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The ERI Compliance Path

The 2015 IECC introduced a new option for energy code compliance, the Energy Rating Index (ERI) path (Section 406 in the 2015 IECC). This path was developed as an alternative performance path intended to provide builders with additional flexibility to builders. Using the ERI path, builders must meet a target ERI score, 54 in Climate Zone 4 and 55 in Climate Zone 5, but can do so through a wide range of performance options.

Some of these options include:

- Trade offs for lower than minimum prescriptive requirements (Insulation, Windows, Duct Leakage)
- Credits for better than minimum prescriptive targets (Insulation, Windows, Duct Leakage)
- Credit for better than mandatory minimum requirements (Lighting, Air Tightness)

It is important to remember that although the ERI path was designed to offer greater flexibility, builders must still meet all the mandatory requirements outlined in the 2015 IECC. Additionally, any trade-offs made to insulation and window efficiency must be equal or greater to the 2009 IECC requirements.

For more information check out our [ERI compliance path fact sheet](#) and be sure to visit our [training page](#) for more useful energy code resources!

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