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For the 2019 Energy Standards

HERS TESTING



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When is HERS testing/verification required?

- Home Energy Rating System (HERS) testing is mandatory for all newly constructed buildings, and is prescriptively required for most HVAC alterations.
- Some mechanical, envelope, and water heating systems require HERS testing when modeled for compliance credit under the performance approach.
- Any HERS testing that is required for a project will be specified on the CF1R.

Who can conduct HERS Testing?

- Only a HERS Rater who is certified by a HERS Provider may perform HERS testing required under the Energy Standards.
- A HERS Rater can be certified to complete HERS testing for new construction (including additions) and/or alteration projects.

How do I find a HERS Rater?

- HERS Providers approved by the Energy Commission maintain a directory of certified HERS Raters on their respective websites (provided on the back of this card).
- Search filters, like project type and county, are available to make finding a HERS Rater in your area easier.

NOTE: Duct leakage testing by a HERS Rater is prescriptively required for smaller non-residential HVAC systems (see § 140.4 (l)).

Approved HERS Providers as of October 2019

Providers	Newly Constructed or additions	Alterations	Whole House Program	Website
CalCERTS	YES	YES	YES	www.calcerts.com
CHEERS	YES	YES	NO	www.cheers.org

For more information visit: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/>

Have questions? Contact the Energy Standards Hotline.

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