

Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals

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This bulletin is your monthly source for project updates on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project. **This issue is dedicated to the new Home Energy Professional certifications** and covers:

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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: Be One of the First to be Certified

Pilot testing for the [four new Home Energy Professional certifications](#) has begun! The Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI) continues to process pilot exam applications on a daily basis and will continue to do so until all targeted goals are met. Candidates who take these exams and meet the passing requirements will be amongst **the first group of professionals to earn these advanced certifications**. Once the pilot period is complete, all other interested individuals must wait until the national release of the certifications.

Registration information and exam prerequisites for the pilot certification exams are available at: www.bpi.org/pilot. Application processing takes about a week, so interested individuals should submit their applications now!

Free Home Energy Professional Certification Pilot Exams Available for Current and Former WAP Workers

Interested in taking one of the new Home Energy Professional certification pilot exams for free? Or are you a Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Training Center wanting to offer the subsidy to your community? Use the following links to determine whether or not you are eligible to participate in this program and for further contact information.

- [Requirements for current and former Weatherization Assistance Program \(WAP\) workers](#)
- [Requirements for WAP Training Centers](#)
- [Contact Information](#)

Finding a Testing Center Near You

The following locations are currently offering the new Home Energy Professional certification exams. Centers offering the Weatherization Assistance program (WAP) subsidy are denoted with a red pin. Click the image below in order to [view the full-size map](#).



Upcoming Conferences and Events

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

- [NASEO 2012 Annual Meeting](#), September 9-12, 2012
- [2012 NASCSP Annual Conference](#), September 11-14, 2012

Project Testimonial

"The new Home Energy Professional certifications are based on the highest standards of professionalism, skill, safety, and proven building energy efficiency practices. Individuals earning these certifications can demonstrate to employers and consumers that they are among the best in the home energy retrofit market."

— Alison Dillon, Assistant Director of the Weatherization Training Center at the Pennsylvania College of Technology

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.

Learn more about the [Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project](#).