R311.4.3 Landings at doors. There shall be a floor or landing on each side of each exterior door.

Exception: Where a stairway of two or fewer risers is located on the exterior side of a door, other than the required exit door, a landing is not required for the exterior side of the door.

The floor or landing at the exit door required by Section R311.4.1 shall not be more than 1.5 inches (38 mm) lower than the top of the threshold. The floor or landing at exterior doors other than the exit door required by Section R311.4.1 shall not be required to comply with this requirement but shall have a rise no greater than that permitted in Section R311.5.3.

Exception: The landing at an exterior doorway shall not be more than 7 3/4 inches (196 mm) below the top of the threshold, provided the door, other than an exterior storm or screen door does not swing over the landing.

The width of each landing shall not be less than the door served. Every landing shall have a minimum dimension of 36 inches (914 mm) measured in the direction of travel.

Q: Does the Second Exception in Section R311.4.3, which permits the landing to be 7-3/4 inches below the top of the threshold, apply to all exterior doors, including the required exit door?

A: Yes. The required exit door is classified as an exterior door. The provisions of the Second Exception in Section R311.4.3 permits a landing to be placed a maximum of 7-3/4 inches below the top of the threshold at any exterior doorway, which does include the required exit door.