

Path to Becoming a HERS Rater

Summary

Complete HERS Rater Training Course (online and/or field)

Pass 4 RESNET Exams – 2 written, 2 simulation

Contract with a RESNET accredited Rating Quality Assurance Provider

Complete 5 Probationary Ratings

Have Provider Apply for RTIN

Maintain Quality Assurance and Professional Development Requirements

To avoid additional certification requirements, you should complete the National Rater Exam and all five probationary rating requirements within a 15-month period, per RESNET

Certification Costs

Discounts available for Rater Partners of EnergyLogic and EPX members

\$600 – Online Rater Training Tuition

\$1,500 – Field Training Tuition

\$100/attempt – RESNET National Rater Exam

\$75 – Simulation Registration and Support w/ EnergyLogic (this fee is waived for students who take HERS Rater online training with EnergyLogic)

\$200 – RESNET Practical Simulation Exam

\$50/attempt – RezCaz Combustion Safety and Workscope Written Exam

\$200 – RezCaz Combustion Safety and Workscope Simulation Exam

\$1,500 – Annual Premium Providership fee, with EnergyLogic

\$1,500 approx. – 5 evaluated probationary ratings (this price varies based on the availability of a Candidate Field Assessor)

Custom Training and Certification packages are available! For more information please contact info@nrglogic.com.

Additional Costs May Include

- Proctoring/Retest fees for exams
- Field Training for qualifying individuals
- Rating equipment (blower door set, duct blasting system, monometer, foam blocks, safety equipment)
- Additional administrative/providership fees

How to Become a Rater

Complete the RESNET HERS Rater Training online course

This online, self-paced course provides nearly 30 hours of vital information to prepare you for the RESNET rater exams and ultimately being a competent rater.

Price: \$600.00

How to enroll in this online Rater Training: contact info@nrglogic.com

Complete the RESNET HERS Rater Field Training course

This is a four day, in-field course that uses hands-on learning strategies to ensure competency using the diagnostic testing equipment, setting up and testing combustion safety worst-case depressurization and demonstrating best practices for HERS Ratings.

Price: \$1,500

Location: Denver, Colorado

How to enroll: contact info@nrglogic.com

Pass the Four RESNET Required Exams

The Rater Candidate must pass two written exams and two simulation exams to move forward with certification. These exams **MUST** be proctored and can be taken as many times as necessary. ***Keep in mind, the proctoring and exam fees are NOT included in the price of EnergyLogic's online or field training course tuition.*** All of the exams are open-note and open-book, including all web-based resources. For more details about exam content and how to register exams, please contact info@nrglogic.com.

RESNET National Rater Exam – 50 multiple-choice and true/false questions (Written)

Price: \$100/attempt

Passing Requirement: 80% or better

Time Limit: 2 hours

ResCaz Combustion Safety and Workscope Exam – 25 multiple-choice and true/false questions (Written)

Price: \$50/attempt

Passing Requirement: 80% or better

Time Limit: 2 hours

RESNET Practical Simulation Exam – simulation exam, tests 2 distinct house types

Price: \$200.00

Passing Requirement: 80% or better on each house, your overall score will appear as the average of both scores

Time Limit: 2 hours for each house (4 hours total)

ResCaz Combustion Safety and Workscope Simulation Exam – simulation exam

Price: \$200.00

Passing Requirement: 85% or better

Time Limit: 2 hours

Contract with a RESNET Accredited Rating Quality Assurance Provider

The Energy Rating industry is governed by RESNET. The industry is structured to ensure a high level of quality assurance. With that in mind, Rater Candidates must work through a Rating Quality Assurance Provider.

Providers are listed on the RESNET website: <http://www.resnet.us/programs/providers/default.htm>

Look for a Rating Provider that will give you a high level of assistance and help you develop a successful rating business. Providers offer widely varying levels of service with regard to technical support, business development, and business management tools.

Rater Candidates must sign a Rater Agreement, with their Rating Provider, which outlines the mutual responsibilities and obligations of the Rater and the Rating Provider, as well as the fees due to the Rating Provider by the Rater.

Pass Five Mandatory Probationary Ratings

The RESNET Standards require that Rater Candidates perform at least 5 Probationary Ratings which are reviewed by the Rating Quality Assurance Provider. Three of the five probationary ratings must be completed on an actual house (not From Plans). A certified Candidate Field Assessor must be present for each of the three probationary ratings completed on actual homes. Each Rating Quality Assurance Provider will have a different method and price for completing the probationary ratings. Once these have been completed to the satisfaction of the Rating Provider, the candidate's information will be submitted to RESNET for approval.

Rating Provider Applies for a Rater ID Number (RTIN)

Once approved, RESNET will issue the Rater Candidate a Rater ID Number (RTIN), at which point the Rating Provider will certify the candidate, issue the appropriate documentation and permissions to use the energy rating software of choice.

Maintain Quality Assurance and Continuing Education Requirements

RESNET Standards require that a Rating Provider perform File Quality Assurance on a minimum of 10% of all energy ratings and a Field Quality Assurance check on a minimum of 1% of ratings, annually. The details of these Quality Assurance requirements are set by each Rating Provider, with approval from RESNET. All of these additional processes typically require fees that are paid to the Rating Provider.

To maintain the HERS Rater certification, every certified Rater must complete one of the recertification options below for each renewal period (every 3 years).

1. Option 1: Attend one RESNET approved conference
2. Option 2: Complete 18 hours of RESNET approved professional development from a RESNET-accredited Training Provider
3. Option 3: Successfully complete one Field Evaluation with a RESNET-accredited Rating Quality Assurance Provider