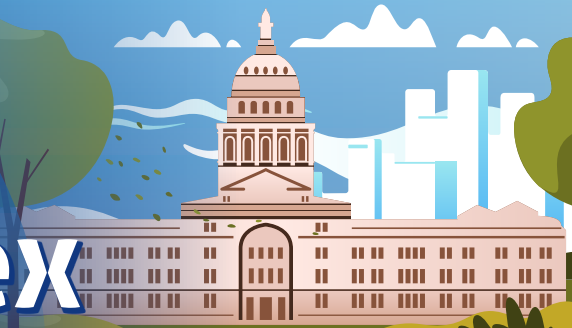


A New Opportunity to Comply with the
TEXAS ENERGY CODE
The HERS® Index



NEW LAW OPENS THIS OPPORTUNITY STATEWIDE

When did this change take effect?

This change took effect for all homes permitted after September 1, 2021.

What was changed?

Texas House Bill 3215 updated the state's universal energy code compliance pathway to allow cities to accept the HERS Index (in addition to 2018 IECC backstops) for energy code compliance across the state, in lieu of the traditional ICC version of state energy code or any ICC stretch code adopted by municipalities.

What does a HERS Rating include?

- Energy Modeling
- Pre-drywall inspection
- Final inspection and testing, including duct and envelope leakage and ventilation testing.

Why Work with HERS Raters on implementation of TX HB 3215 and TX Energy Code?

- ✓ Only Certified RESNET HERS Raters can use the HERS Index referenced in TX HB 3215
- ✓ Certified RESNET HERS Raters successfully completed stringent training and certification process following industry-recognized national standards that demonstrate knowledge in the applications of building science
- ✓ Texas law requires any third-party that is providing energy code compliance verification be International Code Council (ICC) certified. HERS Raters can earn the new ICC certification, the IECC/ HERS Compliance Specialist, developed in conjunction with RESNET, combining energy code and energy efficiency expertise for plan review and inspection

What HERS score is needed to achieve compliance?

Each home needs to score at or below the following target HERS Index score, based on climate zone:

HERS Index Target Score

| Climate Zone | 9/1/22–8/31/25 | 9/1/25–8/31/28 | On or After 9/1/28 | Through 8/31/22 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | 59 | 57 | 55 | 63 |
| 3 | 59 | 57 | 55 | 63 |
| 4 | 63 | 61 | 59 | 67 |

Facts About the HERS Industry in Texas

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| 50% of all new homes received a HERS Rating in 2022 | 59 The average HERS Index Score in 2022 |
| 494k+ homes have been HERS Rated since 2013 | 674+ Texas Certified RESNET HERS Raters and Rating Field Inspectors |

*Current average Texas HERS Score includes many above energy code program certified homes such as ENERGY STAR, NGBS, Green Built Texas, etc.



Visit www.resnet.us/builders/hb3215/ for more information and to search for HERS Raters and IECC/ HERS Compliance Specialists near you.



Leading the Path to Net Zero Energy Homes