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## ANALYSIS OF NEC ®

2017 Code Changes: Article Section 210.71 Meeting Rooms  
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**210.71 (A) General.** Each meeting room of not more than 93 m<sup>2</sup> (1000 ft<sup>2</sup>) in other than dwelling units shall have outlets for nonlocking-type, 125-volt, 15- or 20-ampere receptacles. The outlets shall be installed in accordance with 210.71(B). Where a room or space is provided with movable partition(s), each room size shall be determined with the partition in the position that results in the smallest size meeting room.

Informational Note No. 1: For the purposes of this section, meeting rooms are typically designed or intended for the gathering of seated occupants for such purposes as conferences, deliberations, or similar purposes, where portable electronic equipment such as computers, projectors, or similar equipment is likely to be used.

Informational Note No. 2: Examples of rooms that are not meeting rooms include auditoriums, schoolrooms, and coffee shops.

**(B) Receptacle Outlets Required.** The total number of receptacle outlets, including floor outlets and receptacle outlets in fixed furniture, shall not be less than as determined in (1) and (2). These receptacle outlets shall be permitted to be located as determined by the designer or building owner.

**(1) Receptacle Outlets in Fixed Walls.** Receptacle outlets shall be installed in accordance with 210.52(A)(1) through (A)(4).

**(2) Floor Receptacle Outlets.** A meeting room that is at least 3.7 m (12 ft) wide and that has a floor area of at least 20 m<sup>2</sup> (215 ft<sup>2</sup>) shall have at least one receptacle outlet located in the floor at a distance not less than 1.8 m (6 ft) from any fixed wall for each 20 m<sup>2</sup> (215 ft<sup>2</sup>) or major portion of floor space.

Informational Note No. 1: See Section 314.27(B) for floor boxes used for receptacles located in the floor.

Informational Note No. 2: See Article 518 for assembly occupancies designed for 100 or more persons.

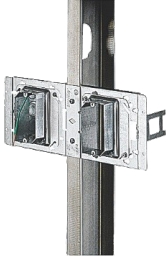
## Analysis of the Change

A new requirement for the 2017 NEC. Section 210.71 for Meetings Rooms was added to the 2017 NEC to address the lack of electrical receptacles available in a meeting room for use with computers, projectors, rechargeable phones and other electrical equipment or appliances. The total number of receptacle outlets installed in the fix walls and floor will be determined by the dwelling requirements found in 210.52(A) per 201.71(B)(1) and (2). In addition, at least one floor box will be

required for meeting rooms 215 square feet or larger.

## Products

Floor Boxes, outlet boxes, and eFab



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