



NCC 2022 Volume 2 ADOPTION

Changes to NCC Volume 2 Energy Efficiency Provisions





Background into rule change

- As part of our obligations under the Paris Agreement, Australia has committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2050.
- Buildings account for around 12% of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions and consumers are paying higher energy bills.
- NCC 2022 proposes energy efficiency changes that support Australia's trajectory to net-zero emissions; reducing consumer dependency on grid-generated energy.



NCC 2022 Volume 2

- Publish date: 1 Oct 2022
- Adoption date: 1 May 2023
- Transition period to 1 Oct 2023
- What changing for Energy Ratings:
 - Increase the building shell energy efficiency requirement to a minimum of 7-star NatHERS energy rating
 - Whole Of Home (WHO) energy requirement
 - Assess the annual energy use of key fixed appliances
 - Identify the requirement to offset the overall annual carbon emissions



Requirements for Whole-Of-Home (WHO) Assessment

1. NatHERS energy rating provides the following information for the WOH calculations
 - NatHERS rating: minimum of 7-stars
 - Heating and cooling load
 - Climate zone
 - Floor area of conditioned zones



2. Select appliances

- Heating and Cooling system
 - Type, Size (kW) & efficiency star rating
- Water Heating
 - Type and efficiency star rating
- Fixed Appliances
 - Cooktop & Oven type
- Plug in appliances
- Lighting ($4\text{W}/\text{m}^2$)
- Pool (heating system & efficiency)



3. Emissions offset

- Select Solar PV system
 - kW system size and orientation of panels
- Select Battery storage system
 - kWh capacity
- Model the Solar PV system to achieve emissions offset
- Also calculates:
 - Societal cost
 - Energy cost (based on default rates)
 - Energy use

Solar PV

Solar panel orientation

North facing	4 kW
East facing	0 kW
South facing	0 kW
West facing	2 kW
Total capacity	6.0 kW

PV system export cap

5 kW

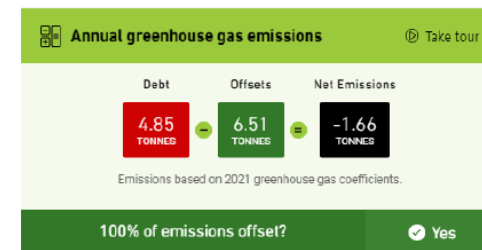
Maximum output of inverter

5 kW

Is there battery storage?

☐ Yes

☒ No



What to expect with new provisions

- What new certificates look like
- What we need from designer & client
 - Details of heating & cooling appliances
 - Hot water systems
 - Appliances
 - Provisions for solar PV installation
- How we can help
 - Compliance options
 - Design recommendations (openable windows, reduced glazing, shading)

Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme
NatHERS Certificate No. #000000000-00

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Property
Address [00 Street, Suburb, State/Territory, Postcode]
Lot/DP [number]
NCC Class* [number]
Type [new/renovation/existing]

Plans
Main plan [plan number, version & date]
Prepared by [name of preparer of plans]

Construction and environment
Assessed floor area (m²)*
Conditioned* 000.0 Exposure type [exposure]
Unconditioned* 0.0 NatHERS climate zone [number, town/suburb]
Total 0.0
Garage 0.0

NCC Requirements
BCA provisions [Volume 1/Volume 2]
State/Territory variation [Yes/No]

Accredited assessor
Name [assessor name]
Business name [business name]
Email [email address]
Phone [00 0000 0000]
Accreditation No. [0000 000 000]
Assessor Accrediting Organisation [name of Assessor Accrediting Organisation]
Declaration of Interest [declaration]

Thermal performance star rating
X.X
The more stars the more energy efficient

NATIONWIDE HOUSE ENERGY RATING SCHEME
YYYY.Y MJ/m²
Predicted annual energy load for heating and cooling based on standard occupancy assumptions.
For more information on your dwelling's rating see: www.nathers.gov.au

Thermal performance (MJ/m²)
Limits taken from ASBOS Standard 2018.1

	Heating	Cooling
Modelled	0000.0	0000.0
Load limits	0000.0	0000.0

Load limit settings
Floor Type (lowest living area) [Type]
NCC Climate Zone 1 or 2 [Y/N/NA]
Outdoor Living Area [Y/N/NA]
Outdoor Living Area Ceiling Fan [Y/N/NA]

