



National Green Building Certification

Become an Accredited Green Verifier

The NAHB Research Center is seeking interested, qualified individuals to become National Green Building Certification accredited verifiers. As the sole certifying body for the national NAHBGreen program, the NAHB Research Center is responsible for training and accrediting eligible individuals to verify that homes across the country meet the criteria for national green building certification. Individuals may work for larger organizations, but verifiers are accredited on an individual basis.

What Is an Accredited Green Verifier?

An accredited verifier performs site inspections and document reviews to verify that residential buildings and land developments meet the criteria for certification to the National Green Building Standard. All accredited verifiers have previous residential construction experience and green building knowledge, have received specific training as to how to verify projects to the Standard, and have passed an accreditation test. In addition, all accredited verifiers must meet the NAHB Research Center's stringent insurance requirements.

Who Accredits Green Verifiers?

The NAHB Research Center qualifies, tests, and accredits green verifiers for National Green Building Certification.

Who Is Eligible to Become a Green Verifier?

To become an accredited verifier, an individual must first meet eligibility and relevant experience (residential construction and green building) prerequisites. Then the individual must pay the non-refundable training/testing/annual listing fee, complete verifier training, and pass an accreditation test. Once complete, the individual must submit the other required documentation, including proof of professional liability insurance, to the NAHB Research Center to become a listed, accredited verifier.

Is Anyone Ineligible?

Yes. The following individuals are NOT eligible to become accredited verifiers:

- Staff of HBAs
- Builders who built or have a financial interest in the home being verified/certified
- Trade contractors and suppliers that have supplied materials and/or installed products or systems in the home being verified/certified
- Sales agents for the home being verified/certified
- Individuals who are owners, partners, employees, officers, or directors of a business which issues certifications to the National Green Building Standard.

What Does an Accredited Green Verifier Do?

Accredited verifiers perform the following key functions:

- Confirm with the builder that the appropriate scoring method/tool correctly shows the points claimed by the builder and that both parties understand the level (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Emerald) of National Green Building Certification that is being sought by the builder
- Conduct the pre-drywall site inspection and verify the green practices completed by the builder
- Document any performance tests (i.e., duct leakage test results) done on the building by the verifier or by others
- Conduct the final inspection, which includes verifying the remaining green building practices and confirming the points claimed toward green certification
- Review required documentation to verify compliance – this may be done as part of one of the inspections or separately
- Submit rough and final Verification Reports to the NAHB Research Center

What Training Is Required?

Eligible prospective verifiers must participate in training approved by the NAHB Research Center – either in person, or via self-guided online materials – and pass a verifier accreditation test. The course covers the protocol for verifying that a green residential project meets the national certification program requirements, and is intended to ensure all verifiers across the country evaluate homes in a consistent manner. This training does not include developing the “green” expertise that each prospective verifier is expected to have as a prerequisite.

How Do Builders Find Accredited Verifiers?

All accredited verifiers are listed on the NAHBGreen website – www.nahbgreen.org/Certification/findverifier.aspx. Accredited verifiers are listed by their geographic service area and their contact information is available to any builder or other customer needing green verification services. Verifiers are also provided with NAHBGreen brochure templates that can be used to market their services.

How Do I Apply to Become a Verifier?

Eligible prospective applicants should visit www.nahbgreen.com/Certification/becomeverifierapp.aspx to start the application process.

For more information, please contact us at www.nahbgreen.org/ContactUs.