



Home Energy Auditor Certification - The Complete Picture

There are several professional agencies that administer energy auditor certification exams and provide certification for Home Energy Auditors. The three most common professional organizations are the Building Performance Institute (BPI), Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) and the National Energy And Sustainability Institute (NEASI).

Each professional organization has its own requirements and fees. Below is a quick guide to the differences between each organization and the costs associated with maintaining certification and conducting the relevant energy audits.

Building Performance Institute (BPI) Building Analyst (BA)**

- **Target Audience:** Experienced Contractors / Home repair or construction contractors, HVAC contractors
- **Exam Fees:** Average pricing to have BPI proctor these exams is: \$200 Written Exam / \$350 Field Exam
- **Cost of Equipment to perform certified BPI Building Analyst energy audit:** \$16,000 (see www.bpi.org for details)
- **Re-Certification Frequency:** 3 Years
- **Re-Certification Requirements:**
 - Option#1: 30 CEU + Field Exam
 - Option#2: 10 - 29 CEU + 50 question written Exam + Field Exam
 - Option#3: Less than 10 CEU + 100 question Written Exam + Field Exam

Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Rater

- **Target Audience:** Experienced Contractors / Home repair or construction contractors, HVAC contractors
- **Exam Fees:** \$50 Written Exam (additional fees added by proctor of exams)
- **Cost of Equipment to perform certified RESNET HERS energy audit:** \$6,800 (see www.resnet.us for details)
- **RESNET Certification Maintenance Fees:** \$250 Annual Fee (paid to accredited HERS Providers)
- **Re-Certification Frequency:** 3 Years
- **Re-Certification Requirements:** 18 CEU + Written Exam (\$50)

Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) Home Energy Survey Professional (HESP)**

- **Target Audience:** Entry Level / Little or no contractor experience
- **Exam Fees:** \$50 Written Exam (additional fees added by proctor of exams)
- **Cost of Equipment to perform certified RESNET HESP energy audit:** \$ - (visual inspection of home)
- **RESNET Certification Maintenance Fees:** \$250 Annual Fee (paid to accredited HESP Providers)
- **Re-Certification Frequency:** 3 Years
- **Re-Certification Requirements:** 12 CEU + Written Exam (\$50)

National Energy And Sustainability Institute (NEASI) Home Energy Auditor (HEA)**

- **Target Audience:** Entry Level / Little or no contractor experience
- **Exam Fees:** \$ - Written Exam (Included as part of training course, cannot sit for exam without first taking a qualified training course, no proctor fees)
- **Cost of Equipment to perform certified NEASI HEA energy audit:** \$ - (visual inspection of home)
- **NEASI Certification Maintenance Fees:** None
- **Re-Certification Frequency:** None
- **Re-Certification Requirements:** None