

Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme®

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Property

Address 03, 183 West Street,
Umina Beach, NSW, 2257
Lot/DP 633/10570
NCC Class* Class 1a
Floor/all Floors
Type New Home

Plans

Main plan ISSUE C - 31/10/2025
Prepared by DESIGN FORMATION ARCHITECTS

Construction and environment

Assessed floor area [m²]*	Exposure type
Conditioned* 117.4	suburban
Unconditioned* 35.2	NatHERS climate zone
Total 152.6	15 Williamtown AMO
Garage 29.8	



Accredited assessor

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Declaration of interest No

NCC Requirements

NCC provisions Volume 2
State/Territory variation Yes

National Construction Code (NCC) requirements

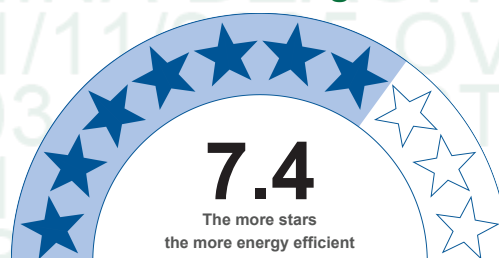
The NCC allows the use of NatHERS accredited software to comply with the energy efficiency requirements for houses (Class 1 buildings) and apartments (Class 2 sole-occupancy units and Class 4 parts of buildings). The applicable requirements for houses are detailed in Specification 42 of NCC Volume Two. For apartments the requirements are detailed in clauses J3D3 and J3D15 of NCC Volume One.

NCC 2022 includes enhanced thermal performance requirements for houses and apartments. It also includes a new whole-of-home annual energy use budget which applies to the major equipment in the home.

The NCC, and associated ABCB Standards and support material, can be accessed at www.abcb.gov.au.

Note, variations and additions to the NCC energy efficiency requirements may apply in some states and territories.

Thermal performance star rating



**NATIONWIDE
HOUSE**
ENERGY RATING SCHEME®

45.2 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 ABCB Standard 2022

	Heating	Cooling
Modelled	26.4	18.8
Load limits	N/A	N/A
Features determining load limits		
Floor type (lowest conditioned area)		N/A
NCC climate zone 1 or 2		N/A
Outdoor living area		N/A
Outdoor living area ceiling fan		N/A

Whole of Home performance rating

No Whole of Home performance rating generated for this certificate

Verification

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About the ratings

Thermal performance rating

NatHERS thermal software models the expected heating and cooling energy loads using information about the design, construction, climate and common patterns of household use. The thermal performance rating (shown as a star rating on this Certificate) does not take into account appliances, apart from the airflow impacts from ceiling fans.

Whole of Home performance rating

NatHERS Whole of Home software uses the heating and cooling energy loads combined with the energy performance of the home's appliances (heating, cooling, hot water, lighting, pool/spa pump and onsite renewable energy generation and storage) and models the expected energy value* of the whole home. The Whole of Home performance rating is shown as a score out of 100 on this Certificate.

Heating & Cooling Load Limits

Additional information

In some locations under the NCC NatHERS pathway, separate heating and cooling load limits may apply. Minimum required star ratings in northern parts of Australia may also be affected by the presence or absence of an outdoor living area and/or an outdoor living area ceiling fan. Refer to the ABCB NatHERS heating and cooling load limits Standard 2022 for details or contact the relevant local building regulating authority, noting that State and Territory variations may also apply.

Setting options:

Floor type:

- CSOG – Concrete Slab on Ground
- SF – Suspended Floor (or a mixture of CSOG and SF)
- NA – Not Applicable

NCC climate Zone 1 or 2:

- Yes
- No
- NA – not applicable

Outdoor living area:

- Yes
- No
- NA – not applicable

Outdoor living area ceiling fan:

- Yes
- No
- NA – not applicable

Predicted Whole of Home annual impact by appliance

Shows the contribution each appliance has on the home's annual energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and cost without solar

Energy use:

No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.

Greenhouse gas emissions:

No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.

Cost:

No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.

Graph key:



Predicted onsite renewable energy impact

No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.

Certificate check

The checklist covers important items impacting the dwelling's ratings.
It is recommended that the accuracy of the whole certificate is checked.

Note: The boxes indicate when and who should check each item.
It is not mandatory to complete this checklist.

