



NATIONWIDE HOUSE ENERGY RATING SCHEME

How do 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:

Step 1. Contact a NatHERS Assessor Accrediting Organisation (AAO) for information on their membership

AAOs are professional organisations with responsibility for accrediting assessors and ensuring they deliver reliable and consistent energy ratings. They offer a range of services to support high standards in their members, including technical assistance, advice, ongoing training, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and industry updates.

By contacting the AAO's prior to obtaining your Certificate IV, you will get a better understanding of their respective membership requirements and the industry. You must become a member of one of these bodies to be accredited under NatHERS.

- The Australian Building Sustainability Association Ltd ([ABSA](#))
- The Building Designers Association Victoria ([BDAV](#)).

Step 2. Obtain a qualification for the use of your selected NatHERS software

There are three [software tools](#) accredited under NatHERS: AccuRate, BERS Pro and FirstRate5.

You must choose and be trained in one or more of the NatHERS Accredited Software tools and obtain a 'Certificate IV in NatHERS Assessment' qualification to become a NatHERS Accredited Assessor. For further information on obtaining a 'Certificate IV in NatHERS Assessment' you should:

1. Search for 'Certificate IV in NatHERS Assessment' on the [MySkills website](#)
2. Click on 'Training Providers' to see the Registered Training Organisations that offer the course:
 - Helpful tips to select a Training Provider suitable to your needs, are available via the 'How do I Choose?' button
 - Your preferred provider does not need to be located near you as they may offer online training
3. Click on 'Course details' for a detailed explanation of the course
 - Make sure you discuss with the training provider if you are eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning. This may reduce the length and cost of the qualification.

Step 3. Contact your local regulator for information on requirements for practising in your state or territory

As requirements differ between states, you must contact your relevant state building regulator about any additional requirements for your state or territory.

For more details on the benefits of being accredited you should review the '[Why should I become a NatHERS Accredited Assessor?](#)' factsheet located on the NatHERS website.