**Interpretation:** Classification of Field Evaluations

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| **Reference:** | This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in Standard: |
|  | MINHERS |  |  |
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|  | Page Number(s): |  |
|  | Section(s): | 206.1 |
|  | Table(s): |  |
|  | Relating to: | Classification of Field Evaluations |
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| **B****ackground:** | The Field Evaluation is part of the certification process for RFI candidates, existing RFIs, and certain HERS Raters. Three Mentored Field Evaluations and one Graded Field Evaluation must be completed for the certification of RFI candidates. A Graded Field Evaluation constitutes the recertification requirement for current RFIs, and is also a recertification requirement for HERS Raters who have not completed any Confirmed, Sampled, or Threshold Ratings in a three-year period.The General Provisions in MINHERS 206.1 classifies each element of the certification and recertification process for RESNET credentials into four categories: Training (206.1.1), Field Training (206.1.2), Examination (206.1.3), and Probationary Work (206.1.5). Some of the certification requirements are included explicitly. Others, including the Field Evaluation, are not, so it may be unclear as to where they are categorized.This matter holds significance because 206.1.3.1 allows Examinations to be proctored remotely. This is not necessarily the case for other items required of certification or recertification. |
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| **Interpretation:** | *Proposed by the party requesting the interpretation.*The Graded Field Evaluation is an Examination, consistent with MINHERS 206.1.3, because it requires the RFI, RFI candidate, or Rater to score 100% on all available features on the jobsite to certify or recertify. |
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| **Question:** | May the Graded Field Evaluation, be considered an Examination? |
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| **SDC Answer:** | **No** |
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| **SDC Comments:** | The Graded Field Evaluation is not an examination consistent with MINHERS 206.1.3. It is an evaluation, not an examination in that it requires the judgement of the evaluator which is not consistent with the role of a Proctor. SDC200 agrees, however, that this can be made clearer and will work to update the standards to provide this clarification. |