	Approval stage		Construction stage		Occupancy/other
	Assessor checked	Consent authority/surveyor checked	Builder checked	Consent authority/surveyor checked	
Genuine certificate check					
Does this Certificate match the one available at the web address or QR code verification link on the front page?		☐	☐	☐	☐
Does the NatHERS certificate number on the NatHERS-stamped plans match the number on this Certificate?		☐	☐	☐	☐
Thermal performance check					
Windows and glazed doors					
Does the window size, opening type and location shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or as installed match what is shown in 'Window and glazed door schedule' and 'Roof window schedule' tables on this Certificate?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Does the installed windows meet the substitution tolerances (AFRC* based SHGC* and U-values*) as shown in the 'Window and glazed door type and performance' and 'Roof window type and performance' tables on this Certificate?			☐	☐	☐
External walls					
Does the external wall bulk insulation (R-value) shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or as installed match what is shown in the External wall type table on this Certificate?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Does the external wall shade (colour) match what is shown in the 'External wall type' table on this Certificate?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Floor					
Does the floor insulation (R-value) shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or as installed match what is shown in the 'Floor type' table on this certificate?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ceiling penetrations*					
Does the 'quantity' and 'type' of ceiling penetrations* (e.g. downlights, exhaust fans, etc) shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or as installed match what is shown in the 'Ceiling penetrations' table on this Certificate?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ceiling					
Does the ceiling insulation (R-value) shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or as installed match what is shown in the 'Ceiling type' table on this Certificate?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Roof					
Does the external roof shade (colour) on the NatHERS stamped plans or as installed match what is shown in the 'Roof type' table on this Certificate?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Apartment entrance doors (NCC Class 2 assessments only)					
Does the 'External Door Schedule' show apartment entrance doors? Please note that an "external door" between the modelled dwelling and a shared space, such as an enclosed corridor or foyer, should not be included in the assessment (because it overstates the possible ventilation) and would invalidate the Certificate.	☐	☐		☐	☐
Exposure*					
Has the appropriate exposure type (terrain) (shown on page 1) been applied? For example, it is unlikely that a ground-floor apartment is "exposed" or a top floor high-rise apartment is "protected".	☐	☐		☐	☐
Heating and cooling load limits*					
Do the load limits settings (shown on page 1) match the values in the ABCB Standard 2022: NatHERS heating and cooling load limits for the appropriate climate zone?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

*Refer to glossary.

Certificate check

Continued

	Approval stage		Construction stage		
	Assessor checked	Consent authority/surveyor checked	Builder checked	Consent authority/surveyor checked	

Additional NCC requirements for thermal performance (not included in the NatHERS assessment)

Thermal bridging

Does the dwelling meet the NCC requirement for thermal bridging?

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Insulation installation method

Has the insulation been installed according to the NCC requirements?

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Building sealing

Does the dwelling meet the NCC requirements for Building Sealing?

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Whole of Home performance check (not applicable if a Whole of Home performance assessment is not conducted)

Appliances

Does the cooling appliance/s type, location and efficiency/performance shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or as installed match the location and minimum efficiency/performance requirements shown in the Appliance schedule on this Certificate?

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Does the heating appliance/s type, location and efficiency/performance shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or installed, match the location and minimum efficiency/performance requirements shown in the 'Appliance schedule' on this Certificate?

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Does the hot water system type and efficiency/performance shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or as installed match the location and minimum efficiency/performance requirements shown in the 'Appliance schedule' on this Certificate?

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Does the pool pump efficiency/performance shown on the NatHERS-stamped plans or as installed match the minimum efficiency/performance requirements shown in the 'Appliance schedule' on this Certificate?

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Does the onsite renewable energy system type, orientation and system size or generation capacity shown on the NatHERS stamped plans or installed match the 'Onsite Renewable Energy schedule' on this Certificate?

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Additional NCC Requirements for Services (not included in the NatHERS assessment)

Does the lighting meet the artificial lighting requirements specified in the NCC?

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Does the hot water system meet the additional requirements specified in the NCC?

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Provisional values* check

Have provisional values* been used in the assessment and, if so, are they noted in 'Additional notes' table below?

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Other NCC requirements

Note: This Certificate only covers the energy efficiency requirements in the NCC. Additional requirements that must also be satisfied include, but are not limited to: condensation, structural and fire safety requirements and any state or territory variations to the NCC energy efficiency requirements.

