

Using the KC Compliance Calculator in Excel

Excel version: The calculator was developed and tested with Microsoft 365 Excel. Use the desktop version of Excel. Excel for the web can open an .xlsm workbook, but it cannot run the workbook's VBA macros.

Opening the calculator

Open the downloaded workbook in desktop Excel. If Excel displays a yellow **Security Warning** bar and the file came directly from the MARC website, select **Enable Content**. If prompted, choose **Yes** to trust the document. Only enable macros in a file you expected and obtained from a trusted source.

If Excel instead says “**Microsoft has blocked macros from running because the source of this file is untrusted**” and there's no **Enable Content** button:

1. Close the workbook.
2. In File Explorer, right-click the downloaded .xlsm file and select **Properties**.
3. On the **General** tab, look near the bottom for **Unblock** under **Security**. Select it, then select **Apply** and **OK**.
4. Reopen the workbook in desktop Excel.

Moving the workbook out of the Downloads folder by itself may not clear this warning. If **Unblock** is missing or unavailable, or your organization blocks macros, contact your agency or company IT staff. Don't change organization-managed security settings on your own.

Checkbox and filter behavior

Some Excel versions may display checkbox cells as TRUE or FALSE. Enter TRUE for a checked box and FALSE for an unchecked box.

The **Filter Cover Types** button on the **Site Inputs** tab may not work as expected in some Excel versions, including versions that display these values instead of checkbox graphics. This is a compatibility limitation.

Compatibility support

If your organization blocks macros or your Excel version doesn't support the calculator's controls, contact your IT staff about an approved desktop Excel environment. The calculator depends on Excel-specific macros and controls.