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Field House Exam





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FV/DT Compliance Rater Field House Exam

Location: Testing locations are available in Folsom and Rancho Cucamonga
Times: By Appointment – Call 916.985.3400 x2013
Time: 2 Hours
Exam Fee: \$315.00 per person*

Note: An annual subscription fee of \$120.00 is due and payable should you choose to become a Certified CalCERTS HERS Rater. This fee covers your CalCERTS HERS membership and the administrative duties on our part to maintain your records.

Project uploads for routine compliance documentation of HERS verifications, Whole-house Ratings, and/or Energy Star Certifications are subject to additional fees.

Target Market for this Course:

This exam is designed for CalCERTS HERS candidates who wish to become Field Verification & Diagnostic Testing (FV/DT) raters, and who have successfully completed, at minimum, the *HERS Residential Alterations Fundamentals Course* and the *HERS Residential Alterations Hands-On Lab Course*.

The intent of the *Compliance Rater Field House Exam* is to meet the CEC requirements of Title 20 Section 1673(a)(6), which requires a rater to “. . . satisfactorily perform a rating for a least one home that includes field verification and diagnostic testing in the presence and under the direct supervision of the provider’s trainer or Quality Assurance Reviewer.”

Incoming Skills Necessary:

It is expected that those choosing to enter the HERS program as a FV/DT Rater possess some knowledge, skills, and abilities in the construction industry. An understanding of fundamental home construction is an asset to a rater when performing his/her duties and shows clients that they are competent in their role as a rater.

Candidates may be required to have the following knowledge, skills, and abilities required, which are not taught in any CalCERTS trainings:

- High School diploma or GED
- 10th Grade English & Math minimal (basic fractions, percentages, geometry)
- Computer literacy
- Firm grasp of the English language (most codes and regulations are only in English)
- Ability to lift heavy objects (50 lbs. or more)
- Ability to inspect and maneuver within dark, tight, spaces, such as attics and crawlspaces

Field House Exam Objectives:

The *Compliance Rater Field House Exam* is meant to allow newly trained HERS Raters to demonstrate the knowledge and skills required of a rater in the field. Candidates are no longer instructed at this event. The Trainer/Proctor observes and evaluates the candidate's performance as he/she conducts various field verifications and diagnostic tests.

Candidates must demonstrate their ability to perform the tasks associated with a HERS verification, including, but not limited to, diagnostic testing, collection of accurate data, interpretation of compliance criteria, including proper determination of pass/fail results for each verification performed.

Prerequisites for attending Compliance Field House Exam:

Candidates must have successfully passed the following classes in order to attend the FV/DT Compliance Rater Field House Exam:

- HERS Residential Alterations Fundamentals Course
- HERS Residential Alterations Hands-On Lab Course

Standards of Student Evaluation (for individual HERS FV/DT Rater certificate issuance):

The following skills will be assessed and graded based on their ability to demonstrate and perform the following tasks without assistance:

- Basic duct leakage testing utilizing duct testing equipment as per RA3.1
- Refrigerant charge verification using one of the approved methods of RA3.2
- Cooling system Airflow rate and Fan Efficacy testing using one of the methods of RA3.3
- Field verification of installed HVAC system components and devices as per RA3.4
- Building Air Leakage utilizing blower door equipment, including door frame set up, and preparation of the building as per RA3.8
- Raters should demonstrate the ability to collect appropriate data

Successful completion of this exam will enable the candidate to earn the certification required to perform work as a California HERS Field Verification Diagnostic Testing (FV/DT) Compliance Rater.

Compliance Field House Exam Policy:

1. Candidates must schedule and pass the Compliance Field House practical exam within six months of completing all course work required for certification as an Alterations rater. Six months will start with the attendance date of the final class regardless of whether all written exams associated with those courses were passed.
2. Any written exam re-tests from the associated course work must be completed before attending the field house and within the same six-month window. Candidates who fail to pass written exam re-tests shall be required to re-take the associated classes at full cost. If during this period the six-month window expires for the field house, the candidate will also be required to re-take the HERS Residential Alterations Hands-On course, at full cost and will then have another six-month window to pass the Compliance FieldHouse.

3. If a candidate fails their first attempt at the Compliance Field House, then the one allowed re-test of the field house must be completed within the original six-month window. Candidates who fail to pass the Compliance Field House within six months, or who exhaust their re-test eligibility, shall be required to re-take the HERS Residential Alterations Hands-On course, at full cost and will then have another six-month window to pass the Compliance Field House.

Materials utilized in this Exercise:

Each candidate will have access to all the diagnostic equipment necessary to conduct the required tests performed by a FV/DT Rater. There is no requirement of the candidates to bring any testing equipment. However, candidates with their own equipment may bring it if they feel more comfortable using it.

Candidates are allowed to bring the following recommended items:

- CalCERTS Training Manuals – the exam is an open book exam
- Pencil or pen, calculator, clipboard, and notepad

For further questions about any of our trainings call 916-985-3400 x2013 or e-mail training@calcerts.com.

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