



## ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



### DEAR ENERGY STAR RESIDENTIAL PARTNER,

Home Certification Organizations (HCOs) are independent organizations recognized by EPA to implement an ENERGY STAR certification program based on the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction program requirements for site-built [single-family](#) and [multifamily](#) homes and apartments when an Energy Rating Index (ERI) or dwelling unit modeling compliance path is used. Energy Rating Companies (e.g., rater companies and Providers) providing third-party verification for these compliance paths are required to operate under an EPA-recognized HCO.

**EPA has recognized the following organizations as Home Certification Organizations (HCOs) nationally:**

- [Residential Energy Services Network \(RESNET\)](#)
- [Building Science Institute \(BSI\)](#)

**Note:** HCOs operating at the national level may certify homes and apartments in all U.S. states and territories except for California.

**EPA has recognized the following organizations as HCOs in California:**

- [Residential Energy Services Network \(RESNET\)](#), in partnership with CalCerts
- [CHEERS](#), in partnership with the National Energy Registry

**Note:** HCOs operating in California may certify homes and apartments in California. The requirement to certify through an HCO in California goes into effect for homes and apartments certified using ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) California Version 3.3 and Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) California Version 1.3. Visit [www.energystar.gov/newhomesrequirements](http://www.energystar.gov/newhomesrequirements) for more details including the version implementation timelines.

For the answers to frequently asked questions about HCOs, visit [www.energystar.gov/hco](http://www.energystar.gov/hco).

Sincerely,  
ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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