



**Informal Interpretation Report  
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**Section** R305.1

**Question:**

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Residential section R305.1, Exception 4, to include the tank portion of a water closet as an element of a "fixture" that requires a minimum 6'-8" ceiling height above it?

**Answer:**

Yes. The minimum ceiling height must be provided over the entire fixture. Florida Building Code - Residential section R305.1, Exception # 4 states that "bathrooms shall have a minimum ceiling height of 6' 8" over the fixture and at the front clearance area for fixtures as shown in Figure 307.1".

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**Commentary:**

Exception # 4 defines the required minimum ceiling height over toilet, bath and shower fixtures. This exception allows a sloped ceiling over toilet, bath or shower fixtures provided the minimum ceiling height of 6' 8" is maintained over the fixture and at the front clearance.

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