

ACADEMY TRAINING MANUAL – ACCESS COMPLIANCE

CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE – MATRIX ADOPTION TABLE CHAPTER 3 – USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION

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310.2 (Dormitory)	IBC						X													

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SECTION 302 CLASSIFICATION

302.1 General. Structures or portions of structures shall be classified with respect to occupancy in one or more of the groups listed below. A room or space that is intended to be occupied at different times for different purposes shall comply with all of the requirements that are applicable to each of the purposes for which the room or space will be occupied. Structures with multiple occupancies or uses shall comply with Section 508. Where a structure is proposed for a purpose that is not specifically provided for in this code, such structure shall be classified in the group that the occupancy most nearly resembles, according to the fire safety and relative hazard involved.

1. Assembly (see Section 303): Groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5
2. Business (see Section 304): Group B
3. Educational (see Section 305): Group E
4. Factory and Industrial (see Section 306): Groups F-1 and F-2
5. High Hazard (see Section 307): Groups H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-5
6. Institutional (see Section 308): Groups I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4
7. Mercantile (see Section 309): Group M
8. *[SFM] Organized Camps (see Section 440) Group C*
9. *Research Laboratories (see Section 443) Group L*
10. Residential (see Section 310): Groups R-1, R-2, R-3, R-3.1, and R-4
11. Storage (see Section 311): Groups S-1 and S-2
12. Utility and Miscellaneous (see Section 312): Group U

SECTION 310 RESIDENTIAL GROUP R

310.2 Definitions.

DORMITORY. A space in a building where group sleeping accommodations are provided in one room, or in a series of closely associated rooms, for persons not members of the same family group, under joint occupancy and single management, as in college dormitories or fraternity houses.



Dormitories quite often allow long-term use (Chapter 11A) and transient (short-term) use (Chapter 11B). Also, providing dormitory housing could be considered an extension of Public Accommodations as “Places of Public Education” (see definition of Public Accommodation in Chapter 2). Compliance with the residential requirements in both chapters is advisable unless it can be demonstrated that particular type of stay is absent (such as the program never allows short-term stays). Although DSA/AC adopts this model code Section 310.2 definition for DORMITORY, this is not the only CBC definition for dormitory – see also the CBC definition for DORMITORY adopted by HCD/1A and the SFM in Chapter 2 which refers not only to this Section 310.2, but also Section 308.4.6 for dormitories in Group I Occupancies.