808.2 Applicability. Daylighting of building spaces in accordance with Section 808.3 shall be required for the following occupancies:

1. A Group A-3 occupancy where the specific use of the room or space is for reading areas in libraries, waiting areas in transportation terminals, exhibition halls, gymnasiums, and indoor athletic areas.
2. A Group B occupancy where the specific use of the room or space is for educational facilities for students above the 12th grade, laboratories for testing and research, post offices, print shops, offices, and training and skill development not within a school or academic program.
3. Group E, F and S occupancies.
4. Those portions of Group M occupancies located directly underneath a roof, where the net floor area of the entire occupancy is 10,000 square feet (929 m²) or greater.

Exception: Daylighting in Group A-3, B, E, F, M and S occupancies is not required for any of the following rooms and spaces:

1. Building spaces where darkness is required for the primary use of the space, including, but not limited to, light-sensitive material handling and darkrooms.
2. Building spaces that are required to be cooled below 50°F (10°C).
3. Unconditioned buildings that are equipped with exterior doors that, when opened, provide equivalent daylighting.
4. Existing buildings undergoing an alteration, repair, movement, or change of occupancy of existing buildings.

Reason: It isn't clear in the code what conditions were exceptions to the requirement for daylighting. With this change it is clear that any of these conditions are allowed to exist and be exempt from the occupancy based requirements in Section 808.2. Removal of the terms “rooms and spaces” clarified that these were conditions not necessarily a specific room or space. Also, as presently worded item 4 was inconsistent with items 1 through 3 in format.

Cost Impact: Will not increase the cost of construction