



RESIDENTIAL

HERS TESTING

For the 2013 Energy Standards



CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION

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 nonresidential HVAC systems (see § 140.4 (l)).

Approved HERS Providers as of December 2016

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Providers	Newly Constructed or Additions	Alterations	Whole House Program	Websites
CalCERTS	Yes ^a	Yes	Yes	www.calcerts.com
CHEERS	Yes ^a	Yes	No	www.cheers.org

^a Also approved for New Solar Homes Partnership.

For more information visit: www.energy.ca.gov/HERS/providers.html.

Have questions? Contact the Energy Standards Hotline.

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