

RECEPTACLE REQUIREMENTS FOR DINING AREA

Question: Rule 26-702(7)(d) requires “at least one duplex receptacle in a dining area forming part of a kitchen”. Does subrule (3) also apply (1.8 m rule) or is the contractor required to install only one duplex receptacle, regardless of the size of the area?

The question: what is the meaning of "at least one" receptacle, when applied to the dining area of a kitchen?

Answer: The conclusion is that "at least one" means one, and this would satisfy the minimum standard philosophy of the BC Electrical Code. Installers could install more than one receptacle, such circumstance then being above the minimum standard.

Let us look at this answer in some detail.

- Rule 26-202 requires receptacles in finished walls at maximum 1.8 metres. One exception applies to a kitchen.
- Rule 26-202 insists on at least one receptacle in a dining area-- "forming part of a kitchen."
- Once a dining-area receptacle is in place, sub-rules (3) and (7)(d) are satisfied.
- At this point the code is satisfied.
- Consider other uses of "at least one." The term is used in sub-rules (4), (12), (13), (18), (20), and (24). What if individual interpretation was applied to all these sub-rules? How many receptacles would be required to satisfy "at least one"? How many receptacles would be needed outside? How many receptacles would be needed for a vacuum cleaner, etc.?