

NATIONWIDE HOUSE ENERGY RATING SCHEME A guide to the NatHERS Certificate

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- · Improvements to the certificates usability and structure
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The NatHERS Certificate allows builders, certifiers and regulatory authorities to quickly confirm that the building has been built to the design on which the energy rating assessment is based.

The NatHERS Certificate is for use with Chenath Engine version 3.22 and 3.23.

Sample of a house (class 1) and apartment (Class 2 and 4 individual unit) Certificate



NCC Requirements

The 'NCC Requirements' section shows which volume of the NCC the assessment has been done under and whether a state or territory variation to the NCC applies.

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Whole of Home performance rating

The Whole of Home rating is a separate rating to the thermal rating. It rates the efficiency of appliances used in a new home including:

- heating and cooling
- hot water systems
- lighting
- pool/spa equipment
- cooking and plug-in appliances
- on-site energy generation and storage

The assessment builds on the thermal performance assessment rating, creating a useful energy snapshot of energy costs as well as greenhouse gas emissions. The Whole of Home rating scale ranges from 0 to 100, where 100 is a net zero energy value home, but ratings above 100 are possible. One way that a home may rate over 100 is when a home generates more energy than it uses.

About the Ratings

Explanatory information about each of the NatHERS ratings is provided to ensure that users of the certificate understand what each rating is measuring.

Heating and Cooling Load Limits

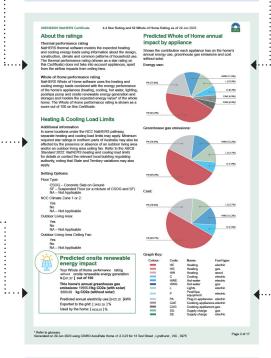
The 'Heating and Cooling Load Limits' section is designed to ensure users of the certificate understand what the heating and cooling load limits and features determining the load limits are for the dwelling (displayed on page 1 of the certificate).

Predicted Onsite Renewable Energy Generation

The 'Predicted Onsite Renewable Energy Impact' section provides for a Whole of Home rating that excludes onsite renewable energy generation. It also includes information about how much energy the home is generating and exporting as well as information about the home's annual greenhouse gas emissions. This information can be used to see if the home is net zero energy and carbon.

Predicted Whole of Home annual impact by appliance.

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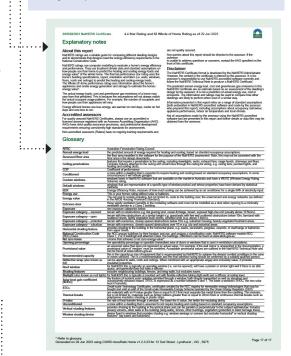
The graph key helps users with difficulty seeing colour to access the information in the pie charts.

Explanatory notes

The last page of the certificate provides explanatory notes to ensure the NatHERS rating is understood. It has been updated to include information about the new features on the certificate.

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Class 2 Certificate - Summary of all dwellings

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0005369384-06	A	31.7 (N/A)	18.7 (N/A)	50.4	5	100
0005369392-09	в	27.2 (N/A)	13.2 (N/A)	40.4	5.8	0

Certificate Check

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Thermal Bridging Schedule

A new thermal bridging schedule for steel framed elements has been added to the certificate. This schedule includes detailed information about the thermal bridging inputs used to create the NatHERS ratings.

Thermal bridging schedule for steel frame elements

Building element	Steel section dimensions [height x width, mm]	Frame spacing [mm]	Steel thickness [BMT,mm]	Thermal break [R-value]
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Sample of Non-Accredited Report



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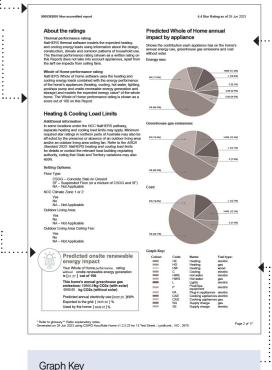
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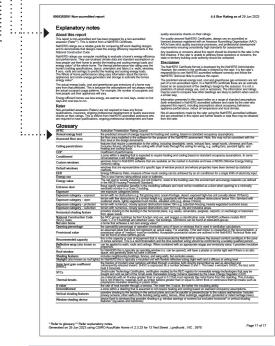
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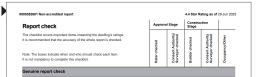
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0005382544-01	A	131.0 (91)	20.4 (28)	151.3	4.9	100
0005382569	в	133.2 (91)	15.6 (28)	148.8	4.9	55

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