

Maine Snow Loads

Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) | ASCE 7-16

The following instructions are a guide to help code enforcement officials and designers determine ground snow loading across the State of Maine that meet MUBEC requirements.

To determine ground snow loads for the MUBEC:

1) Use the following website and enter the exact address of the site to be designed:

https://ascehazardtool.org/

- 2) Select "ASCE/SEI 7-16" under Standard Version
- 3) Select the appropriate Risk Category (Reference IBC Table 1604.5)
- 4) Check "Snow" for Load Type
- 5) Click "View Results"
- 6) Snow load in lb/ft2 is displayed on next sheet

If "Case Study Required" is displayed, click the return button in the upper right corner and follow the below instructions.

- 1) Select "ASCE/SEI 7-22" under Standard Version
- 2) Select the appropriate Risk Category
- 3) Check "Snow" for Load Type
- 4) Click "View Results"
- 5) The Snow Load given should be reduced by the following equation to bring it to ASCE/SEI 7-16 loads:

 $SL_{22} * 0.70 = SL_{16}$ (Value not less than 100 lb/ft²)

where:

SL₂₂ = Snow load from ASCE/SEI 7-22

 SL_{16} = Snow load to be used for MUBEC (minimum value 100 lb/ft²)

