

## NATIONAL RADON SAFETY BOARD (NRSB)

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## **ABOUT THE NRSB**

#### **Our History**

- Founded as a single-purpose, non-profit organization that became operational in 1998, after the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) discontinued their National Radon Proficiency Program
- Overall structure of the NRSB was based on the model of the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP), which is widely recognized as the premier qualifying body for radiation safety practitioners
- The criteria for the NRSB certification and accreditation credentials are based directly upon the EPA's model of a privatized radon proficiency program.

#### **Our Board Members**

The NRSB has been governed since its inception by professionals from both the public and private sectors of the radon field and the structure of the Board provides a broad range of expertise. The Board members serve on a voluntary basis, which helps the NRSB maintain the lowest possible costs for the program. This provides direct benefits to the industry, its certificate holders, and the communities it serves.

The NRSB recognizes all ANSI/AARST radon standards, in addition to the previously recognized radon standards established by the EPA and ASTM, and ensures our certified professionals are educated and tested on correct practices and standards with the acknowledgement that state standards take precedence.



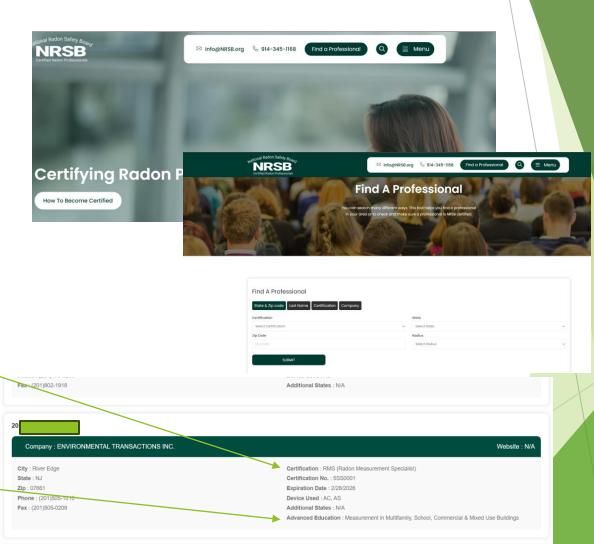


# NRSB CERTIFICATION & ACCREDITATION

- 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 details
- Advanced Education accolades are listed separately 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
  - Exams are being reviewed this year and will be changed and updated as necessary
  - Reviewing all current course providers for changes/updates
- NRSB Certificate holder CE protocol
  - As of February 1, we no longer allow Certificate Holders to retake the same CE class multiple times, with a couple of exceptions
  - We are in preliminary discussions with other professional groups that overlap with the Radon professionals to identify courses that can be used to meet multiple professional CE requirements
- Moved to online-payments for Credit Cards
  - Applications have secure link for applicants for entering card information for payment
- 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
  - Established an ongoing review process for education courses



## NEW DEVELOPMENTS, cont.

- Redesigned website
  - Improving response time and functionality
  - The initial "Certificate Holders Only" section is completed and in its final testing phase ———— STAY TUNED FOR THE RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT!
    - A monthly radon professionals open forum discussion is under review
- Spanish Translation of Website is Being Uploaded and expected to be released by the end of August 2025
  - 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
  - Once exam review and update is completed this year, the exams will also be translated into Spanish
- In Q4 2025 looking to partner with trade schools and local community colleges to train radon professionals







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