

# Submitting for permit under Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings (MRCEB)

**Summary:** When submitting for permit under the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings (MRCEB). There is a certain amount of information that is critical for your project to be accepted for review. The purpose of this document is help you determine what that information should be when submitting for review under the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Building.

**Person Responsible:** Permit Applicant

**Procedure:** When applying for permit work under the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings there are three (3) different compliance methods from which you must choose one. They shall not be applied in combination with each other. The three (3) compliance methods are as follows: **(1)** Prescriptive Method – Chapter 4, **(2)** Work Area Method – Chapters 5 thru 13, and **(3)** Performance Method – Chapter 14. Thus when submitting for permit you need to declare your method of compliance in your code summary.

**Example:**

**Code Summary:**

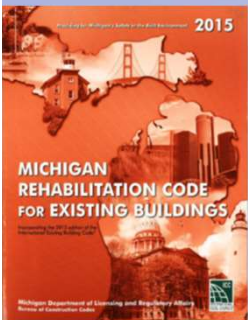
Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings

Method of Compliance: Work Area Method (Chapters 5 thru 13)

This will prevent any confusion and prevent your plan review from being delayed. Because unless we know your Method of Compliance the plan review cannot move forward.

Work Area Method likely will be the method most often used for various construction activity when submitting for review under the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings. If choosing Work Area Method compliance, then it all starts with the Classification of Work (Chapter 5). The **work area**, as defined in **Chapter 2** shall be identified on the construction documents. It is critical that you identify your **work area** as defined by **Chapter 2** as oppose to an **area of work**. Doing repair work in an **area** is **area of work**, not **work area**. **Work Area Method** compliance involving only **Alteration – Level 1** activities would only involve **area of work** and not **work area**. It is required by Buildings, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department (BSEED) that you provide an illustrative of each floor for work being done showing both **area of work** and **work area** as shown in the illustration on the next page. When **work area** is involved it also prudent to state the percentage of square footage of the **work area** in relationship to the total floor square footage. Typically the other two methods of compliance (Prescriptive Method and Performance Method) do not involve the identification of **work area**.

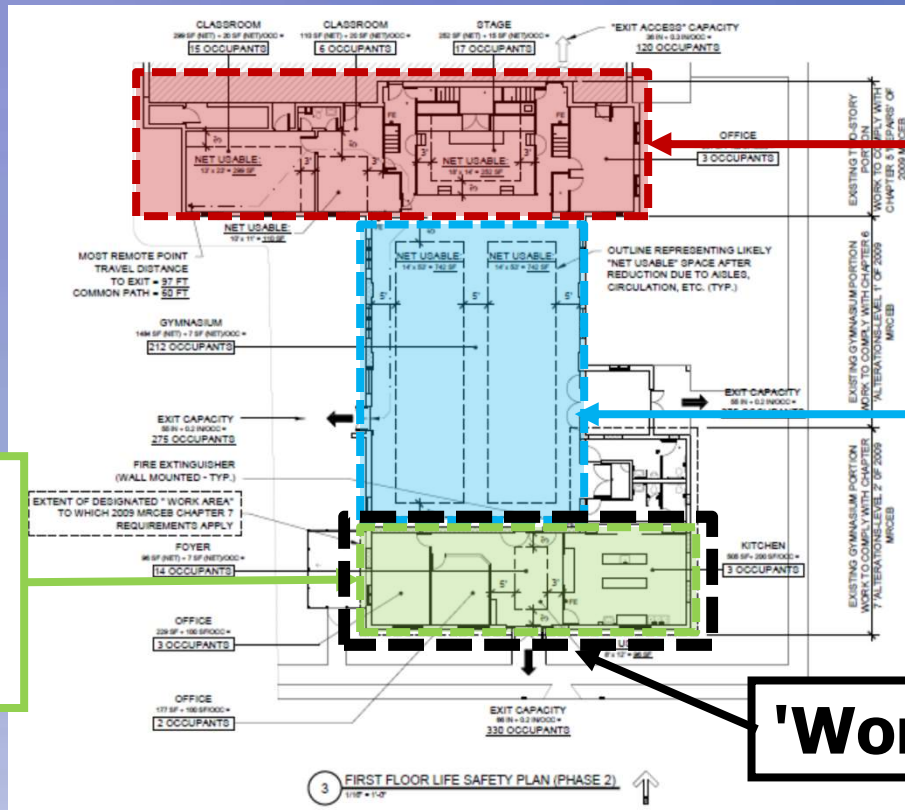
**Please Note:** Even though the Buildings, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department requires that permit for work on existing buildings be submitted under the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings. You can submit for permit under the Michigan Building Code 2015 (MBC2015) which is for new construction. This requires that you provide a written signed and dated request attesting to that request. This request must acknowledge that you understand that your existing building will be required to comply with all current code requirements for new construction as defined by the Michigan Building Code 2015.



City of Detroit  
Buildings, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department

# Submitting for permit under Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings (MRCEB)

- Chapter 5 - Classification of Work



**Chapter 6  
Repairs**

**Chapter 7  
Alterations  
Level 1**

**Chapter 8  
Alterations  
Level 2**

**'Work Area'**

