

EnergyLogic Rater Supplement for BPI BAs Training Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Who is qualified to take rater training?

We believe that prior qualifications, while making rater training easier for some, are not an indicator of who will be successful in training or as a rater. Ideal raters are organized, inquisitive and thoughtful. They know how to study and know where to find the answers to tough questions. A strong belief in the value of performance testing is a must, from our perspective. If we believe that, based on your application for training, you should reconsider or prepare in some other way, we will contact you.

One possibility, if you feel uncertain of your familiarity with basic construction, is to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in order to get some 'hands on' time.

You can also visit Habitat's online university: <http://habitatlearns.org/home/>

Some other helpful websites to check out are:

<http://www.homebuildingmanual.com/Glossary.htm>

<http://www.hometips.com/diy-how-to/house-framing-structure.html>

How long is rater training?

The RESNET Rater Supplement for BPI BAs training promptly at 8:00 am sharp the first day of class and runs through about 6:00 pm all three days.

How much does rater training cost?

Energy Rater training costs \$600 and is payable to EnergyLogic, Inc. A class binder and a computer thumb drive with additional materials are provided.

In addition to tuition, students are required to purchase John Krigger's *Residential Energy*, either in hardcopy, CD or PDF, for approximately \$45. Purchase at:

http://srmi.biz/Bookstore.Professionals.Residential_Energy.htm

Please Note: the \$600 tuition does not include the cost of the RESNET National Rater Test. The Test costs \$50 per session, payable by credit card directly to RESNET at the time of testing.

What other texts are recommended?

We recommend that students purchase *EEBA's Insulating Guide* by R. Christopher Mathis http://www.eeba.org/bookstore/cat-Energy_Efficiency-11.aspx
(It may be the last option on the webpage)

We also recommend that students purchase a regionally appropriate version of the *EEBA Builders' Guide* at: http://www.eeba.org/bookstore/cat-Builders_Guides-4.aspx

Colorado is designated as a “Cold Climate”

Are meals included in the cost of tuition?

For local trainings (held in Berthoud, CO), a light breakfast and full lunch are provided, as are light snacks throughout the day. If the schedule is altered to extend into the evening, dinner will also be provided.

Meals are not normally included for remote trainings (held outside of Berthoud, CO). Please assume that they will not be included unless notified otherwise.

What should I do to prepare for training?

Read John Krigger’s *Residential Energy* **before** attending training – you will be glad you did at the end of a long day in class when you still have more studying to do.

Familiarize yourself with the information on the following section of the RESNET website: <http://www.natresnet.org/ratings/default.htm>

Begin to familiarize yourself with the RESNET Standards:
<http://www.resnet.us/standards/default.htm>

What do I need to bring to rater training?

Rater trainees should bring the following to training:

- ✓ A PC-based notebook computer with wireless internet capability
 - **Please Note:** Mac’s are *not* compatible with the energy rating software REM/Rate™ *unless* they run a dual-platform
 - You will need this for class and for the RESNET National Rater Test, which is administered online
 - While we are not requiring that you purchase a computer before class, as an Energy Rater, you will really need one
 - If you do not or cannot bring such a computer, please contact us for rental of a computer during class (very limited availability)
- ✓ The following basic tools (if you are flying in and this poses a difficulty don’t worry we have some equipment)
 - Calculator (capable of calculating square roots)
 - Clipboard
 - 25’ or longer tape measure
 - Flashlight or headlamp
 - Hardhat
 - Multi-tool with screwdrivers
 - A positive attitude and a good work ethic

Where can I stay during rater training?

A list of accommodations is available on our Training Webpages for download.

How difficult is the test?

The RESNET National HERS Test is difficult. Experience has shown that students who don't study during the week typically do not pass the test. You should plan to study and focus exclusively on the class, the training, and test preparation during your week of training.

The test is open book, open note—basically any material is allowed with the exception of direct communication with another person (including email and text messaging).

Students that need to keep a business running or perform other work duties around class will also be challenged at test time. We understand this is the reality. However, it will make it more difficult to pass the test. We strongly feel that the more you can disengage yourself from your day-to-day business, the more successful you will be.

Students who opt not to take the test immediately should plan to take it as soon after class as possible. A delay in taking the test doesn't seem to serve students well in most cases. If a student can't study during the week of class, it may still be best to take the test for practice. You are allowed to take the test as often as needed to pass at \$50 per session.