

# NATIONAL RADON SAFETY BOARD (NRSB)

EPA Region 4 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.

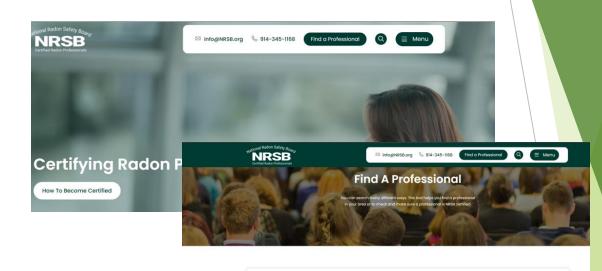


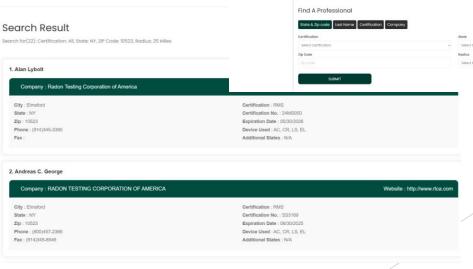
# NRSB CERTIFICATION & ACCREDITATION

- 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
  - Company Name
  - o Or combinations of search criteria
- Results are displayed alphabetically with the details
  - There will be an additional field with the advanced 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 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 been crafting an FAQ response for them:

- In recent years, electronic radon measurement devices have been made available in retail outlets
- These devices have NOT been evaluated nor approved by the NRSB
- To our knowledge there is no national certification program to evaluate these consumer devices at present

#### Within the FAQ we also:

- Explain that there are many factors that can affect the Radon reading, and recommend they hire a certified radon measurement professional
- Emphasize that whether they do this on their own or hire a professional, that they follow the instructions - either those with the device or from the professional - carefully to achieve the best results



### **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
- 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
  - Will be 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
- 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
- Will be reviewing exams and updating as necessary in 2025
- Redesigned website
  - Improving response time and functionality
  - Adding a "Certificate Holders Only" section by the end of March 2025
  - Will be testing a monthly radon professionals open forum discussion
- Translating website (Q1 2025) and exams (Q2 2025) into Spanish
  - In line with HUD findings on homeless population
  - Opens the information to a population not necessarily being reached currently
  - 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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