

## 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) in construction studies (or similar).
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](mailto: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 <b>NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate</b> in <b>construction studies</b> equating to <u>120 ECTS credits</u> .	
2.	Candidate can demonstrate that they hold an <b>NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate</b> in a <b>subject similar to construction studies</b> 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"> <li>• Architecture,</li> <li>• Architectural Technology,</li> <li>• Building Construction / Technology,</li> <li>• Building Design,</li> <li>• Building Energy Performance,</li> <li>• Building Services Engineering,</li> <li>• Building Surveying,</li> <li>• Civil Engineering,</li> <li>• Electrical Engineering,</li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering,</li> <li>• Quantity Surveying.</li> </ul>	
3.	Candidate <b>does not</b> hold an <b>NFQ Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate</b> , 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"> <li>• Architecture,</li> <li>• Architectural Technology,</li> <li>• Building Construction / Technology,</li> <li>• Building Design,</li> <li>• Building Energy Performance,</li> <li>• Building Services Engineering,</li> <li>• Building Surveying,</li> <li>• Civil Engineering,</li> <li>• Electrical Engineering,</li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering,</li> <li>• Quantity Surveying.</li> </ul>	
4.	Candidate holds an international qualification and/or qualifications in construction studies (or similar) and can <b>demonstrate its equivalence</b> 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.

	<b>Criteria for Registration:</b>	<b>Y/N</b>
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> <b>and/or</b> within the topics listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architecture,</li> <li>• Architectural Technology,</li> <li>• Building Construction / Technology,</li> <li>• Building Design,</li> <li>• Building Energy Performance,</li> <li>• Building Services Engineering,</li> <li>• Building Surveying,</li> <li>• Civil Engineering,</li> <li>• Electrical Engineering,</li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering,</li> <li>• Quantity Surveying.</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>Candidate can demonstrate that they hold a Level 6 Advanced/Higher Certificate (or higher) in a discipline not construction-related.</p> <p><b>And</b></p> <p>Candidate can also demonstrate their understanding of domestic building systems through <b>significant relevant experience</b> as described in Point 2 below.</p>	
2.	<p>Candidate can demonstrate <b>2-years (full time and professional) significant relevant experience</b> within a <b>construction-related environment</b>, 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 <b>guide</b> to support and structure your demonstration of significant relevant of experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The ability to survey buildings, take measurements and carry out detailed calculations;</li> <li>b) The ability to read and interpret building drawings and specifications;</li> <li>c) Basic knowledge of building regulations;</li> <li>d) Basic knowledge of construction methods for domestic buildings;</li> <li>e) Basic knowledge of domestic building services, including heating, hot water, ventilation, lighting).</li> </ol>	