



**SINGLE-FAMILY/NONRESIDENTIAL/
LOW-RISE MULTIFAMILY**
For the 2025 Energy Code

ECC PROGRAM



When Is Field Verification And Diagnostic Testing Required?

- The HERS program for field verification and diagnostic testing (FV&DT) has been replaced by the Energy Code Compliance (ECC) Program. This was effective on January 1, 2026, for all building projects.
- FV&DT by an ECC-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 FV&DT prescriptively when modeled for compliance credit under the performance approach.
- Any FV&DT that is required for a project will be specified on the Certificate of Compliance.

How is it performed/completed?

- ECC-Raters are certified by ECC-Providers to determine compliance of applicable measures in the indicated building types and project scopes.
- The installers and raters perform FV&DT to demonstrate compliance.

How do I find an ECC-Rater?

- To find an ECC-Rater please visit the provider website listed below.

NOTE: FV&DT is required for multifamily buildings with 3 habitable stories or fewer.

Approved ECC-Providers as of January 2026

PROVIDER	NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR ADDITIONS	ALTERATIONS	WEBSITE
CHEERS	YES	YES	www.cheers.org

NOTES:

- Installing contractors conduct the required 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 building and additions.

For more information visit:

[Energy Code Compliance Program](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/energy-code-compliance-program)

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Have questions? Contact the Energy Code Hotline.

[Energy Code Submission Form](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/energy-code-hotline-submission)

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