

## Deciding which edition of the IRC to utilize

The 2012 IRC is the current code edition and has been, or will be, adopted by many state and local jurisdictions across the U.S. during 2012-13. ICC Members participating in the code development process are currently working towards the creation of the 2015 IRC which will be published in mid- 2014. With many code jurisdictions still utilizing the 2009 edition, consideration should be given as to which code edition would best serve your students and your program overall. There are several factors to consider:

- If your program includes the actual construction of a home, designed and constructed to comply with local building codes, determining the local code in effect is important. Consult with your local building official to obtain his/her recommendation. The code official will know if the jurisdiction is planning to adopt a newer edition of the IRC and can provide information on any state or local amendments to the IRC that must be incorporated.
- ICC's Professional National Certification exams are based on the latest edition of the codes and are typically updated approximately one year after the new code edition is published. Students working towards a codes related career path who receive training on the most up-to-date codes will be better positioned to sit for these exams. Students often move to different locations which may be using current codes. Staying current with the codes will provide a distinct advantage to students.
- ICC publishes code reference books designed to assist instructors and students teach/learn the significant changes between code editions. Because changes in the IRC code requirements between editions represent a relatively small percentage of the total text, it is entirely feasible to instruct, design and construct from the latest IRC edition, while noting the significant changes from prior editions. In addition, most jurisdictions will accept and permit a home designed under the newest code, even though the jurisdiction has not yet adopted that edition. In such cases, local amendments may still apply. Again, consult with your code official in this regard.
- ICC will support the decision of the Technical School as to which edition of the code is incorporated.

This tool kit contains references and information about the 2012 IRC and 2012 IRC Study Companion. These textbooks are also available for the 2006 and 2009 editions at the same pricing offered for the 2012 edition. When ordering these books, please specify which edition is desired.