

# CODE ENFORCEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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## CHAPTER 19-231: Standards for dwellings

### (4) Light & Ventilation

- A. Minimum Window Areas:  
Every habitable room shall have at least one window or skylight facing directly to the outdoors.
  
- B. Openable Window Area, Other Ventilation:  
The total openable window area in every habitable room shall be equal to at least 45% of the minimum window area, except where there is an approved device installed (*such as an air conditioner*) which shall provide at least one complete change of air every four minutes.
  
- C. Bathrooms:  
Every bathroom shall comply with the light and ventilation requirements for habitable rooms, except that no window or skylight shall be required in bathrooms equipped with an approved ventilation system which provides at least one complete change of air every six minutes and operates continuously when the bathroom is in use.  
(*Basically, if you have an exhaust fan, you do not need to have a window in the bathroom*).