

Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Rater F.A.Q.



Q: Who can become a HERS Rater?

A: RESNET has not established any pre-requisites for becoming a HERS Rater. While anyone is capable of learning the skills and obtaining information required to successfully pass the written exam, having experience (especially as a licensed contractor) in home repair, construction, or even HVAC will provide the rater candidate with a better chance for success in completing HERS Rater certification.

Q: What is needed to become a certified HERS Rater?

A: The following is the minimum requirements to become a certified HERS Rater:

- Rater candidate must pass the proctored online written exam.
- Rater candidate must perform 5 ratings under the supervision of a certified rater.
 - Rater candidate must perform 2 ratings in the presence of a RESNET certified rater trainer.
 - Rater candidate must complete 3 probationary ratings under the supervision of the Providers Quality Assurance Designee (QAD).

Q: Does someone need to sign up for a training course to become a certified HERS Rater?

A: While not a requirement for certification, it is highly advisable to attend a HERS Rater training course prior to attempting the written exam and performance rating activities. *Be sure when researching a training course to ask if the instructors are RESNET certified rater trainers and if the course includes the online exam and the first 2 rating performance activities (the final 3 are supervised by the HERS Provider) that are required to become certified as a HERS Rater.*

Q: What does it cost to become a HERS Rater?

A: While the online written exam fee is only \$50, the rater candidate must also sign up with a HERS Provider who will supervise the HERS Rater's ongoing performance for an annual fee. A list of HERS Providers can be found at www.resnet.us and the rater candidate can contact them to find out their fees.

Q: Once certified, how long does that certification last?

A: The HERS Rater certification must be renewed once every three years and requires a minimum of 18 Continuing Education Units (CEU) plus the proctored online written exam (\$50) for each re-certification.