



## How to Become a Certified Home Energy Rater

A **Certified Home Energy Rater** or **Rater** is a person trained and certified by an accredited Home Energy Rating Provider to inspect and evaluate a home's energy features, prepare a home energy rating and make recommendations for improvements that will save the homeowner energy and money.

### **The path to becoming a Home Energy Rater begins with attending Rater Training classes.**

- First, locate an accredited Energy Rater Training organization. The organizations are listed on the Residential Energy Services Network's (RESNET) website at [http://www.resnet.us/professional/programs/search\\_directory](http://www.resnet.us/professional/programs/search_directory)
- Training is required to become a certified Home Energy Rater and some training providers offer a portion of their training online.
- It is wise to begin preparing before for rater training by studying the materials recommended by the training organization you have selected. Additional study materials are also listed here [http://www.resnet.us/professional/rater/national\\_rater\\_test](http://www.resnet.us/professional/rater/national_rater_test)
- All candidates must pass the national core competency tests including work scope and combustion safety, the RESNET Combustion Appliance Simulation Test and the RESNET Rater Simulation Practical Test
- If you do not pass the Rater test the first time, there are proctoring guidelines from RESNET as to how you can retake the test closer to where you are located.
- After completing all of the exams you may apply for a Rating Test Identification Number or RTIN

### **The final aspect of the Rater certification process is to contract with a RESNET accredited Rating Provider and conduct probationary ratings.**

- The Home Energy Rating industry is overseen by RESNET and is structured to ensure a high level of quality assurance. With that in mind, energy raters must work through a Rating Provider, who is responsible for their certification and quality assurance.
- The accredited Rating Providers are also listed on the RESNET website at [http://www.resnet.us/professional/programs/training\\_providers](http://www.resnet.us/professional/programs/training_providers)
- An accredited Rating Provider will assist new Raters in conducting and submitting their required three additional probationary ratings.
- After completing these probationary ratings and passing the Rater test successfully, the Rating Provider will issue a document stating you have passed the course work necessary to become a HERS Certified Rater.
- Completing all of the required exams and the probationary ratings must be completed within one calendar year.
- You will need to sign a Rater Agreement outlining the responsibilities and obligations for both the Rater and the Rating Provider; this is detailed in the RESNET Standards.
- RESNET Standards require the Rating Provider to perform file quality assurance reviews on a minimum of 10% of all energy ratings and field quality assurance reviews on a minimum of 1% of your ratings.

Want to find more information? Please visit the RESNET website at <http://www.resnet.us/professional/rater/what-is-a-hers>