



## **Changing Unconditioned Space to Conditioned Space**

### **Example – Heating an Attached Garage**

The 2015 IECC requires that any unconditioned space altered to become conditioned space be brought into full compliance with the code.

An example of this would be adding a heating unit to your attached garage to turn it into a workshop. Even if you aren't living in the space, it would still be considered a conditioned space and must meet all the codes for a conditioned space including insulation.

The minimum prescriptive insulation requirements are R 13+5 or R20 in the exterior walls, R49 in the ceiling, R10 slab insulation for two feet around the exterior slab perimeter, and windows & doors meeting minimum .32 U values. Again, these requirements apply even if there is no habitable space when conditioned.

Helpful links for this type of project include:

[HVAC Equipment Certificate](#)

[IECC Form – El Paso County](#)

[IECC Form – Woodland Park Only](#)

[Heat Loss Calculations Tool](#)