

Information about taking RESNET's National Rater Test

RESNET offers National HERS Rater and Rating Field Inspector tests online. The open book tests have 50 true or false / multiple-choice questions which candidates must complete in two hours.

A passing score is 80% (40 correct answers), and test takers receive the results from the test immediately after completing the test.

Content and preparation

The tests cover building science concepts and rating procedures. To understand the difference between the types of tests and what each test covers:

- www.resnet.us/rater/tests/rater.htm
- www.resnet.us/rater/field_inspector_test

RESNET Rater Test Study Guide Outline can be found at the bottom of this webpage:

- www.resnet.us/rater/national_rater_test

Finding a proctor for taking rater or field inspector tests

It is up to the candidate to locate a proctor or testing center that can provide the services and, if necessary, the equipment listed below. Generally, public libraries, community or technical colleges, utilities, government agencies, and universities are able to provide the necessary services at a nominal fee.

If you intend to use the proctor's computer, the following must be provided: High speed internet access (not dial up), with Windows 2000, Windows XP, or Windows 7 (Windows 98 or Windows ME can be used if Visual Basic 6.0 SP5 is installed).

The proctor must agree to:

- check photo ID of student;
- help student log on to exam site (<http://test.resnet.us>);
- provide student with Username and Password to access exam (will be sent to proctor by NEHERS registrar);
- visually monitor student during exam to verify that student is not assisted by anyone, does not make or receive any phone calls, does not access e-mail or text messaging during the exam, and does not leave the examination area until the exam is completed.

Your next steps

1. Locate a proctor and schedule the exam at a date and time convenient to you. To allow NEHERS enough time to communicate with your proctor and confirm the arrangements, please schedule your exam date at least 7 business days after the day you complete your online application and payment.
2. Fees: The total fee for taking either the Rater or Field Inspector test is \$100:

- At the time of online application, NE HERS charges \$50 to set up the exam, communicate with the proctor and tester, do follow-up, respond to the student with questions, issue a certificate if desired, etc.
 - At the time you take the test, RESNET also charges \$50 when you log on at the testing center, so bring your VISA or MasterCard.
 - The test-taker is responsible for any fees the testing center/proctor may charge.
3. Registration: Complete all of the information on the online application and make payment there. NEHERS will register your testing time and application data through RESNET and then e-mail the instructions, including your username and password, to your proctor. You will receive an email when it is all set up.

If you must register by check, choose the "Pay by Check" option during the application process, and mail your check to:

NE HERS Alliance
c/o Peggy MacLeod
24 Mountain Laurel Path
Florence, MA 01062

Taking the rater test without taking a training class

Since 2009, RESNET has required that individuals seeking rater certification must have at least two of their initial energy ratings supervised by a rater trainer. This provision (testing and supervision) can be met during NEHERS 6-day rater training class. Individuals who do not take a training class taught by a certified rater trainer will miss out on this requirement, and Quality Assurance Designees for accredited providers can no longer fulfill this role. It may be difficult and expensive to get those ratings supervised by a certified rater trainer outside of the context of a training.