

## Factsheet

### Did you know?

*If you engage a NatHERS Accredited Assessor during the design phase of your build, they can provide you with advice to improve the energy efficiency of your home with little or no additional construction cost, saving you considerable money year on year!*

*If you are building a new home or undertaking major renovations\*, you will likely need to meet minimum state and territory building energy efficiency requirements based on the National Construction Code.*

*The most common way to meet these requirements is by getting a home energy rating done using the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS).*

A NatHERS Accredited Assessor can conduct your home energy rating and also provide you with advice to save money on your energy bills and to improve the thermal comfort of your home.

*\*The definition of a major renovation differs between states and territories. Please contact your local building regulator for more information.*

### How do I get my home energy rated?

Some states and territories allow both accredited and non-accredited assessors to conduct energy ratings.

Using an accredited assessor can help you to ensure you are receiving the best advice for your home. All NatHERS Accredited Assessors must follow an Assessor Code of Practice that requires strong standards of professionalism and consumer safeguards. They also undergo independent quality assurance reviews and receive ongoing professional development to help them to stay up to date with industry best practice.

To find a NatHERS Accredited Assessor, contact one of the organisations listed below:

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

Your NatHERS Accredited Assessor will review your house plans and use NatHERS Accredited Software to model and estimate the ability of your home to remain at a comfortable temperature year-round and the amount of heating or cooling likely to be needed over an average year. The findings are then converted to a star rating between zero and 10 stars, on which minimum state and territory building energy efficiency requirements are based.

### The NatHERS Universal Certificate

Your NatHERS Accredited Assessor will produce a Universal Certificate that displays the NatHERS logo and components of your home's star rating in a clear colour format. Ask your NatHERS Accredited Assessor to show this to you to understand the performance of your home.

This certificate can be linked to your home's plans by a NatHERS stamp and QR code. This can assist both council staff and certifiers to confirm that the energy efficiency features of your home, once built, match your plans.

