101.4.3 Plumbing. The provisions of the *Uniform Plumbing Code of Abu Dhabi Emirate – Abu Dhabi* (UPC-AD) as published by the Abu Dhabi Environmental Agency and the *Water Supply Regulations, January, 2009* (WRS) as published by the Regulation and Supervision Bureau shall apply to the installation, *alteration*, repair and replacement of plumbing systems, including equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances, and where connected to a water or sewage system and all aspects of a medical gas system. The provisions of the *Abu Dhabi International Private Sewage Disposal Code* shall apply to private sewage disposal systems. Where requirements differ, the most restrictive shall apply.

The provisions of the *International Plumbing Code* may be used as a complementary to the codes referenced in this section.

**101.4.4 Property maintenance.** The provisions of the *Abu Dhabi International Property Maintenance Code* and 34 of the *Abu Dhabi International Building Code* shall apply to existing structures and premises; equipment and facilities; light, ventilation, space heating, sanitation, life and fire safety hazards; responsibilities of owners, operators and occupants; and occupancy of existing premises and structures.

101.4.5 Fire prevention. The provisions of the *UAE Fire & Life Safety Code of Practice*, together with all approved addendums, bulletins, notices and memorandums as may be issued in conjunction thereto by the Ministry of Interior or any Civil Defence Fire Prevention & Safety Department, shall apply to matters affecting or relating to structures, processes and premises from the hazard of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of structures, materials or devices; from conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the occupancy of structures or premises; and from the construction, extension, repair, *alteration* or removal of fire suppression and alarm systems or fire hazards in the structure or on the premises from occupancy or operation. The *International Fire Code* shall be consulted for matters not covered in the *UAE Fire & Life Safety Code of Practice*, where requirements differ, the most restrictive shall apply.

**101.4.6** Energy. The provisions of the *Abu Dhabi International Energy Conservation Code* shall apply to all matters governing the design and construction of buildings for energy efficiency. This code is intended to be applied in addition to the Estidama program of the Urban Planning Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

**101.5 Required Signage.** Signage required by this code shall utilize approved internationally recognized pictographic symbols and/or be printed in Arabic and English. Unless otherwise specified, characters shall be not less than 4 inches (10 mm) high and a minimum of 0.5 inches (12.5 mm) wide and utilize an approved contrasting background.

## **SECTION 102 APPLICABILITY**

**102.1 General.** Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall be applicable. Where, in any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern. Refer to the Abu Dhabi Executive Regulations as amended.