

RESNET® HERS® Addendum 106

Fifteen-Month Rater Certification Requirement Start Date

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Purpose:

The proposed amendment is intended to promote fairness, consistency, and clarity within the HERS Rater certification process.

Amendment:

Modify the HERS Standards Chapter 2 Section 206.2 Certification as follows:

206.2 Certification

Prior to issuing a candidate's certification, a RESNET Accredited Rating Quality Assurance Provider shall confirm that the candidate has completed the required training as detailed below, plus, at a minimum, the exams and probationary ~~all of the following~~ tasks appropriate to their desired certification within a fifteen (15)- month period ~~(unless otherwise indicated)~~ beginning the date of completion of RESNET required training. If certification is not completed within the allowed fifteen (15) month timeframe, then the certification candidate must complete all

certification requirements per 206.2 again, if they choose to become certified. Only RESNET Accredited Rating Quality Assurance Providers may certify candidates. Accredited Rating Quality Assurance Providers may require candidates to successfully complete additional instruction beyond these requirements as needed to address their specific program, climate, software, or administrative requirements.

206.2.1 Rating Field Inspector (RFI)

206.2.1.1 Complete a formal Building Science training course conducted by a RESNET Accredited Training Provider. Training shall be based on the Building Science Core Curriculum developed by RESNET.

206.2.1.2 After successful completion of the required training, but prior to being certified, the candidate shall complete within the allowed timeframe the following:

206.2.1.2.1 Pass the following RESNET Tests:

206.2.1.2.1.1 The RESNET Practical Simulation Test

206.2.1.2.1.2 RESNET Approved Graded Field Evaluation

206.2.1.2.1.2.1 The RESNET graded field evaluation shall be performed in the presence of and under the observation of a Candidate Field Assessor or Quality Assurance Designee.

206.2.1.2.1.2.2 The RESNET graded field evaluation shall not be performed remotely.

206.2.1.2.2 Complete at least three mentored rating field inspections observed by a Certified HERS Rater, a RESNET Candidate Field Assessor or Quality Assurance Designee. The Certified HERS Rater, RESNET Candidate Field Assessor or Quality Assurance Designee shall use the RESNET Graded Field Evaluation Form to document the results of mentored inspections. The mentored Rating Field Inspections shall comprise the following tasks at a minimum.

206.2.1.2.2.1 Follow the inspection protocols as specified in ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301 Normative Appendix B for all minimum rated features present in the subject dwelling unit.

206.2.1.2.2.2 Use pressure differential diagnostics to identify intermediate buffer zones including (but not limited to) attics, garages, or

crawlspaces.

206.2.1.2.2.3 Identify insulation defects and demonstrate the application of appropriate insulation grading per ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301 Normative Appendix A.

206.2.1.2.2.4 Identify insulation types, thickness, and alignment with air barriers.

206.2.1.2.2.5 Measure pressure differences across the building envelope imposed by the operation of the home's HVAC equipment.

206.2.1.2.2.6 Perform envelope leakage testing in accordance with the airtightness testing protocols contained in ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380.

206.2.1.2.2.7 Perform duct leakage testing in accordance with the duct testing protocols contained in ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380 and interpret results.

206.2.1.2.2.8 Perform mechanical ventilation airflow testing in accordance with the mechanical ventilation airflow testing protocols contained in ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380.

206.2.1.2.2.9 Identify room and zone pressure imbalances caused by lack of ducted return air or pressure relief mechanisms such as transfer grilles or jumper ducts.

206.2.1.2.2.10 Perform CAZ, spillage, and CO testing in accordance with Carbon Monoxide (CO) Test and Depressurization Test for the Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ) protocols contained in Chapter 8 – RESNET Standard for Combustion Safety Testing and Work Scope.

206.2.1.3 RFI's shall not complete independent field testing and inspections until they have satisfactorily completed the requisite three mentored rating field inspections per [206.2.1.2](#) and passed the RESNET Graded Field Evaluation.

206.2.1.4 After successfully completing the mentored rating field inspections and passing the RESNET Graded Field Evaluation, RFI's may be permitted to conduct all rating tasks found in section

206.2.1.2 under the direct supervision of a Certified HERS Rater without having a Certified HERS Rater on site.

