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TECHNICAL: Adoption of NatHERS software from 1 October 2023 for NCC 2019 and NCC 2022 Energy Efficiency

This Advisory Notice is to clarify arrangements for use of Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) software during the transition period for National Construction Code (NCC) 2022 energy efficiency requirements.

Background

The NatHERS administrator has agreed for transitioning states and territories, including South Australia, to use an older software version for NatHERS assessments until national adoption of NCC 2022 is achieved.

In South Australia, the transition period commences on 1 October 2023 and has been extended until 30 September 2024. The NatHERS Administrator will accept statements from NCC 2019 and NCC 2022 compliant NatHERS software, during the transition period.

Using two software versions

The CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) and software providers have confirmed they can provide and operate two different software versions at the same time.

Due to updates to heating and cooling load limits in the NCC 2022 compliant version of Chenath, it is recommended that the relevant software and certificate be used for the applicable NCC 2019 or NCC 2022 requirements.

During the transition period, compliance with performance requirement P2.6.1 in NCC 2019 using the NatHERS Deemed to Satisfy pathway can only be demonstrated using NatHERS software that uses version 3.21 of the Chenath engine.

Compliance with performance requirement H6P1 in NCC 2022 using the NatHERS Deemed to Satisfy pathway can only be demonstrated using NatHERS software that uses version 3.22 or 3.23 of the Chenath engine.

Further consideration will be given to the use of NatHERS software Chenath 3.21 in accordance with the NatHERS Software Accreditation Protocol prior to the conclusion of the transition period on 30 September 2024.

Chenath 3.21 software will be retired once all jurisdictions have moved to the NCC 2022 software.

Additional information

Please visit the NatHERS Administrator website at www.nathers.gov.au/accredited-software for further information.

Further information

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