

Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals

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Questions?

Send any questions about the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project to workforce.guidelines@nrel.gov.

The project team will review all questions and provide feedback via personal response, the monthly bulletin, or the [Guidelines website](#).

Pilot Certification: Registration Still Open

Registration for the [four new Home Energy Professional certifications](#) remains open. The results of the pilot test cycle will be used to set passing scores for the national exams, scheduled to roll out this fall. Candidates who take these exams and meet the passing requirements will be amongst **the first group of professionals to earn these advanced certifications**.

Registration information and exam prerequisites for the pilot certification exams are available at: www.bpi.org/pilot. Additionally, individuals can access:

- [FAQs](#)
- [A list of participating test centers](#)
- [An informational webinar](#), providing an overview of all four new certifications

Application processing takes about a week, so interested individuals should submit their applications now!

On-Demand Pilot Certification Orientation Webinars

Considering taking a Home Energy Professional pilot certification exam? The Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI) recently offered an orientation webinar series, providing specific information on what to expect from each exam. Watch the recorded presentations below and send all remaining questions to pilot@bpi.org.

- [Energy Auditor Pilot Certification Orientation](#)
- [Retrofit Installer Pilot Certification Orientation](#)
- [Quality Control Inspector Pilot Certification Orientation](#)
- [Crew Leader Pilot Certification Orientation](#)

Update on Voluntary Standard Work Specifications for Single-Family Energy Upgrades

The Standard Work Specifications for Single-Family Energy Upgrades first became available for public

comment in November 2010. Since that time, there have been four separate review periods accumulating a total of nearly 2,000 comments. The final comment period is now closed and the updated document is moving into production.

Although there are no open reviews at this time, you can view the Standard Work Specifications for all housing types (single-family, multifamily and manufactured housing) via the online [commenting tool](#).

Upcoming Conferences and Events

Interested in speaking with the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project team? We will be presenting at the following event:

- [2012 ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings](#), August 12-17, 2012

Project Testimonial

"I am very excited to see these new certifications. With all of the nuances that exist in building performance, it will be fantastic to have at least some base level of mandatory experience such is required with the new Home Energy Professionals certifications."

— Deacon Taylor, Energy Efficiency Regional Operations Manager

About the Project

The Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project is a collaboration between DOE and industry to support high-quality home energy upgrade work through standard work specifications, accredited training programs, and voluntary national worker certifications.

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