



NATIONWIDE HOUSE ENERGY RATING SCHEME

Why should I become a NatHERS Accredited Assessor?

Factsheet

The Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) encourages energy efficiency by giving homes a star rating based on the thermal performance of their design. NatHERS is the most common way to show that a new home or major renovation meets minimum state and territory building energy efficiency requirements based on the National Construction Code (NCC).

As a NatHERS Accredited Assessor, you will join the hundreds of other energy raters across Australia who are recognised as professionals in their field. You will also receive support to ensure that your home energy ratings are conducted in a reliable and consistent way.

To become a NatHERS Accredited Assessor, you need to join one of three nationally recognised NatHERS Assessor Accrediting Organisations (AAOs):

- The Australian Building Sustainability Association Ltd (ABSAs)
- The Building Designers Association Victoria (BDAV)
- The House Energy Raters Association (HERA)

There are many benefits to being accredited, for example you may receive:

- regular newsletters and industry updates
- ongoing support and technical assistance, including NatHERS Software Technical Notes advice
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) support and training
- feedback and quality assurance processes to assist you in achieving best practice energy ratings
- access to dispute resolution services

The NatHERS Administrator also offers free services to NatHERS Accredited Assessors, including:

- training opportunities and events
- advice on changes to NatHERS policies and operations and software and
- advice on jurisdictional application of NatHERS ratings in building regulations

To find out more about all of the benefits of accreditation or to become a NatHERS Accredited Assessor, contact the AAOs listed above.



Only NatHERS Accredited Assessors can issue a NatHERS Accredited Universal Certificate.

When completing a home energy rating, you can only issue a NatHERS Accredited Universal Certificate if you are a NatHERS Accredited Assessor.

The NatHERS Accredited Universal Certificate includes the NatHERS rating, logo and stamp, clearly signaling your accreditation status and competence as a person fit to conduct energy ratings.

Unaccredited Assessors can only produce a black and white non-accredited certificate. They will need to provide further evidence to Building Certifiers or to regulatory authorities, that they are a person fit to complete energy ratings, and may not be able to complete energy ratings for houses in some locations.

For further details on requirements in this regard, contact the relevant state or territory government where an energy rating is to be completed.

A Fact Sheet with more information on [‘How do I become a NatHERS Accredited Assessor?’](#) can be found on the NatHERS website.