

When the designer is a licensed professional, the signature block must include the license number.

#### 2.4.2 Documentation Author

The documentation author is the person responsible for completing the compliance documentation at the building permit phase that demonstrates that a building complies with the standards.

The documentation author is not subject to the limitations and restrictions of the *Business and Professions Code*. The documentation author's signature is to verify that the documentation is accurate and complete.

For a list of qualified documentation authors visit  Commissions website at [www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/cabec\\_roster.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/cabec_roster.html)

#### 2.4.3 Builder or General Contractor

The builder means the general contractor responsible for construction. For production homes, the builder may also be the developer with responsibility for arranging financing, acquiring the land, subdividing the property, securing the necessary land planning approvals and attending to the other necessary tasks that are required prior to actual construction. Many production builders are also involved in the marketing and sales of homes after they are constructed.

During the construction process, the builder or general contractor usually hires specialty contractors to provide specific services, such as installing insulation, designing and installing HVAC systems, etc. For homes that do not require a design professional, the builder may sign the Certificate of Compliance (CF-1R) in the "Designer or Owner" signature block.

The builder may also sign the Installation Certificate (CF-6R) on behalf of the specialty contractors it hires, but normally completion and signature responsibility rests with the specialty contractor.

The contractor shall also cooperate with the HERS rater if field verification and/or diagnostic testing is required. One of the tasks is to provide the HERS provider a copy of the CF-6R signed by the appropriate builder employees or sub-contractors. This document will identify the measures that require field verification and/or diagnostic testing. Ultimately it is the builder's responsibility to ensure that the CF-6R is provided to the HERS rater (RACM Manual, chapter 7).

#### 2.4.4 Specialty Contractors

Specialty contractors include the firms that install insulation, install windows, install HVAC systems and/or duct systems, install water heating and plumbing systems and perform other specialist type services during building construction. Though the builder has ultimate responsibility and may complete all the sections of the CF-6R, specialty contractors may, and are encouraged to, be responsible