Additional notes

Shading to existing fence line and house modelled as per NatHERS technical Notes

1a - Slab on ground - NIL extra insulation required

1b - Timber floor joists

2a - Brick Veneer with R2.5 bulk insulation to external walls

2b - Cladding with R2.5 bulk insulation to external walls

3 - Insulation at CEILING level:- R5.0 bulk insulation

4 - Insulation under roof material:- Anticon Blanket (R1.3)

*Refer to glossary.



5 - Generic Aluminium Double Glazed Argon Fill High Solar Gain low-E -Clear (Nathers Default Windows) Or Glazing Equal To Or Better Than Values Given In This Report

6 - Windows internal curtains:- N/a

7 - Rooflights / Skylights:- N/a

~ The side and rear fence heights of the neighbouring building are to be 1.8m where local planning requirements are unknown.

~ Heights of the neighbouring building have been modelled to include all known site level changes that will impact on shading the dwelling being rated.



Room *schedule*

Room	Zone Type	Area [m ²]
GARAGE	garage	29.8
BATH	dayTime	3.7
KITCHEN/LIVING	kitchen	41.8
BED 3	bedroom	12.8
BED 1	bedroom	12.6
MASTER BED	bedroom	15.2
BATH	unconditioned	5.4
HALL	dayTime	13.2
ENSUITE	nightTime	5.3
BED 2	bedroom	15.8

Window and glazed door *type and performance*

Default* windows

Window ID	Window description	Maximum U-value*	SHGC*	Substitution tolerance ranges	
				SHGC lower limit	SHGC upper limit
ALM-005-03 A	Aluminium A DG Argon Fill High Solar Gain low-E -Clear	4.1	0.47	0.45	0.49
ALM-006-03 A	Aluminium B DG Argon Fill High Solar Gain low-E -Clear	4.1	0.52	0.49	0.55

Custom* windows

Window ID	Window description	Maximum U-value*	SHGC*	Substitution tolerance ranges	
				SHGC lower limit	SHGC upper limit
No Data Available					

Window and glazed door *schedule*

Location	Window ID	Window no.	Height [mm]	Width [mm]	Window type	Opening %	Orientation	Window shading device*
KITCHEN/LIVING	ALM-005-03 A	D26	2400	1000	casement	100.0	W	No
KITCHEN/LIVING	ALM-005-03 A	W25	1200	1200	awning	90.0	E	No
KITCHEN/LIVING	ALM-005-03 A	W24	1200	900	awning	90.0	N	No
KITCHEN/LIVING	ALM-006-03 A	D28	2400	3800	sliding	60.0	N	No
BED 3	ALM-005-03 A	W22	2100	710	awning	90.0	N	No
BED 3	ALM-005-03 A	W23	2100	710	awning	90.0	N	No
BED 1	ALM-006-03 A	W29	1500	2400	sliding	45.0	N	No
MASTER BED	ALM-006-03 A	W30	1500	2400	sliding	45.0	N	No



BATH	ALM-005-03 A	W31	900	900	awning	90.0	E	No
HALL	ALM-005-03 A	W28	1700	800	awning	90.0	W	No
HALL	ALM-006-03 A	W27	900	940	fixed	0.0	W	No
ENSUITE	ALM-005-03 A	W32	900	900	awning	90.0	E	No
BED 2	ALM-006-03 A	W26	900	2400	sliding	45.0	W	No

Roof window* *type and performance value*

Default* roof windows

Window ID	Window description	Maximum U-value*	SHGC*	Substitution tolerance ranges	
				SHGC lower limit	SHGC upper limit
No Data Available					

Custom* roof windows

Window ID	Window description	Maximum U-value*	SHGC*	Substitution tolerance ranges	
				SHGC lower limit	SHGC upper limit
No Data Available					

Roof window* *schedule*

Location	Window ID	Window no.	Opening %	Area [m²]	Width [mm]	Orientation	Outdoor shade	Indoor shade
No Data Available								

Skylight* *type and performance*

Skylight ID	Skylight description	Skylight shaft reflectance
No Data Available		

Skylight* *schedule*

Location	Skylight ID	Skylight No.	Skylight shaft length [mm]	Area [m²]	Orient-ation	Outdoor shade	Diffuser
No Data Available							

External door *schedule*

Location	Height [mm]	Width [mm]	Opening %	Orientation
GARAGE	2500	5375	100.0	W

External wall *type*

Wall ID	Wall type	Solar absorptance	Wall shade [colour]	Bulk insulation [R-value]	Reflective wall wrap*
1	1 - Brick Veneer R2.5	0.5	Medium	Glass fibre batt: R2.5 (R2.5)	No
2	1 - Fibre Cement Cladding R2.5	0.5	Medium	Glass fibre batt: R2.5 (R2.5)	No



