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Residential PV Site Assessor Certification Requirements

Midwest Renewable Energy Association
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Becoming a MREA Certified Site Assessor requires a combination of skills, abilities, knowledge and training. The following check list has been developed to assist potential site assessors understand the requirements and processes.

Standard Prerequisite Skills

- Writing – Clear and concise writing style to complete necessary reports
- Verbal Communication - Ability to clearly communicate complex concepts
- Time Management – Ability to manage multiple tasks, and complete reports on deadline
- Critical Thinking – Ability to “think on your feet” and solve complex problems
- Basic Mathematics – Understanding of basic math skills for calculating electrical loads, sizing systems and invoicing customers (multiplication, division, percentages)
- Computer Skills – Word processing, email, spreadsheets, and internet skills/access

Prerequisite Knowledge and Training

To take the MREA’s PV Site Assessor training course, students must demonstrate a basic understanding of how photovoltaic technology works. This prerequisite can be fulfilled in one of three ways:

- Successful completion of the MREA’s Basic Photovoltaics course, or
- Successful completion of Solar Energy International’s on-line Photovoltaic System Design course, or
- Documented equivalent work or educational experience.
- MREA’s [Workshops Page](#)

Steps to Certification

- Meet prerequisite skills requirements
- Successful completion of the [MREA’s Photovoltaic Site Assessor Training course](#) or an [approved training program](#)
- Pass the [PV Site Assessor written exam](#)
- Conduct and turn in two practice assessments to be reviewed by a Technology Mentor
- Sign the [PV Site Assessor Code of Ethics](#)
- [Pay the \\$300 certification fee](#)
- Submit the [Assessor Contact Info](#) form

Continuing Education

MREA Certification is valid for three years. To maintain certification an assessor must:

- Complete and document eight hours of continuing education activities per year. These activities may include: advanced workshops in the PV field, workshops on other renewable energy technologies, or other classes to improve business skills and knowledge.
- Perform and turn in to the Technology Mentor at least one PV site assessment each year while certified.
- Apply for recertification at the end of each three-year period.
- [Site Assessor Recertification Maintenance Form](#)

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