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## ADOPTION OF ANOTHER NatHERS RATING TOOL

Building Note 68 (BCA Energy Efficiency Provisions) dated 5 May 2010 previously advised that the Northern Territory will only accept AccuRate as the approved software to rate the thermal performance capabilities of homes in the Territory.

This Building Note advises that the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE) has recently accredited the software tool: **BERSPro V4.2 110811**. Accordingly, this software can now be utilised in the Northern Territory.

It must be noted that **BERSPro V4.2 110811** is unable to be used under the Nationwide Home Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) for modelling house plans that include 'tilted roof windows with blinds'.

For your reference, NatHERS accredited functionality of this software produces NatHERS certificates that are identified by the following key features:

- NatHERS logo on the top right corner;
- The BERSPro software version/release numbers: version 4.2 and release 110811; and
- The CHENATH version V2.13.

DCCEE is in the process of making an accreditation decision for another software tool (First Rate 5). A further Building Note will be provided to advise on the outcome of this process.

Further information on NatHERS and the accreditation process can be found at:

[www.nathers.gov.au](http://www.nathers.gov.au)



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