

# NET ZERO

CANADIAN HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

## Program Bulletin



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The following documents will become live as of December 15th, 2020 based on the changes listed below:

- CHBA Net Zero Technical Requirements - Version 1.3
- **(NEW)** CHBA Net Zero Technical Procedures Guidebook - Version 1.3
- CHBA Net Zero Administrative Requirements - Version 1.2

The updated documents can be found on the Net Zero Program Requirements web page at [www.chba.ca/NZProgramRequirements](http://www.chba.ca/NZProgramRequirements).

### 1. Changes to the Net Zero Energy Advisor Qualification Requirements

- Energy Advisors that take the Net Zero Energy Advisor Training course after Dec 2, 2020 will now qualify under the new Energy Advisor Qualification requirements, outlined in Section 1.2 Participant Agreements of the *Administrative Requirements - Version 1.2*. The new Net Zero Energy Advisor Training course has been developed to streamline the mentorship between student and instructor. Students are now required to complete three examinations: 1) the in-class modelling exercise HOT2000 file, 2) the written exam, and 3) the practical exam HOT2000 file. Student's that pass these exams and meet the other Energy Advisor qualification criteria will receive the designation of CHBA Qualified Net Zero Energy Advisor, upon successful registration.
- Clarification on allowing multiple EnerGuide licensed Energy Advisors to work on a CHBA Net Zero or Net Zero Ready file submission.
- **The requirements for all CHBA Qualified Net Zero Participant designations can be found [here](#).**

### 2. CHBA Net Zero Technical Procedures Guidebook - Version 1.3

- The new *Technical Procedures Guidebook - Version 1.3* has been created to support the *Technical Requirements - Version 1.3*. The purpose of the document is to provide guidance and procedures on how to properly verify that the Program's Technical Requirements have been met on-site.
- The Modelling Guidelines section, formerly within the Administrative Requirements has been moved to the *Technical Procedures Guidebook - Version 1.3*.

### 3. Changes to the Space Cooling Threshold Evaluation

- The Space Cooling Threshold Evaluation has been simplified and the Modelling Guidelines have been updated accordingly.
- The Space Cooling Threshold Evaluation must now only be completed on projects that do not install

space cooling systems such as a heating/cooling air source heat pump or conventional air conditioning system.

**REMINDER:**

We would like to remind participants of the importance to use the terms “labelled” and/or “qualified” rather than using the terms “certification” or “standard” when referencing homes and participants within our program. The CHBA is not a certification or standards body in any way and as a result does not provide any certifications to homes. The CHBA provides this Program to help interested homebuyers identify net zero builders, renovators and homes, and to support its members who are looking to provide these homes to homebuyers. It’s important that participants in the program continue to use the correct verbiage to avoid confusion in the market. Some examples of recommended language are below:

*“This Net Zero Ready home is qualified/labelled under the CHBA Net Zero Home Labelling Program.”*

*“I am a CHBA Qualified Net Zero Energy Advisor.”*

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