



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION NO. 20-12

CODE: 2018 Washington State Energy Code, Residential

SECTION: Table R406.3, Energy Credits

QUESTION: Can the appliance credit 7.1 be taken for each residential multi-family unit if there is a central laundry facility in the building? If so, how would one determine compliance with CEF testing or equivalent energy efficiency metric to determine compliance with CEF testing?

ANSWER: **No. All appliances must be installed in the dwelling unit to qualify for the credit. However, per Section R102, code officials may approve alternate means or design methods that are equivalent and meet the intent of the code. This could be applied to central laundry facilities with equivalent energy savings.**

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: Kitsap County