

DRAFT PDS-01 MINHERS Addendum 35, Software Accreditation

Amend the MINHERS Chapters 1 and 3 as follows:

103 Rating Software

103.1 Accreditation

All HERS Software Tools shall be accredited by RESNET based on compliance with the test criteria specified in the most current approved version of RESNET Publication 002 and Chapter 3 of MINHERS.

103.1.1 Changes to the requirements of Publication 002 shall be governed by RESNET's Standards Development Committee 300.

103.2 Version Requirement

For the purposes of conducting Home Energy Ratings, as defined in these Standards, all users of RESNET Accredited Software shall use the most current version of one of the RESNET Accredited Software Tools listed in the "National Registry of Accredited Rating Software Programs" posted on the RESNET website.

103.3 Rating Software Changes

When RESNET Accredited Software programs release a new version users of RESNET Accredited Software, shall be required to transition to the new version based on the following schedule:

103.3.1 Confirmed or Sampled Ratings on homes with a building permit date that is on or after the 6 month anniversary of the release of the software must utilize the newly released software.

103.3.2 Homes with a building permit date before the 6 month anniversary of the release of the software shall be allowed to complete a Confirmed or Sampled Rating based on the previous version of the software that was utilized for the Projected Rating.

103.3.3 The RESNET Board of Directors may stipulate a timeframe other than the 6 month anniversary of the building permit date.

301 General Provisions

301.1 Purpose

The provisions of this Standard establish residential energy rating and labeling standards, consistent with the provisions of the Energy Policy Act 1992 that any provider of home energy ratings may follow to produce uniform energy ratings for Residential Buildings.

301.2 Scope

These Standards apply to existing or proposed, site-constructed or manufactured, one- and two-family Dwellings and to Dwelling Units in Residential Buildings not over three Stories Above Grade Plan in height containing multiple Dwelling Units.

Exception 1: These Standards also apply to Dwelling Units in multi-family buildings four and five stories above grade that are certified through the EPA's ENERGY STAR certified homes program.

Exception 2: These Standards also apply to Townhouses and single-family Dwellings four Stories Above Grade Plane in height.

301.3 Relationship to Other Standards.

This Standard is a companion to Standard MINHERS [Chapter 1](#), "National Accreditation Procedures for Home Energy Rating Systems"; Standard MINHERS [Chapter 2](#), "Nation Rater Training and Certifying Standard" and Standard MINHERS [Chapter 9](#) "RESNET National Standard for Quality Assurance".

301.4 Software Technical Appeals.

Technical appeals for software tools shall be submitted to the RESNET Standing Software Consistency Committee (SCC) for resolution. Software accreditation shall not be delayed due to a Software Technical Appeal.