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House Energy Rating Software Versions from 2012

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) includes house energy rating software as a Deemed-to-Satisfy solution for energy efficiency. From 1 May 2012, software tools used for this purpose must be accredited under the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS).

In Western Australia, the Office of Energy administers the implementation of NatHERS software tools and an accreditation system for NatHERS assessors.

From 31 December 2011, the Office of Energy recommends that only the following versions of NatHERS software tools are accepted for ratings undertaken for regulatory purposes under the BCA.

Software Tool	Version	Date Accreditation Attained
AccuRate	V.1.1.4.1	Accredited May 2006 (valid only until 30 April 2012)
AccuRate Sustainability	V.2.0.2.13	Accredited March 2011
BERS Pro	V4.2 110811	Accredited August 2011
FirstRate 5	V 5.1.7	Accredited September 2011

The Building Commission and the Office of Energy recommend the use of Western Australian accredited NatHERS assessors to undertake all NatHERS ratings. This is to ensure quality and consistency in ratings done for regulatory purposes.

Further information regarding the use of NatHERS software for BCA compliance in Western Australia, can be found at www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au/ratingtools

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