

“Career Path for Raters” New Definitions for Rater Certification

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Proposed New Definitions of Rater Certification

Goals

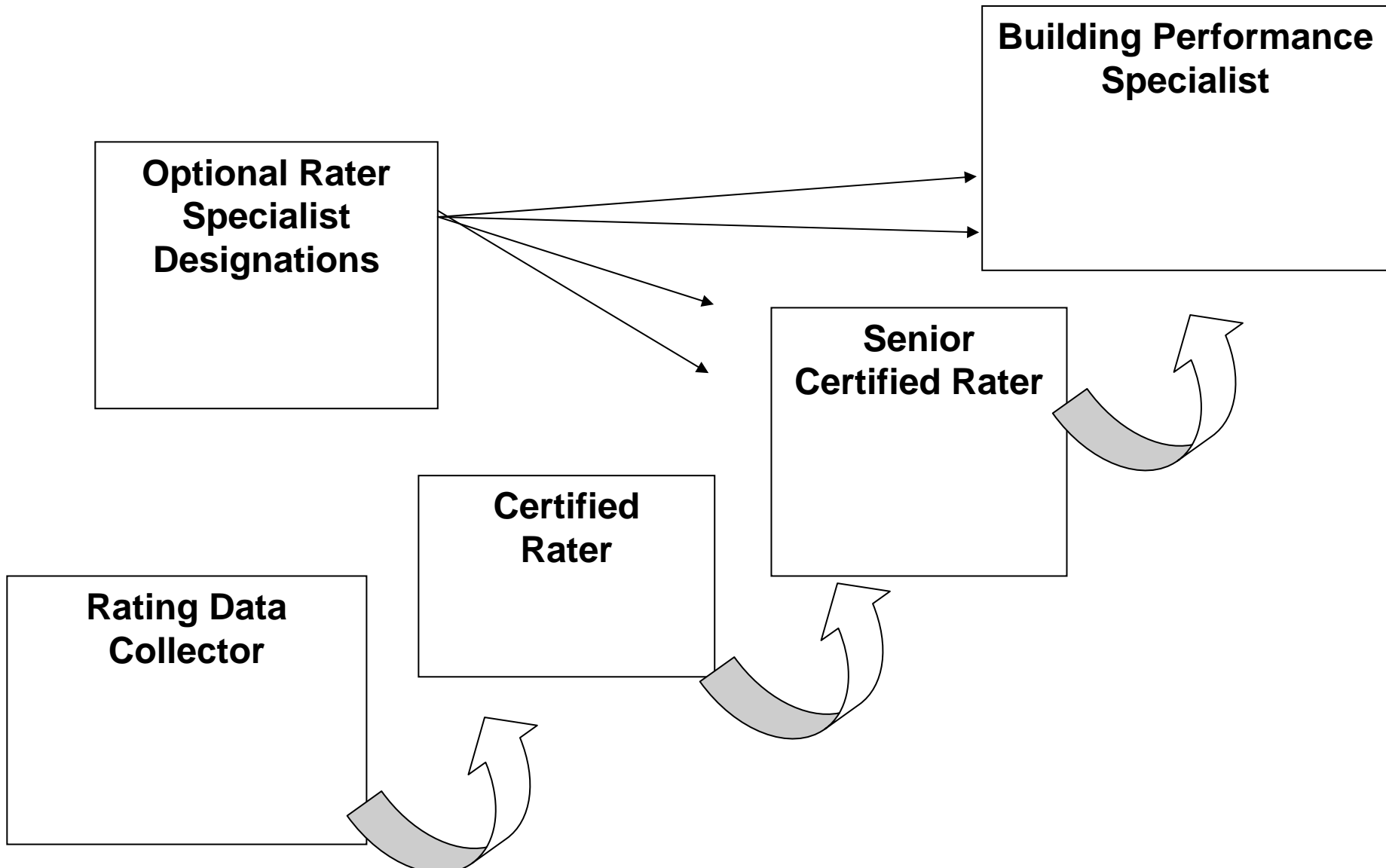
- **Develop a certification path for raters seeking to expand their knowledge base**
- **Recognize raters who provide services above and beyond producing a home energy rating**

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RESNET Proposed Rater Certification Path



Definitions of Categories of Rater Certification

Rating Data Collector - Under the supervision of a certified home energy rater may conduct the inspections necessary to produce a home energy rating

Certified Rater – Covered by current rating standards

Senior Certified Rater - Increased experience and knowledge base to interpret the findings of a rating and make recommendations on how the rating can be improved

Building Performance Specialist - Experience and knowledge to diagnose building performance problems and prescribe solutions

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Rating Data Collector Minimum Qualifications

- The ability to identify and quantify various building components and systems**
- Able to conduct plans evaluations and take-offs from plans**
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- Passing the rating data collector national test**

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Senior Certified Rater Qualifications

- Experience of being a certified rater for a period of at least one year**
- Documented accurately completed ratings and performance tests on a minimum of 35 homes**
- Successful completion of a minimum of two optional rater specialist designations**
- The ability to perform a complete rating without the use of any reference materials before a rater trainer or quality assurance designee**
- Passing the senior rater national test administered by RESNET without the use of any reference material**

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Building Performance Specialist Qualifications

- Next effort**
- Need your input**