



Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme

A building certifier and surveyor's guide to the NatHERS certificate

What am I looking at?

Across Australia, all Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) star ratings are presented on a certificate. The front page of the certificate shows key details about the dwelling, while the other pages give details about the assessment assumptions.

The front page of the certificate will be in one of two formats:

1. If the certificate includes the NatHERS logo, it has been completed by a NatHERS accredited assessor. These certificates can be printed in colour.
2. If the certificate does not include the NatHERS logo, it has been completed by a non-accredited assessor. These certificates can only be printed in black and white.

NatHERS accredited assessors are members of an Assessor Accrediting Organisation (AAO) which provides quality assurance, on-going training and confirms professional indemnity insurance is held by the assessor. Current AAO's are; The Australian Building Sustainability Association Ltd (ABSA), The Building Designers Association Victoria (BDVA) and The House Energy Raters Association (HERA).

As non-accredited assessors do not have these industry safeguards, you will need to be comfortable the assessment was conducted by a fit and proper person and met the requirements of the state or territory. *Note:* states and territories have different requirements for accrediting assessors, so you will need to check what is appropriate within your jurisdiction.

IMPORTANT: If any of the components in the certificate do not match the submitted documents for assessment or what has been built, then the dwelling may not be compliant. A new certificate with the correct building details should be requested.

NatHERS certificate: front page

3. The 'assessor details' show the name, contact details and AAO (where applicable) for the party responsible for the assessment. Check these details to ensure the assessor is able to conduct the assessment and meet your jurisdiction's requirements.

4. The 'dwelling details' give the basic information about the dwelling. Check these details to ensure the right certificate is being considered.

5. The 'plan documents' show the documentation used as the basis for the assessment. Check that the building documentation (including any drawing revisions) matches what is detailed on the certificate.

1. A certificate with a NatHERS logo indicates the assessment was conducted by an accredited NatHERS assessor according to the AAO's code of conduct and membership requirements.

2. The 'star rating' shows the predicted heating and cooling energy load for the dwelling. This number needs to meet the star rating requirements for the state or territory in which the dwelling is being built.

6. The 'ceiling penetrations' give the number of penetrations that have been allowed for in this assessment. Check these details to ensure the finished building has not exceeded the number of penetrations.

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Certificate number: 87654321 Date of certificate: 12 April 2014 ★ Star rating: 6.5

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Annual thermal performance loads (MJ/m²)

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Plan documents

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6.5
The more stars the more energy efficient

NATIONWIDE HOUSE ENERGY RATING SCHEME

Predicted annual energy load for heating and cooling based on standard occupancy assumptions

1234 MJ/m²

For more information on your dwelling's rating see: www.nathers.gov.au

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NatHERS certificate: other pages

The other pages of the NatHERS certificate provide details about the assumptions used to conduct the assessment. Each of these assumptions can have a significant impact on the heat loss and gain in a dwelling, and change the star rating of the dwelling.

7. The first section of 'building features' details the number, size, location and type of glazing. Check these details are the same as the dwelling's documentation submitted for the assessment.

8. The second section of the building features details the roof windows and skylights. Check these details are the same as the dwelling's documentation submitted for the assessment.

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Building features

Window type and performance value

Window ID	Window type	U-value	SHGC
ALM-001-01 A	Aluminium A, single glazed, clear	5.75	0.69
ALM-002-01 B	Aluminium B, single glazed, clear	7.27	0.58
ALM-003-25 A	Aluminium A, double glazed, tinted glass	6.23	0.65

Window schedule

Window ID	Window no.	Height (mm)	Width (mm)	Orientation	Zone name	Outdoor shade
ALM-001-01 A	001	2100	1000	SSE	Kitlv	No
ALM-001-01 A	002	2100	1000	SE	Kitlv	No
ALM-001-01 A	003	2100	1000	E	Kitlv	No
ALM-001-01 A	004	1500	1000	SW	Br1	Yes
ALM-001-01 A	005	1500	1000	WSW	Br1	Yes
ALM-001-01 A	006	1500	1000	N	Br2	Yes
ALM-002-01 B	007	1500	1000	N	Br2	Yes
ALM-002-01 B	008	1500	1000	N	Br2	Yes
ALM-002-01 B	009	1200	1500	S	Br3	No
ALM-002-01 B	010	1200	1500	S	Br3	No
ALM-002-01 B	011	1200	1500	E	Ensuite	No
ALM-002-01 B	012	1200	1500	W	Bath	Yes
ALM-003-25 A	013	900	1200	W	Bath	Yes
ALM-003-25 A	014	900	1200	N	Living	Yes
ALM-003-25 A	015	900	1200	N	Living	Yes
ALM-003-25 A	016	900	1200	N	Living	Yes

Roof window and skylight type and performance value

ID	Window type	U-value	SHGC
SO-001-02-234	Single glazed, clear glass, timber/PVC	5.75	0.69
SO-213-03-123	Single glazed, tinted glass, aluminium	7.27	0.58

