

Domestic BER Assessors

Pre-Qualification Registration Checklist

To register as a Domestic BER Assessor and before advancing to complete the Domestic BER Training Course to register as a Domestic BER Assessor, you must first ensure that you have fulfilled the required pre-qualification criteria.

To join the register, Domestic BER Assessors require an NFQ Level 6 Advanced /Higher Certificate (120 ECTS credits) in construction studies (or similar) or a recognised equivalent.

The pre-qualification criteria are determined using the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) applicable ECTS credits for a two-year (or equivalent part-time duration) qualification. It is based on the accumulation of 120 ECTS credits awarded following a 2-year full time course (or equivalent part-time duration). 1 ECTS credit corresponds to 20 'learning hours'.

The below checklist should be used as a guide to assist you in determining if you have fulfilled the pre-qualification criteria to register as a BER Assessor.

The following guidance details the two routes a candidate can take to satisfy the pre-qualification requirements. Candidates only need to demonstrate compliance with one of these two routes.

1. **Route 1:** Domestic BER Assessors registering using an NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate (120 ECTS credits).
2. **Route 2:** Domestic BER Assessors registering under 'equivalence'.

Within each there are subsections to support you in demonstrating suitability with that particular route.

Other important information regarding your registration application:

- Please Note, the QQI 6N0732 Domestic BER Training Course is a NFQ Level 6 Minor Award (15 ECTS credits) and cannot be used to meet the pre-qualification criteria for Section 1b. This is an additional training requirement for those seeking to join the National Register as a BER Assessor.
- Regarding the UK Domestic Energy Assessor (DEA) Course. This course will be accepted as a relevant qualification, provided it is supported by other appropriate construction-related qualifications that support the accumulation of 60 ECTS credits.

If you have any further questions, please contact the BER Helpdesk for guidance at info@seai.ber.ie

Route 1:

Domestic BER Assessors registering using an NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate (120 ECTS credits).

The below details the criteria to be met by candidates seeking to register as a BER Assessor using an NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate in construction studies (or similar).

Candidates must fully meet one of the criteria listed below in order to register as a BER Assessor under this route.

	Criteria for Registration:	Y/N
1.	Candidate can demonstrate that they hold an NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate in construction studies equating to <u>120 ECTS credits</u> .	
2.	Candidate can demonstrate that they hold an NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate in a subject similar to construction studies equating to <u>120 ECTS credits</u> , where <u>at least two</u> of the topics listed below have been covered; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture, • Architectural Technology, • Building Construction / Technology, • Building Design, • Building Energy Performance, • Building Services Engineering, • Building Surveying, • Civil Engineering, • Electrical Engineering, • Mechanical Engineering, • Quantity Surveying. 	
3.	Candidate does not hold an NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate , but can demonstrate the accumulation of <u>120 ECTS credits</u> through providing details of an accumulation of completed awards, courses, modules and/or components within construction related studies and/or within the topics listed below from a recognised awarding body; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture, • Architectural Technology, • Building Construction / Technology, • Building Design, • Building Energy Performance, • Building Services Engineering, • Building Surveying, • Civil Engineering, • Electrical Engineering, • Mechanical Engineering, • Quantity Surveying. 	
4.	Candidate holds an international qualification and/or qualifications in construction studies (or similar) and can demonstrate its equivalence to an NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate equating to <u>120 ECTS credits</u> .	

Route 2:

Domestic BER Assessors registering under ‘equivalence’.

Equivalence may be defined as a combination of an appropriate construction-related qualifications and significant relevant experience.

This route to registration may be used by candidates who **do not** hold a NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate in construction studies.

Candidates must fully meet **both** criteria below in order to register as a BER Assessor under this route.

	Criteria for Registration:	Y/N
1.	<p>Candidate can demonstrate the accumulation of <u>60 ECTS credits</u> by providing details of completed awards, courses, modules and/or components within <u>construction-related studies</u> and/or within the topics listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture, • Architectural Technology, • Building Construction / Technology, • Building Design, • Building Energy Performance, • Building Services Engineering, • Building Surveying, • Civil Engineering, • Electrical Engineering, • Mechanical Engineering, • Quantity Surveying. <p>Or</p> <p>Candidate can demonstrate that they hold a Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate (or higher) in a discipline not construction-related and can also demonstrate their understanding of domestic building systems through significant relevant experience as described in Point 2 below.</p>	
2.	<p>Candidate can demonstrate 2-years of significant relevant experience within a construction-related environment, demonstrating a <u>basic</u> understanding of domestic building systems (e.g. domestic building services, building fabric, heating systems, hot water, ventilation, lighting, building surveys, etc.).</p> <p>The below skill sets, or competences <u>may</u> be used as a guide to support and structure your demonstration of significant relevant of experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The ability to survey buildings, take measurements and carry out detailed calculations; b) The ability to read and interpret building drawings and specifications; c) Basic knowledge of building regulations; d) Basic knowledge of construction methods for domestic buildings; e) Basic knowledge of domestic building services, including heating, hot water, ventilation, lighting). 	