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Dear BC Building Code Users:

Further to the message sent on January 31, Technical Bulletin 18-02 – Miscellaneous Revisions to the 2012 BC Building Code, is now available [on our website](#). This Bulletin describes miscellaneous changes to the BCBC that came into effect on January 31, 2018 that were not described in Bulletin B18-01.

Key changes include:

- Removal of a relaxation for guards in Part 9 dwelling units that are not above another suite.
- Permitting passive ventilation for secondary suites in buildings designed to comply with the BC Energy Step Code.
- More consistency between definitions for mechanical energy use intensity, total energy use intensity,
- A new appendix note on Floor Area,
- Clarification on area for assumed air leakage for Part 3 buildings, and
- Clarification of the energy modelling reporting options in Division C.

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