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Classification unit description

House or Other Wood Frame General Contracting, Construction, or Renovation Work Classification Unit: **721027**	Sector: Construction Sub-sector: General Construction

Introduction to classification units

We group all firms into classification units based on the products produced, the services provided, and the processes, technology, or materials used. The base premium rate reflects the cost of compensation and prevention in the classification unit.

This classification unit description provides an overview of the classification unit for general guidance only. Firms are classified based on this, our classification policies, Rate and Classification List, and other relevant classification unit descriptions. The items listed below are examples only; they are intended to be illustrative (not exhaustive). Every example may not apply to every firm in the classification unit.

Description

This classification unit covers firms or general contractors engaged in all aspects of predominately wood framed residential and/or commercial construction. Also included are:

1) Firms engaged in construction of residential additions, conversions, improvements, renovations, and retrofitting wood frame buildings
2) Interior decorators or designers that implement their design or hire trades to implement construction related activities
3) Firms that construct film or television sets on site
4) Supervisors and project managers that may hire, fire, or pay subcontractors, manage day-to-day construction site activities, and/or purchase materials on behalf of a residential or other wood frame general contractor.

Firms engaged in a specific trade such as framing or residential forming, painting, siding, or roofing, are not included and are more appropriately classified according to that trade.

Build or renovate

Here are some examples of wood-frame buildings or structures that firms in this classification unit build or renovate:

- Apartment buildings
- Condominium complexes
- Duplexes
- Log homes
- Semi-detached houses
- Townhomes
- Barns
- Cottages
- Houses
- Multiplexes
- Single residences
- Townhouses

Services

Here are some examples of services that firms in this classification unit provide:

- Assemble modular homes
- Handyman services
- Interior renovation work
- Own home construction
- Site supervision
- Construction management
- Install manufactured homes
- Mobile home repair
- Own home renovation

Occupations

Here are some examples of key workers in this classification unit:

Civil engineer
General contractor
Inspector
Project coordinator
Safety coordinator
Surveyor
Design engineer
Handyman
Land developer
Project manager
Supervisor

General information

Exterior or Structural Renovation Work: It is typical for firms that construct buildings to also engage in exterior or structural renovation work to those buildings. Therefore, firms engaged in general exterior or structural renovations are classified in either:
a) industrial, commercial, institutional, or highrise residential construction; or
b) house or other wood frame construction (depending on the nature of the buildings they renovate).

Interior Renovation Work: Since it is essentially the same activity regardless of whether it is done in a wood frame or concrete building, all firms engaged in interior renovation work are classified in CU 721027 - House or Other Wood Frame General Contracting, Construction or Renovation Work.

Handyman Services: Handyman services are provided by firms that engage in such activities as minor construction, renovation or repairs, and maintenance services.

Hazard rating assignment

Based on the nature and extent of the risks and hazards in this classification unit, firms in this classification unit are assigned a high hazard rating for the purpose of defining first aid-related requirements (i.e., the application of G3.16, First aid assessment, in the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation). This section of the Regulation specifies mandatory minimum levels of first aid, including what type of first aid kits, facilities, and equipment are required.

When to contact us

Firms in this classification unit may also occasionally engage in other business activities. However, if they have a significant presence in any of the following industries, it may make sense for them to be assigned to another classification unit.

1) manufacture or manufacture and install of log home packages (see CU 714018);
2) supply and install of manufactured homes or modular homes (see CU 715033);
3) industrial, commercial, institutional, or highrise residential construction or structural renovation where the structure is not predominately wood framed (see CU 721028);
4) construction management consulting (firms with no financial interest in the building being constructed, who act as liaisons with unaffiliated general contractors on behalf of an owner, who is not a general contractor) (see CU 763037);
5) land development (preparation of building lots without construction) (see CU 721031); or

6) a specific trade (firms providing services to the general contractor are assigned a CU specific to their trade, e.g. framing or residential forming, painting, electrical, plumbing, etc) (see CUs in subsector 7210).

Please contact us if you have any questions about this or anything else related to this classification unit description.

Base premium rates

2026: 2.88% (or $2.88 per $100) of assessable payroll
2025: 2.86% (or $2.86 per $100) of assessable payroll
2024: 2.88% (or $2.88 per $100) of assessable payroll