206.2.2 HERS Modeler

~~206.2.2.1 Pass the following RESNET Test:~~

~~206.2.2.1.1 The RESNET HERS Modeler Practical Evaluation, as developed by RESNET and administered by a RESNET Training Provider.~~

~~206.2.2.2~~ 206.2.2.1 Complete a formal HERS Modeler training course conducted by a RESNET Accredited Training Provider. Training shall be based on the HERS Modeler Core Curriculum developed by RESNET, including modules specific to RESNET Accredited Software Tool(s). The training shall include the following content:

~~206.2.2.2.1~~ 206.2.2.1.1 Calculating

Building Dimensions

~~206.2.2.2.2~~ 206.2.2.1.2

Reading Plans

~~206.2.2.2.3~~ 206.2.2.1.3 Modeling Software Basics: Navigation and Layout, Help Menu, Technical Support

~~206.2.2.2.4~~ 206.2.2.1.4 Modeling General Rating Information

~~206.2.2.2.5~~ 206.2.2.1.5 Modeling Structural Components

~~206.2.2.2.6~~ 206.2.2.1.6 Modeling Mechanical Systems and Equipment

~~206.2.2.2.7~~ 206.2.2.1.7 Modeling Infiltration

~~206.2.2.2.8~~ 206.2.2.1.8 Modeling Lights and Appliances

~~206.2.2.2.9~~ 206.2.2.1.9 Modeling On-Site Energy Generation

~~206.2.2.2.10~~ 206.2.2.1.10 Modeling General Building and Site

Information ~~206.2.2.2.11~~ 206.2.2.1.11 Generating and Interpreting

Rating Reports

206.2.2.~~21~~.12 Ethics in Energy Modeling

~~206.2.2.3~~ 206.2.2.2 HERS Modelers shall successfully complete a minimum of three mentored rating models from different plans as specified by RESNET and observed by a RESNET Training Provider.

~~206.2.2.4~~ 206.2.2.3 After successful completion of the required training and mentored rating models, but prior to being certified, the candidate shall complete within the allowed timeframe the following:

~~206.2.2.5~~ 206.2.2.43.1 Pass the following RESNET Test:

~~206.2.2.5.1~~ 206.2.2.4.13.1.1 The RESNET HERS Modeler Practical Evaluation, as developed by RESNET and administered by a RESNET Training Provider.

~~206.2.2.6~~ 206.2.2.53.2 HERS Modelers shall successfully complete a minimum of two additional probationary rating models under the supervision of a Rating Quality Assurance Provider for each RESNET Accredited Software Tool they will use.

~~206.2.2.7~~ 206.2.2.64 HERS Modelers shall not complete independent modeling for HERS Rating purposes until they have satisfactorily completed the requisite three mentored rating models per 206.2.2.~~32~~, passed the RESNET HERS Modeler evaluation and completed the requisite probationary ratings per 206.2.2.~~453.2~~.

206.2.3 Home Energy Rater (HERS Rater)

206.2.3.1 Successfully complete a Certified HERS Rater training course provided through a RESNET Accredited Training Provider that meets the minimum standards as defined in Section 203 - Accredited Training Providers.

206.2.3.2 Successfully complete a minimum of three mentored rating models from different plans as specified by RESNET and observed by a RESNET Accredited Training Provider

206.2.3.3 After successful completion of the required training and mentored rating models, but prior to being certified, the candidate shall complete within the allowed timeframe the following:

~~206.2.3.3.1~~ Complete the following National RESNET Certified HERS Rater series of tests with the minimum (passing) scores to be determined by RESNET:

206.2.3.3.1.1 The RESNET National Rater Test

206.2.3.3.1.2 The RESNET Combustion Appliance

Simulation Test

206.2.3.3.1.3 The RESNET Rater Simulation

Practical Test

206.2.3.3.2 ~~After passing all RESNET tests, but prior to being certified, the candidate shall complete f~~Five probationary ratings, including the generation of a minimum of two full energy models for each RESNET Accredited Software Tool they will use, with a Rating Quality Assurance Provider overseen by a RESNET certified Candidate Field Assessor or Quality Assurance Designee. At least three of the five probationary ratings shall be mentored probationary ratings accomplished using field verification of all rated features of the home in accordance with [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380](#) and shall include the tasks as listed in 206.2.1.2.2. Task 206.2.1.2.2.7, Perform duct leakage testing, to be completed on a minimum of two of the three mentored probationary ratings. Task 206.2.1.2.2.10, Perform CAZ, spillage, and CO testing, to be completed on a minimum of one of the three mentored probationary ratings per 206.2.1.2.2.103-3.24. All field verification shall be completed in the presence of and under the observation of a RESNET Certified Field Assessor or Quality Assurance Designee. At least one field verified mentored probationary rating shall be completed one-on-one. Field mentored probationary ratings shall not be performed remotely. Probationary ratings shall not be considered Confirmed Ratings.

