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**Options for Commercial Building Energy Code Compliance**

**Code:** 2002 Energy Code  
**Section:** 701.1

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**Question:**

What are my options for energy compliance for commercial buildings when using the 2002 NC Energy Code?

**Answer:**

Section 701.1 requires compliance with ASHRAE 90.1-1999, but also identifies an exception for buildings that comply with Chapter 8. Therefore, either the provisions of Chapter 7 or Chapter 8 may be used to satisfy the requirements of the 2002 NC Energy Code for commercial buildings.

Note that the use of ASHRAE 90.1-1999 will require that the user obtain the standard directly from ASHRAE. ASHRAE is located in Atlanta, GA and their office can be contacted by calling (404) 636-8400. The website address is [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org).