Roof window and skylight schedule

ID	Roof window/skylight no.	Area (m²)	Orientation	Zone name	Outdoor shade	Indoor shade/offsetter
SO-001-02-234	017	1.1	NNE	Kitlv	20%	No
SO-001-02-234	018	2.0	NE	Kitlv	40%	Yes
SO-213-03-123	019	1.1	N	Living	20%	Yes
SO-213-03-123	020	2.0	NNW	Living	00%	No

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Building features continued

External wall type

Type	Insulation	Wall wrap
Brick veneer	Glass fibre batt: R2.0	Yes
Solid brick	Glass fibre batt: R2.0	Yes
Reverse brick veneer	Glass fibre batt: R2.0	No

External wall schedule

Wall type	Area (m²)	Orientation	Zone name	Fixed shade	Eaves
Curb-BV 123-Ac	8.5	N	Kitlv	No	Yes

Internal wall type

Wall type	Area (m²)	Insulation
Plasterboard	8.5	Glass fibre batt: R3.0

Floors

Location	Construction	Area (m²)	Sub floor ventilation	Added insulation	Covering
Living	CSGO slab on ground	5.2	none	R2.5	Carpet
Garage	CSGO slab on ground	2.1	End	0	None

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9. The third section of the building features details the wall types, locations and insulation details. Check these details are the same as the dwelling's documentation submitted for the assessment.

10. The fourth section of building features details the type of floor. Check these details are the same as the dwelling's documentation submitted for the assessment.

11. The fifth section of building features details the type of ceiling and provides more information about ceiling penetrations. Ceiling penetrations significantly reduce the effectiveness of insulation and allow conditioned air from rooms to escape. Check these details are the same as the dwelling's documentation submitted for the assessment.

12. The final section of building features details the roof material and colour. Darker roof colours can heat up the building and create higher internal temperatures than lighter coloured roofs. Check these details are the same as the dwelling's documentation submitted for the assessment.

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Ceiling type

Location	Material	Added insulation	Roof space above
Living	Plasterboard	R2.5	Yes
Bedroom	Timber	0	No

Ceiling penetrations

Location	Number	Type	Diameter (mm)	Sealed/unsealed
Living	8	LED downlight	90	Sealed
		Light fitting	100	Sealed
		Exhaust fan	400	Sealed
		Ceiling air vent	250	Unsealed

Ceiling fans

Location	Number	Diameter (mm)
Living	1	1200

Roof type

Material	Added insulation	Roof colour
Metal	R2.5	Dark
Concrete tile	Barking	Light

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Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme* — Class 2 summary
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Summary of all dwellings

Certification details

Certificate number	Unit number	Heating load	Cooling load	Total load	Star rating
1122001-001	1	102	40	142	6.5
1122001-002	2	100	35	135	7
1122001-003	3	111	43	154	6
1122001-004	4	111	43	154	6
1122001-005	5	100	35	135	7
1122001-006	6	111	43	154	6.5
1122001-007	7	102	40	142	6.5
1122001-008	8	100	35	135	7
1122001-009	9	111	43	154	7
1122001-010	10	111	43	154	6
1122001-011	11	100	35	135	6.5
1122001-012	12	111	43	154	7
1122001-013	13	102	40	142	6
1122001-014	14	100	35	135	6
1122001-015	15	111	43	154	7
1122001-016	16	111	43	154	6.5
1122001-017	17	100	35	135	6.5
1122001-018	18	111	43	154	7

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13. Class 2 buildings require NatHERS certificates for each individual unit, as well as a certificate that provides a rating for the entire building. The Class 2 summary certificate provides a list showing the individual ratings for each unit in the building, as well as an average rating for the entire building.



How does your home rate?

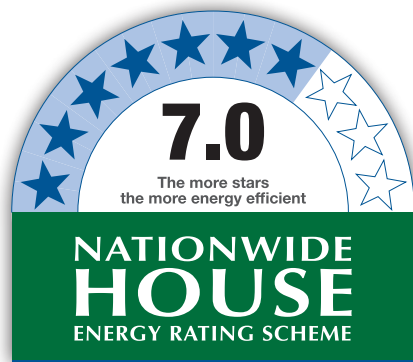
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Who completed the assessment

Details of who completed the assessment are shown.



Look for the Star Rating

The dwelling's rating is clearly shown out of a score of 10. The more stars your home has, the less heating or cooling will be required to keep your home comfortable.

Does your dwelling need more cooling or heating?

These key figures indicate how much heating or cooling is expected to be required each year to keep your home within a comfortable range.

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7.0
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Predicted annual energy load for heating and cooling based on standard occupancy assumptions

68 MJ/m²

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Non-accredited assessors

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Key construction features

Key materials relating to the thermal performance of your home are displayed on the front page. All other materials are displayed on subsequent pages. You should check that your home has been built with these features.

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Is your rating accredited?

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Accreditation Number

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Assessor Accrediting Organisation (AAO)

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