shall not apply to the structural provisions of Chapter 5 or to the structural provisions of Sections 707, 807 and 907.

301.3.1 Prescriptive Compliance Method

Alterations, additions and *changes of occupancy* complying with Chapter 5 of this code in buildings complying with the *Florida Fire Prevention Code* shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code.

301.3.2 Work Area Compliance Method

Alterations, additions, changes in occupancy and relocated buildings complying with the applicable requirements of Chapters 6 through 13 of this code shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code.

301.3.3 Performance Compliance Method

Alterations, additions, changes in occupancy and relocated buildings complying with Chapter 14 of this code shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code.

301.3.4 Concrete Evaluation and Design Procedures

Evaluation and design of structural concrete in compliance with ACI 562 shall be permitted.

Exception: ACI 562 shall not be used to comply with provisions of this code for seismic evaluation and design procedures.