External wall *schedule*

Location	Wall ID	Height [mm]	Width [mm]	Orientation	Horizontal shading feature* maximum projection [mm]	Vertical shading feature* (yes/no)
GARAGE	1	2800	2085	S	0	No
GARAGE	1	2800	3414	S	0	No
GARAGE	1	2800	5426	E	589	Yes
GARAGE	1	2800	5395	W	0	Yes
BATH	1	2700	1380	E	593	Yes
KITCHEN/LIVING	1	2700	2451	W	0	Yes
KITCHEN/LIVING	1	2700	2690	S	0	Yes
KITCHEN/LIVING	1	2700	4655	E	580	Yes
KITCHEN/LIVING	1	2700	1597	N	550	Yes
KITCHEN/LIVING	1	2700	5420	N	3027	Yes
BED 3	1	2700	3577	N	0	Yes
BED 3	1	2700	3574	W	0	Yes
BED 3	1	2700	2460	S	0	Yes
BED 1	2	2700	3592	W	695	No
BED 1	2	2700	2467	S	1986	Yes
BED 1	2	2700	3514	N	685	No
MASTER BED	2	2700	4235	N	692	No
BATH	2	2700	3046	E	487	No
HALL	2	2700	2451	W	3164	Yes
HALL	2	2700	2694	S	710	Yes
ENSUITE	2	2700	1775	N	0	No
ENSUITE	2	2700	2970	E	481	No
BED 2	2	2700	3428	E	492	No
BED 2	2	2700	3428	W	669	Yes
BED 2	2	2700	4601	S	459	Yes

Internal wall *type*

Wall ID	Wall type	Area [m²]	Bulk insulation
1	FR5 - Internal Plasterboard Stud Wall	87.4	
2	FR5 - Internal Plasterboard Stud Wall	7.5	Glass fibre batt: R2.5 (R2.5)

Floor *type*

Location	Construction	Area [m²]	Sub-floor ventilation	Added insulation [R-value]	Covering
GARAGE	FR5 - CSOG: Slab on Ground	21.4	Enclosed	R0.0	none



GARAGE	FR5 - CSOG: Slab on Ground	8.4	Enclosed	R0.0	none
BATH	FR5 - CSOG: Slab on Ground	2.5	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
BATH	FR5 - CSOG: Slab on Ground	1.2	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
KITCHEN/LIVING	FR5 - CSOG: Slab on Ground	13	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
KITCHEN/LIVING	FR5 - CSOG: Slab on Ground	28.8	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
BED 3	FR5 - CSOG: Slab on Ground	12.8	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
BED 1	FR5 - Timber Lined	11.1	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
BED 1	FR5 - Timber Lined	1.5	Elevated	R5.0	Tiles
MASTER BED	FR5 - Timber Lined	14.8	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
BATH	FR5 - Timber Lined	5.4	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
HALL	FR5 - Timber Lined	1	Elevated	R5.0	Tiles
HALL	FR5 - Timber Lined	12.1	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
ENSUITE	FR5 - Timber Lined	5.3	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles
BED 2	FR5 - Timber Lined	1.3	Elevated	R5.0	Tiles
BED 2	FR5 - Timber Lined	14.5	Enclosed	R0.0	Tiles

Ceiling type

Location	Construction material/type	Bulk insulation R-value [may include edge batt values]	Reflective wrap*
GARAGE	FR5 - Timber Lined	R0.0	No
GARAGE	Plasterboard	R0.0	No
GARAGE	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
BATH	FR5 - Timber Lined	R0.0	No
BATH	Plasterboard	R0.0	No
BATH	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
KITCHEN/LIVING	FR5 - Timber Lined	R0.0	No
KITCHEN/LIVING	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
KITCHEN/LIVING	FR5 - Timber Lined	R0.0	No
KITCHEN/LIVING	Plasterboard	R0.0	No
BED 3	FR5 - Timber Lined	R0.0	No
BED 1	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
BED 1	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
MASTER BED	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
BATH	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
HALL	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
HALL	Plasterboard	R5.0	No

*Refer to glossary.



