

**ALTERATION or ALTER.** Any construction or renovation to an existing structure other than repair or addition.

*[DSA-AC] "Alteration or alter" is any change, addition or modification in construction or occupancy or structural repair or change in primary function to an existing structure made by, on behalf of or for the use of a public accommodation or commercial facility that affects or could affect the usability of the building or facility or part thereof. Alterations include, but are not limited to, remodeling, renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, historic restoration, changes or rearrangement of the structural parts or elements, and changes or rearrangement in the plan configuration of walls and full-height partitions.*

**ALTERNATE CARD READER.** *[DSA-AC] See Chapter 11C, Section 1101C.1.*

**ALTERNATING TREAD DEVICE.** See Section 1002.1.

**ANCHOR.** See Section 2102.1.

**ANCHOR BUILDING.** See Section 402.2.

**ANCHORED MASONRY VENEER.** See Section 1402.1.

**ANNULAR SPACE.** See Section 702.1.

**[F] ANNUNCIATOR.** See Section 902.1.

**ANSI [DSA-AC]** means the American National Standards Institute.

**APPROVED.** Acceptable to the code official or authority having jurisdiction.

*[DSA-AC, HCD 1 & HCD 2] "Approved" means meeting the approval of the enforcing agency, except as otherwise provided by law, when used in connection with any system, material, type of construction, fixture or appliance as the result of investigations and tests conducted by the agency, or by reason of accepted principles or tests by national authorities or technical, health or scientific organizations or agencies.*

**Notes: [HCD 1 & HCD 2]**

1. See Health and Safety Code Section 17920 for "Approved" as applied to residential construction and buildings or structures accessory thereto, as referenced in Section 108.2.1.1.
2. See Health and Safety Code Section 17921.1 for "Approved" as applied to the use of hotplates in residential construction referenced in Section 108.2.1.1.
3. See Health and Safety Code Section 17921.3 for "Approved" as applied to low-flush water closets in residential construction, as referenced in Section 108.2.1.1.
4. See Health and Safety Code Section 19966 for "Approved" as applied to factory-built housing as referenced in Section 108.3.2.5.
5. See Health and Safety Code Section 18201 for "Approved" as applied to mobilehome parks as referenced in Section 108.2.

6. See Health and Safety Code Section 18862.1 for "Approved" as applied to special occupancy parks as referenced in Section 108.2.

**APPROVED AGENCY.** See Section 1702.1.

**APPROVED LISTING AGENCY [HCD 1 & HCD 2]** is any agency approved by the enforcing agency, unless otherwise provided by statute, which is in the business of listing and labeling and which makes available at least an annual published report of such listings in which specific information is included that the product has been tested to recognized standards and found to comply.

**APPROVED TESTING AGENCY [DSA-AC, HCD 1 & HCD 2]** is any agency, which is determined by the enforcing agency, except as otherwise provided by statute, to have adequate personnel and expertise to carry out the testing of systems, materials, types of construction, fixtures or appliances.

**APPROVED FABRICATOR.** See Section 1702.1.

**APPROVED SOURCE.** An independent person, firm or corporation, approved by the building official, who is competent and experienced in the application of engineering principles to materials, methods or systems analyses.

**ARCHITECTURAL TERRA COTTA.** See Section 2102.1.

**AREA.** See Section 2102.1.

**Bedded.** See Section 2102.1.

**Gross cross-sectional.** See Section 2102.1.

**Net cross-sectional.** See Section 2102.1.

**AREA, BUILDING.** See Section 502.1.

**AREA OF REFUGE.** See Section 1002.1.

**AREAWAY.** A subsurface space adjacent to a building open at the top or protected at the top by a grating or guard.

**ASSEMBLY AREA.** *[DSA-AC] See Chapter 11B, Section 1102B.*

**ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES.** See Section 31 0.2, "Residential care/Assisted living facilities."

**ASSISTIVE DEVICE.** *[DSA-AC & HCD 1-AC] See Chapter 11A, Section 1107A.1-A.*

**ATRIUM.** See Section 404.1.1.

**ATTIC.** The space between the ceiling beams of the top story and the roof rafters.

**[F] AUDIBLE ALARM NOTIFICATION APPLIANCE.** See Section 902.1.

**AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE (AAC).** See Section 2102.1.

**[F] AUTOMATIC.** See Section 902.1.

**AUTOMATIC DOOR.** *[DSA-AC & HCD 1-AC] See Chapter 11A, Section 1107.A.1-A, and Chapter 11B, Section 1102B.*

**[F] AUTOMATIC FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM.** See Section 902.1.

**[F] AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM.** See Section 902.1.