



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	WUI-7A standards for new detached garage		
Code Section(s)	2016 CRC §337.1.3		
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Question 1:

If a property has an existing house on it that was permitted and built prior to July 1, 2008 and the house does not comply with WUI-7A standards, shall a new, detached garage (or shop, barn, etc.) comply with WUI-7A standards?

No.

If you meet one or more of the applicable exceptions 1-4 of 2016 CRC section 337.1.3.

Question 2:

The exceptions refer to an “Applicable Building”, is the existing house the applicable building?

Yes

The “applicable building” refers to the existing structure, which shall comply with R337.1.3.1 for application date where required.

Refer to Information Bulletin 17-001

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/informationbulletin/pdf/2017/IB_17-001_Accessory_Dwelling_Units.pdf