



How to Become an R-2000 Builder

Becoming an R-2000 builder is straightforward. It takes a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on experience to become familiar with the energy-efficient building practices of the R-2000 Standard, the R-2000 and its quality assurance and administration processes. After builders are trained, they sign a license agreement with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to build R-2000 branding materials for promotional purposes. Only builders who have been licensed by the Government of Canada can call themselves R-2000 builders and can apply to have the homes they build certified to the R-2000 Standard.

Training and Licensing Requirements

There is a written examination at the end of the builder workshop. The minimum passing score is 75 percent. The R-2000 Builder Workshop is organized locally by regional service organizations.

In order to become and remain a licensed R-2000 builder, you must:

- **Attend an R-2000 Builder Workshop** Only professional R-2000 trainers across Canada can deliver this course. This two-day workshop covers the technical requirements of the R-2000 Standard building science principles, barrier systems, windows, foundations, advanced construction, air-sealing techniques, mechanical systems, marketing and an overview of the R-2000 quality assurance process.
- **Build an R-2000 demonstration home**—Once you have successfully completed building your first demonstration home the house must be certified before you are licensed as an R-2000 builder.
- **Have an active, up-to-date licensing agreement with Natural Resources Canada**
- **Adhere to the responsibilities of R-2000 certified builder's outlines by the R-2000 Standard.**
- **Build at least one R-2000 certified house every three years**—If not, you must attend the full two-day R-2000 Builder Workshop to be reclassified as “active”.
- **Attend the R-2000 Builder Update Workshop every two years**

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