ENSUITE	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
BED 2	Plasterboard	R5.0	No
BED 2	Plasterboard	R5.0	No

Ceiling penetrations*

Location	Quantity	Type	Height [mm]	Width [mm]	Sealed/unsealed
No Data Available					

Ceiling fans

Location	Quantity	Diameter [mm]
KITCHEN/LIVING	1	1800
BED 1	1	1400

Roof type

Construction	Added insulation [R-value]	Solar absorptance	Roof shade [colour]
Ceil: Ceiling	0.0	0.5	Medium
Cont:Attic-Continuous	1.3	0.5	Medium

Thermal bridging *schedule for steel frame elements*

Building element	Steel section dimensions [height x width, mm]	Frame spacing [mm]	Steel thickness [BMT,mm]	Thermal break [R-value]
No Data Available				

Appliance schedule

(not applicable if a Whole of Home performance assessment is not conducted for this certificate)

Note: A flat assumption of 5W/m2 is used for lighting, therefore lighting is not included in the appliance schedule.

Cooling system

Appliance/ system type	Location	Fuel type	Minimum efficiency/ performance	Recommended capacity
No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.				

Heating system

Appliance/ system type	Location	Fuel type	Minimum efficiency/ performance	Recommended capacity
No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.				

Hot water system

Appliance/ system type	Fuel type	Minimum efficiency/ performance	Hot Water CER Zone	Zone 3 STC	Assessed daily load
No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.					



Pool/spa equipment

Appliance/ system type	Fuel type	Minimum efficiency/ performance	Recommended capacity
No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.			

Onsite renewable energy *schedule*

(not applicable if a Whole of Home performance assessment is not conducted for this certificate)

System type	Orientation	System size or generation capacity
No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.		

Battery *schedule*

(not applicable if a Whole of Home performance assessment is not conducted for this certificate)

System type	Size [battery storage capacity]
No Whole of Home performance assessment conducted for this certificate.	

Explanatory Notes

About this report

NatHERS ratings are a reliable guide for comparing different dwelling designs and to demonstrate that designs meet the energy efficiency requirements in the National Construction Code.

NatHERS ratings use computer modelling to evaluate a home's energy efficiency and performance. They use localised climate data and standard assumptions on how people use their home to predict the heating and cooling energy loads and energy value* of the whole home. The thermal performance star rating uses the home's building specifications, layout, orientation and fabric (i.e. walls, windows, floors, roofs and ceilings) to predict the heating and cooling energy loads. The Whole of Home performance rating uses information about the home's appliances and onsite energy generation and storage to estimate the homes energy value*.

The actual energy loads, cost and greenhouse gas emissions of a home may vary from that predicted. This is because the assumptions will not always match the actual occupant usage patterns. For example, the number of occupants and how people use their appliances will vary. Energy efficient homes use less energy, are warmer on cool days, cooler on hot days and cost less to run.

Accredited assessors

For quality assured NatHERS Certificates, always use an accredited or licenced assessor registered with an Assessor Accrediting Organisation (AAO). AAOs have strict quality assurance processes, and professional development requirements ensuring consistently high standards for assessments.

Non-accredited assessors (Raters) have no ongoing training requirements and are not quality assured.

Any queries about this report should be directed to the assessor. If the assessor is unable to address questions or concerns, contact the AAO specified on the front of this certificate.

Disclaimer

The NatHERS Certificate format is developed by the NatHERS Administrator. However, the content in the certificate is entered by the assessor. It is the assessor's responsibility to use NatHERS accredited software correctly and follow the NatHERS Technical Note to produce a NatHERS Certificate.

The predicted annual energy load, cost and greenhouse gas emissions in this NatHERS Certificate are an estimate based on an assessment of the dwelling's design by the assessor. It is not a prediction of actual energy use, cost or emissions. The information and ratings may be used to compare how other dwellings are likely to perform when used in a similar way.

Information presented in this report relies on a range of standard assumptions (both embedded in NatHERS accredited software and made by the assessor who prepared this report), including assumptions about occupancy, behaviour, appliance performance, indoor air temperature and local climate.

Not all assumptions made by the assessor using the NatHERS accredited software tool are presented in this report and further details or data files may be obtained from the assessor.

