



## SINGLE-FAMILY/NONRESIDENTIAL/ LOW-RISE MULTIFAMILY

For the 2022 Energy Code

# HERS TESTING



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### When is HERS field verification and diagnostic testing required?

- Field verification and diagnostic testing by a certified home energy rating system (HERS) rater is mandatory for all newly constructed single-family and multifamily buildings and is prescriptively required for most HVAC alterations.
- Some mechanical, envelope, and water heating systems require HERS testing prescriptively when modeled for compliance credit under the performance approach.
- Any HERS testing that is required for a project will be specified on the Certificate of compliance.

### Who can conduct HERS Testing?

- Only a HERS Rater who is certified by a HERS Provider may perform HERS testing required under the Energy Code.
- 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?

- The HERS Provider approved by the Energy Commission maintains a directory of certified HERS Raters on their website (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:** HERS rater field verification is required for multifamily buildings with 3 habitable stories or less.

## Approved HERS Providers as of August 2024

PROVIDER	NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR ADDITIONS	ALTERATIONS	LRMF DATA REGISTRY	WHOLE HOUSE PROGRAM	WEBSITE
CHEERS	YES	YES	YES*	NO	<a href="http://www.cheers.org">www.cheers.org</a>

**NOTE:** Installer contractors conduct the required HERS testing/verification for high-rise multifamily buildings with 4 habitable stories or more except for Indoor Air Quality.

\*Not including prescriptive forms for newly constructed buildings and additions.

**For more information visit:** <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/home-energy-rating-system-hers-program>

### Have questions? Contact the Energy Code Hotline.

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