206.2.3.3.3 A minimum of two (2) hours of Combustion Safety field training using required combustion testing tools per [ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380](#) in an in-field environment is required to be completed and overseen by a RESNET certified Candidate Field Assessor or Quality Assurance Designee during a HERS Rater Candidate's probationary rating period. This field training shall include performance of CAZ, spillage, and CO testing in accordance with Carbon Monoxide (CO) Test and Depressurization Test for the Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ) protocols contained in ANSI/ACCA 12 QH, Appendix A, Sections A4 and A5.

206.2.3.3.4 A Certified HERS Rater Candidate who is presently certified as a

Rating Field Inspector (RFI) and has previously successfully completed the required two (2) hours of Combustion Safety field training as part of the RFI's QA Provider's RFI certification requirements in response to section 206.2.1.2. 2.10, is not required to repeat this training. Field demonstration alone, without the full two (2) hour Combustion Safety field training does not meet this exception.

~~206.2.3.4 A Certified HERS Rater Candidate who does not achieve certification within the allowed fifteen month timeframe, must at a minimum, complete the following in order to become certified:.~~

~~206.2.3.4.1 Pass the RESNET Certified HERS Rater series of tests as defined in 206.2.3.2.1 again; and~~

~~206.2.3.4.2 Complete the five (5) required probationary ratings as defined in 206.2.2.3.2 within a fifteen (15) month timeframe beginning the day of passing the National RESNET Rater exam again.~~

206.2.4 Eligibility to conduct the [ANSI/RESNET/ACCA Standard 310](#) Inspections

206.2.4.1 HERS Raters and Rating Field Inspectors are eligible to conduct the [ANSI/RESNET/ACCA Standard 310](#) inspections after successfully completing:

206.2.4.1.1 The RESNET online HVAC Grading training program.

206.2.4.1.2 One mentored HVAC grading evaluation and one RESNET HVAC graded field evaluation. The RESNET HVAC graded field evaluation shall be performed under the observation and to the satisfaction of a Certified Quality Assurance Designee who has completed RESNET Required HVAC Grading training. The RESNET HVAC graded field evaluation shall not be performed remotely.

206.2.4.2 Maintaining Eligibility:

206.2.4.2.1 Certified HERS Raters and Rating Field Inspectors who have not completed any [ANSI/RESNET/ACCA Standard 310](#) inspections or successfully completed a RESNET HVAC graded field evaluation within their current HERS Rater or RFI Certification period shall successfully complete one mentored HVAC grading evaluation and one RESNET HVAC graded field evaluation to maintain eligibility. The RESNET HVAC graded field evaluation shall be performed under the

observation and to the satisfaction of a Certified Quality Assurance Designee who has completed RESNET Required HVAC Grading training.

206.2.4.2.2 Certified HERS Raters and Rating Field Inspectors must complete any additional training and/or attend additional presentations as required by RESNET to maintain their eligibility after completion of their initial training and graded field evaluation.

206.2.4.2.3 Certified HERS Raters and Rating Field Inspectors agree to File and Field QA requirements specific to these inspections as detailed in Chapter 9.

Modify the HERS Standards Chapter 2 Section 207.1.3, Certified HERS Raters, as follows:

~~201.1.1~~ 207.1.3 Certified HERS Raters

~~201.1.1.1~~ 207.1.3.1 Obtain 18 hours of professional development every three years through one or both of the following two options:

~~201.1.1.1.1~~ 207.1.3.1.1 Complete professional development through live or virtual attendance at a RESNET approved conference.

~~201.1.1.1.2~~ 207.1.3.1.2 Complete RESNET approved professional development from a RESNET Accredited Training Provider

~~201.1.1.2~~ 207.1.3.2 Attend a RESNET Approved HERS Modeler Professional Development courses as listed in the requirements of 207.1.2 HERS Modelers. The hours completed as part of this requirement shall be included as part of the required 18 hours of professional development per 207.1.3.1.

~~201.1.1.3~~ 207.1.3.3 Certified HERS Raters who have not completed any Confirmed, Sampled, or Threshold ratings within the three-year certification period shall successfully complete one RESNET graded-field evaluation overseen by a RESNET certified Candidate Field Assessor or Quality Assurance Designee, in addition to satisfying ~~either~~ 207.1.3.1 ~~or 207.1.3.2~~ and 207.1.3.32.