Glossary

Annual energy load	the predicted amount of energy required for heating and cooling, based on standard occupancy assumptions.
AFRC	Australian Fenestration Rating Council
Assessed floor area	the floor area modelled in the software for the purpose of the NatHERS assessment. Note, this may not be consistent with the floor area in the design documents.
Ceiling penetrations	features that require a penetration to the ceiling, including downlights, vents, exhaust fans, range hoods, chimneys and flues. Excludes fixtures attached to the ceiling with small holes through the ceiling for wiring, e.g. ceiling fans; pendant lights, and heating and cooling ducts.
Conditioned	a zone within a dwelling that is expected to require heating and cooling based on standard occupancy assumptions. In some circumstances it will include garages.
COP	Coefficient of performance
Custom windows	windows listed in NatHERS software that are available on the market in Australia and have a WERS (Window Energy Rating Scheme) rating.
Default windows	windows that are representative of a specific type of window product and whose properties have been derived by statistical methods.
EER	Energy Efficiency Ratio, measure of how much cooling can be achieved by an air conditioner for a single kWh of electricity input
Energy use	This is your homes rating without solar or batteries.
Energy value	The net cost to society including, but not limited to, costs to the building user, the environment and energy networks (as defined in the ABCB Housing Provisions Standard).
Entrance door	these signify ventilation benefits in the modelling software and must not be modelled as a door when opening to a minimally ventilated corridor in a Class 2 building.
Exposure category – exposed	terrain with no obstructions e.g. flat grazing land, ocean-frontage, desert, exposed high-rise unit (usually above 10 floors).
Exposure category – open	terrain with few obstructions at a similar height e.g. grasslands with few well scattered obstructions below 10m, farmland with scattered sheds, lightly vegetated bush blocks, elevated units (e.g. above 3 floors).
Exposure category – suburban	terrain with numerous, closely spaced obstructions below 10m e.g. suburban housing, heavily vegetated bushland areas.
Exposure category – protected	terrain with numerous, closely spaced obstructions over 10 m e.g. city and industrial areas.
Horizontal shading feature	provides shading to the building in the horizontal plane, e.g. eaves, verandahs, pergolas, carports, or overhangs or balconies from upper levels.
National Construction Code (NCC) Class	the NCC groups buildings by their function and use, and assigns a classification code. NatHERS software models NCC Class 1, 2 or 4 buildings and attached Class 10a buildings. Definitions can be found at www.abcb.gov.au .
Net zero home	a home that achieves a net zero energy value*.
Opening percentage	the openability percentage or operable (moveable) area of doors or windows that is used in ventilation calculations.
Provisional value	an assumed value that does not represent an actual value. For example, if the wall colour is unspecified in the documentation, a provisional value of 'medium' must be modelled. Acceptable provisional values are outlined in the NatHERS Technical Note and can be found at www.nathers.gov.au
Recommended capacity	this is the capacity or size of equipment that is recommended by NatHERS to achieve the desired comfort conditions in the zone or zones serviced. This is a recommendation and the final selection sizing should be confirmed by a suitably qualified person.
Reflective wrap (also known as foil)	can be applied to walls, roofs and ceilings. When combined with an appropriate air gap and emissivity value, it provides insulative properties.
Roof window	for NatHERS this is typically an operable window (i.e. can be opened), will have a plaster or similar light well if there is an attic space, and generally does not have a diffuser.
Shading features	includes neighbouring buildings, fences, and wing walls, but excludes eaves.
Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC)	the fraction of incident solar radiation admitted through a window, both directly transmitted as well as absorbed and subsequently released inward. SHGC is expressed as a number between 0 and 1. The lower a window's SHGC, the less solar heat it transmits.
Skylight (also known as roof lights)	for NatHERS this is typically a moulded unit with flexible reflective tubing (light well) and a diffuser at ceiling level.

*Refer to glossary.



STCs	Small-scale Technology Certificates, certificates created by the REC registry for renewable energy technologies that may be bought and sold as part of the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme operated by the Clean Energy Regulatory
Thermal breaks	are materials with an R-value greater than or equal to 0.2 that must separate the metal frame from the cladding. This includes, but is not limited to, materials such as timber battens greater than or equal to 20mm thick, continuous thermal breaks such as polystyrene insulation sheeting, plastic strips or furring channels.
U-value	the rate of heat transfer through a window. The lower the U-value, the better the insulating ability.
Unconditioned	a zone within a dwelling that is assumed to not require heating and cooling based on standard occupancy assumptions.
Vertical shading features	provides shading to the building in the vertical plane and can be parallel or perpendicular to the subject wall/window. Includes privacy screens, other walls in the building (wing walls), fences, other buildings, vegetation (protected or listed heritage trees).
Window shading device	a device fixed to windows that provides shading e.g. window awnings or screens but excludes horizontal* or vertical shading features* (eg eaves and balconies)