

Recommendations for the National Construction Code 2025

Background

The Australian Buildings Codes Board (ABCB) recently consulted on the National Construction Code (NCC) 2025. This document highlights the recommendations made by NABERS for J1V1 in the NCC 2025. These recommendations align with the stringency level increases (Stringency Level 3) to the commercial building energy efficiency provisions.

Recommendations to J1V1 pathway

NABERS recommendations include 2 components:

1. NABERS Commitment Agreement target rating: This is the proposed NABERS Energy star rating for Commitment Agreements, that aligns with Stringency Level 3.
2. Modelled NABERS Energy star rating: This is NABERS Energy star rating threshold to meet NCC modelling requirements. This is to ensure that the efficiency level matches that of the NCC, which may be higher than the nominated NABERS Commitment Agreement target rating.

Table 1 outlines the proposed changes to J1V1 for NCC 2025.

Table 1: Recommendations for J1V1 in NCC 2025

Building Class	NABERS Commitment Agreement target rating	Energy model requirements	
		Modelled NABERS Energy star rating	Energy coverage
Class 5 – Office	6 star	6.6 star	NABERS Energy coverage excluding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> tenant supplementary heating and cooling systems; and external lighting; and carpark services
Class 2 – Apartment Building (common area only)	5 star	5.6 star	NABERS Energy coverage: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> including only energy use that is covered under NCC Section J; and excluding carpark services and carpark numbers from the NABERS Energy calculation
Class 3 – Hotel	4 star	5.3 star	NABERS Energy coverage: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> including only energy use that is covered under NCC Section J
Class 6 – Shopping Centre	6 star	6.7 star	NABERS Energy coverage: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> including only energy use that is covered under NCC Section J; and excluding carpark services and carpark numbers from the NABERS Energy calculation

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