



Setting the Standards for Home Energy Efficiency

**Interpretation:** Rater Candidate Combustion Safety (CAZ) Training Requirement

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**Reference:** This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in Standard: MINHERS

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**Background:** When CAZ Testing (208.1.23) was added as a minimum capability and RESCAZ added as a required test for all raters and RFIs, the expectation was set by RESNET Staff that candidates (and existing raters) must first complete field training with a RESNET Accredited Training Provider prior to attempting the online simulation exam. There is no current language within the standard that lists field training as an explicit requirement. In some markets, the prevalence of electric or sealed combustion appliances makes it difficult or impossible to expose candidates to testable homes during training. This reality, combined with the lack of specific requirement in the standard makes it difficult to enforce CAZ field training and leads to confusion and disparity in the marketplace.

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**Interpretation:** Combustion Safety (CAZ) testing is a minimum capability, but it is up to the Training Provider to determine their preferred method of training candidates. Field training of CAZ testing procedures is not a requirement.

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*Interpretation proposed by the petitioner.*

**Question:** Is this Interpretation correct?

**SDC Answer:** (Yes/No) No.

**SDC Comments:** The expectation set by RESNET Staff that field training is required is still valid. A minimum of 2 hours of field training for Combustion Safety components is a required part of RESNET HERS Rater training. The SDC will work to clarify this in the standards.