Whole of Home performance rating
00 out of 100
New zero standard score
Improving energy performance

Verification
To verify this certificate, scan the QR code or visit: photo-view.azurewebsites.net/QR/Generate?pw=1a1c1p1u1
When using either link, ensure you are visiting: hstar-dev.azurewebsites.net

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Source: Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme





Energy Efficient Design

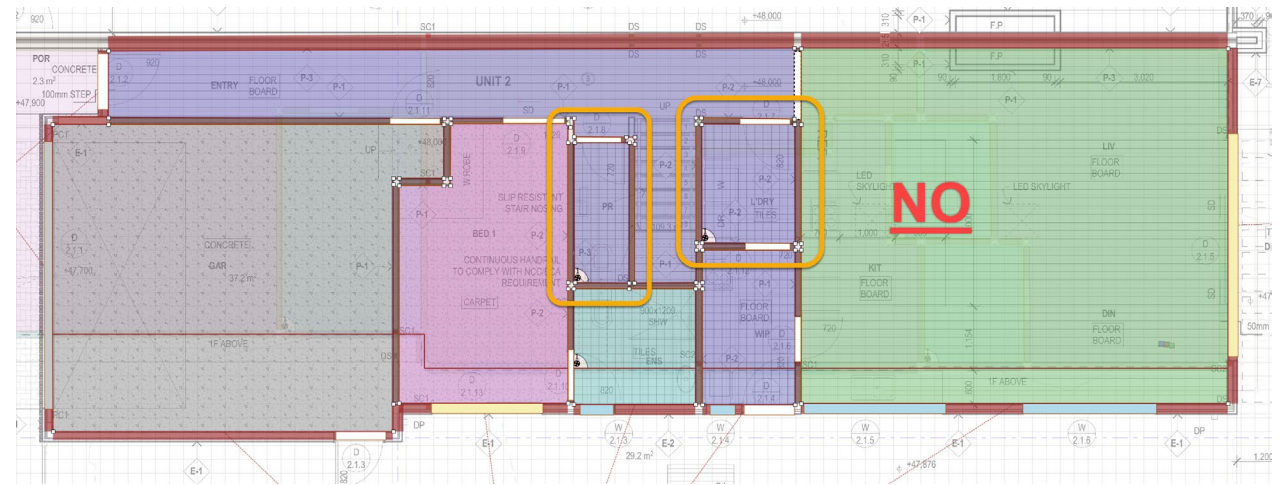
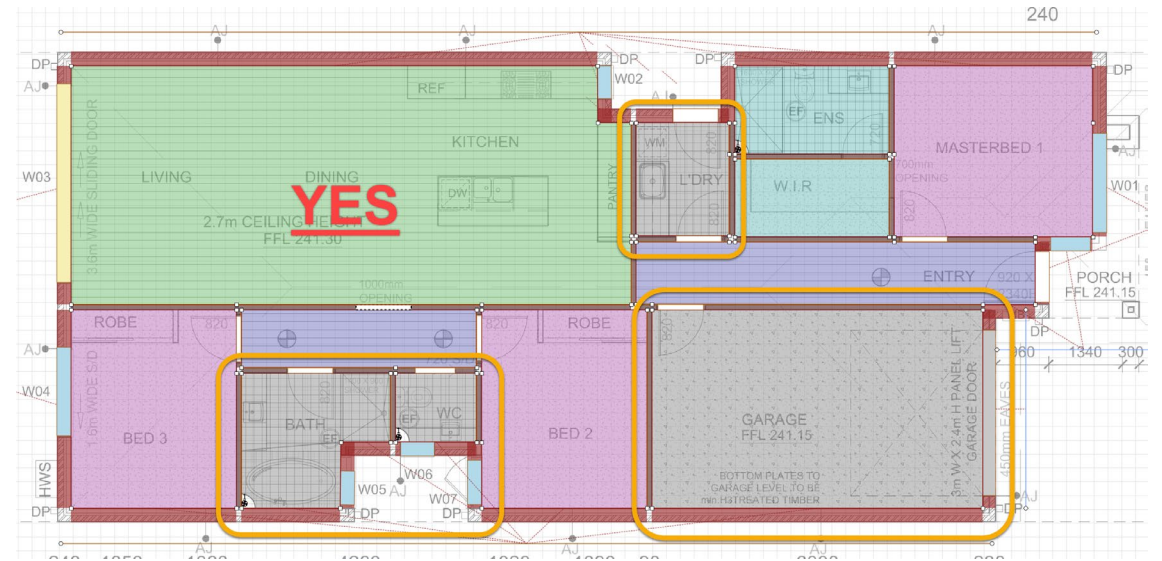
- North facing living spaces
- Openable windows
- Appropriate Shading
- Single storey
- Neighbour walls (where possible)
- Reduced glazing
- Less external surface area to internal area



