

NATIONAL RADON SAFETY BOARD (NRSB)

EPA Region 3 Radon Stakeholder Meeting

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ABOUT THE NRSB

NRSB certification is a formal recognition by the EPA and the States for professional excellence based on qualifications, high ethical standards, and continuing education in radon services. We are a non-profit organization operational since 1998 when the EPA privatized its radon proficiency program. The organization is independently run by volunteer board members with strong backgrounds and experience in Radon.

The NRSB recognizes all ANSI/AARST radon standards and ensures our certified professionals are educated and tested on correct practices and standards with the acknowledgement that state standards take precedence.

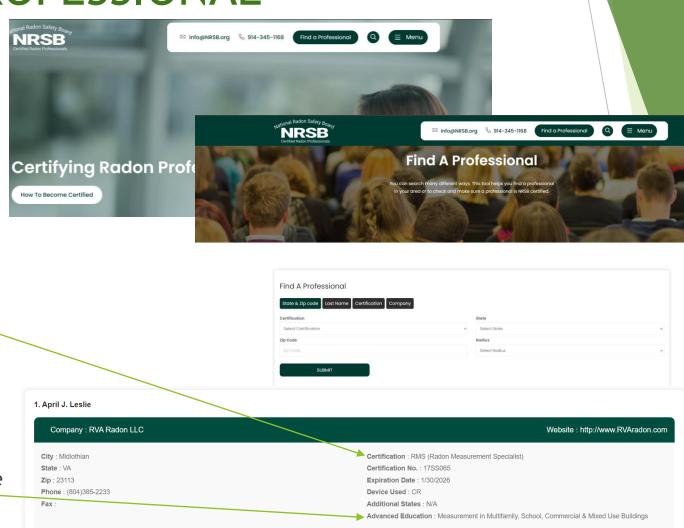


NRSB CERTIFICATION & ACCREDITATION

- The National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) certification program offers independent nationwide certification, accreditation, and approval for:
- Measurement Specialist (RMS), Measurement Technician (RMT) & Mitigation Specialist (RRS)
 - Certification is available for one or two years
- Laboratories & Chambers
- Evaluation & Approval for professional devices
- Evaluation & Approval of educational courses
- We understand that most of our radon professionals are Owner-Operators and work to keep our fees affordable:
 - There is only one fee per professional application
 - There is no fee for registering your company with the NRSB
 - No additional fees per device type nor per state
 - For CRM device users, proficiency tests are only required once at the initial certification and/or with introduction of a new device

HOW TO FIND AN NRSB-CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

- In our redesigned website, there is a direct link on every page to "Find a Professional"
- Anyone can search by:
 - Zip code & Radius
 - State
 - Last Name
 - Type of Certification (which is now expanded)
 - Company Name
 - Or combinations of search criteria
- Results are displayed alphabetically with the professional's details
 - There is an additional field with the advanced education accolades in the professional's profile



ALTERNATE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- The first steps in the standard process to attain NRSB Certification as a Radon Professional is to take one of the NRSB-approved Initial Courses for Measurement and/or Mitigation and then take the relevant exam
- In recognition of State <u>radon</u> licensing and/or certification through NRPP, the NRSB will accept the following <u>in lieu of the Initial NRSB Course and Exam</u>:
 - A copy of a <u>current</u> State Radon License or <u>current</u> NRPP Certificate
 - Copies of Continuing Education course certificates that have been taken during the current renewal period

ALL OTHER DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING THE INITIAL APPLICATION AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED TO COMPLETE THE NRSB CERTIFICATION PROCESS

CONSUMER RADON MEASUREMENT DEVICES

We frequently receive telephone calls from consumers, asking us to advise them on selecting one of the measurement devices available via various retail outlets. We have crafted an FAQ response for them, which is now on our website:

In recent years, electronic radon monitors have been made available in retail outlets. These devices have not been evaluated or approved by the NRSB, and there is no national certification program to evaluate these consumer devices at present.

Please note that there are many factors that can impact the radon readings made in your home. We recommend that you contact an NRSB-certified Radon Professional to test your home for you.

Whether you elect to measure the Radon levels in your house on your own, or hire a Radon Measurement Specialist, it is VERY important to follow the instructions with the device and/or the instructions provided by the Radon Measurement Specialist to obtain the most accurate results. Your health and that of your family members depend on it. To find an NRSB-certified professional in your area, use the link: https://nrsb.org/for-professional/.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- Certification & Education
 - We have approved a new Secondary Chamber
 - Exams are administered by virtual live proctors using a secure web browser and the online exams can be scheduled at your convenience - 24 x 7
 - We have added an 'Formula Sheet' to the on-line exams, which provides them with the standard formulae used in radon
 - Reviewing all currently approved courses for changes/updates
 - New Advanced Listings on our website for professionals that have completed education on ANSI/AARST MA-MFLB and SGM-MFLB standards
 - These are displayed on our revised website listings at no additional cost to our certified professionals
- NRSB Certificate-holder CE protocol
 - The required hours of CE for professionals who have been certified with NRSB for 10 years or more have been reduced by 50%
 - As of February 1, we no longer allow Certificate Holders to retake the same CE class multiple times, with a couple of exceptions
 - We have refined our guidance for Category II CE credits, which will be update on our website by and effective as of October 15th
- Moved to online-payments for Credit Cards
 - Applications have secure link for applicants to enter their card information for payment



NEW DEVELOPMENTS, cont.

- Formalizing and establishing new policies
 - Established Exam Accommodations Policy
 - Set a limit of 1 year for exam results to be used for NRSB Certification
 - Certification renewal must be completed within 1 year of expiration date
 - Establishing an ongoing review process for education courses
- Increased Staff in our Certification Department
- We are reviewing exams and will be updating as necessary in 2025
 - As part of this process, the Education Committee has developed a rubric and rubric philosophy for our exams, which were submitted to the Board this month for approval
 - A segment of exam questions are being tested against the rubric currently
- Redesigned website
 - A "Certificate Holders Only" section will be released in its first iteration as of October 1
 - Announcements on the website will be made and emails to current certificate holders will go out the week of October 10th to current NRSB certificate-holders
 - Currently 3 categories of information: Business Success, Resources & Tools, and Additional Learning
 - Will be testing a monthly radon professionals open forum discussion in the future
- Translating website (Q3 2025) and exams (Q2 2026) into Spanish
 - Translation has been finalized and is being uploaded for testing, before being released
 - We have begun translating the applications into Spanish, as well
 - Engaging with course providers, who are also working on translating their courses into Spanish
- In Q4 2025 looking to partner with trade schools and local community colleges to train radon professionals





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