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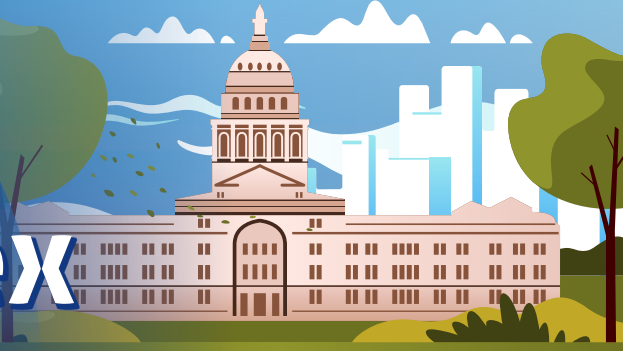
The HERS® Index

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 builders to use the HERS Index (in addition to 2018 IECC backstops) for energy code compliance across the state, in lieu of the state energy code or any 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.

Other Benefits of Using the HERS Index?

✓ Potential to reduce construction costs compared to prescriptive energy code compliance.

✓ Third-party verification of the energy performance of your homes which often reduces call backs.

✓ Homes are listed in the RESNET/Appraisal Institute Appraiser Portal and have the potential to receive a higher appraised value.

✓ Potential to be eligible for the ENERGY STAR for Homes label.

✓ Ability to market the environmental impact of your homes to consumers.

✓ Access to all your HERS Rating data through the RESNET National Registry.

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

How can builders take advantage of this new compliance option?

Builders should contact their local RESNET HERS Rating Company to get started. Contact info@resnet.us if you need help locating a local Rating Company.

Take advantage of this opportunity today: resnet.us/builders/hb3215

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Facts About the HERS Industry in Texas

40% of all new homes received a HERS Rating in 2020

58 The average HERS Index Score in 2020

400K+ homes have been HERS Rated since 2013

550+ Texas Certified RESNET HERS Raters and Rating Field Inspectors