Image Source: Australian Government, Your Home
<https://www.yourhome.gov.au/house-designs>

Locating Unconditioned zones

- Unconditioned zones do not require heating & cooling
- Must have openings to an external wall
- Unconditioned spaces
 - Laundry, Bathroom & WC
- Insulation of unconditioned spaces





Typical requirements for 7-star NatHERS rating (Double Storey)

- Waffle slab or under slab insulation
- First floor insulation (R3)
- Maximum ceiling insulation (R6)
- Maximum wall insulation (R2.5)
- Insulate internal walls of unconditioned spaces (eg. Garage)
- High-performance Low-E Double Glazing



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Example 7-star Average: 8 Double-Storey Unit development

Design Features:

- North-facing living areas
- Horizontal shading for north facing glazing
- Partiwalls where possible
- Reduced glazing to West side

Insulation Requirements

- Waffle slab
- R5 ceiling insulation
- R2.5 external & garage internal walls
- R5 external elevated first floor
- Aluminium Clear double glazing

NatHERS Energy Assessment Rating:

Climate zone: 62, MOORABBIN AIRPORT

NatHERS Heating and Cooling Limits (CSOG)		
Energy Usage (MJ/m ³)		
Heating	Cooling	Total
115	24	125

Unit	Star Rating	Energy Usage (MJ/m ³)		
		Heating	Cooling	Total
1	7.3	64.6	16.9	81.5
2	7.5	60.3	13.3	73.6
3	7.5	61.1	12.8	73.9
4	6.7	85.0	15.9	100.9
5	6.9	81.6	12.9	94.5
6	6.8	83.0	16.2	99.2
7	6.7	85.0	16.4	101.4
8	7.1	71.5	17.9	89.4
Average	7.1	74.0	15.3	89.3



Example 7-star: Double-Storey Dwelling

Design Features:

- North-facing living areas
- Covered North-West alfresco shading for glazing
- Hebel & foamboard cladding for improved insulation
- Balanced glazing throughout

Insulation Requirement:

- Waffle slab
- R6 ceiling insulation + R1.3 blanket
- R2.5 external & garage internal walls
- R2.5 internal first floor
- R5 external elevated first floor
- Aluminium Low-E double glazing

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	Heating	Cooling	Total
7.0	68.3	21.6	89.9

V-Star Additional Energy Services

- **Environmental Sustainable Design (ESD)**, incorporating Sustainable Design Assessments (**SDA**) for small projects or a Site Management Plan (**SMP**) for larger projects. These commonly include:
 - **Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS)** minimum 50% rating.
 - **Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)** 100% STORM score.
 - **Preliminary NatHERS** assessment, with some Councils already recommending averaging 7-star rating.
 - **ESD Implementation Schedule**, new requirement detailing responsibilities and implementation timing of ESD commitments.
 - **Site Environmental Management Plan (EMP)** approach to minimise environmental impact through construction.
 - **Green Travel Plan** for projects requiring an SMP.
 - **Waste Management Plan**, identifying waste bin requirements and collection.
- **Section J** for a commercial building energy assessment.
- **Deem-to-satisfy (DTS)** and **Performance Solutions**, for projects requiring an alternative to modelling software to verify compliance with NCC requirements.

