



National Green Building Certification

5 Simple Steps to Certification

There are just a few key steps a builder, remodeler, or developer needs to follow to prepare a project for National Green Building Certification. For more information, visit www.NAHBGreen.org/Certification.

1. Create a Designer's Report

A new home, remodeling project, or development must first be scored using the online Green Scoring Tool available at www.NAHBGreen.org/ScoringTool. The tool walks a registered user step-by-step through all the decision points necessary to create a green project that's ready for certification. Once a project is scored, the tool will create a downloadable Designer's Report that can be sent to an accredited verifier.

2. Hire an Accredited Verifier

National Green Building Certification requires visual verification of every point claimed toward certification by an independent, third-party verifier accredited by the NAHB Research Center. All accredited verifiers are listed at www.NAHBGreen.org/Certification/findverifier.aspx. All verification fees are negotiated between the verifier and the builder/remodeler/developer directly.

3. Schedule a Rough Inspection

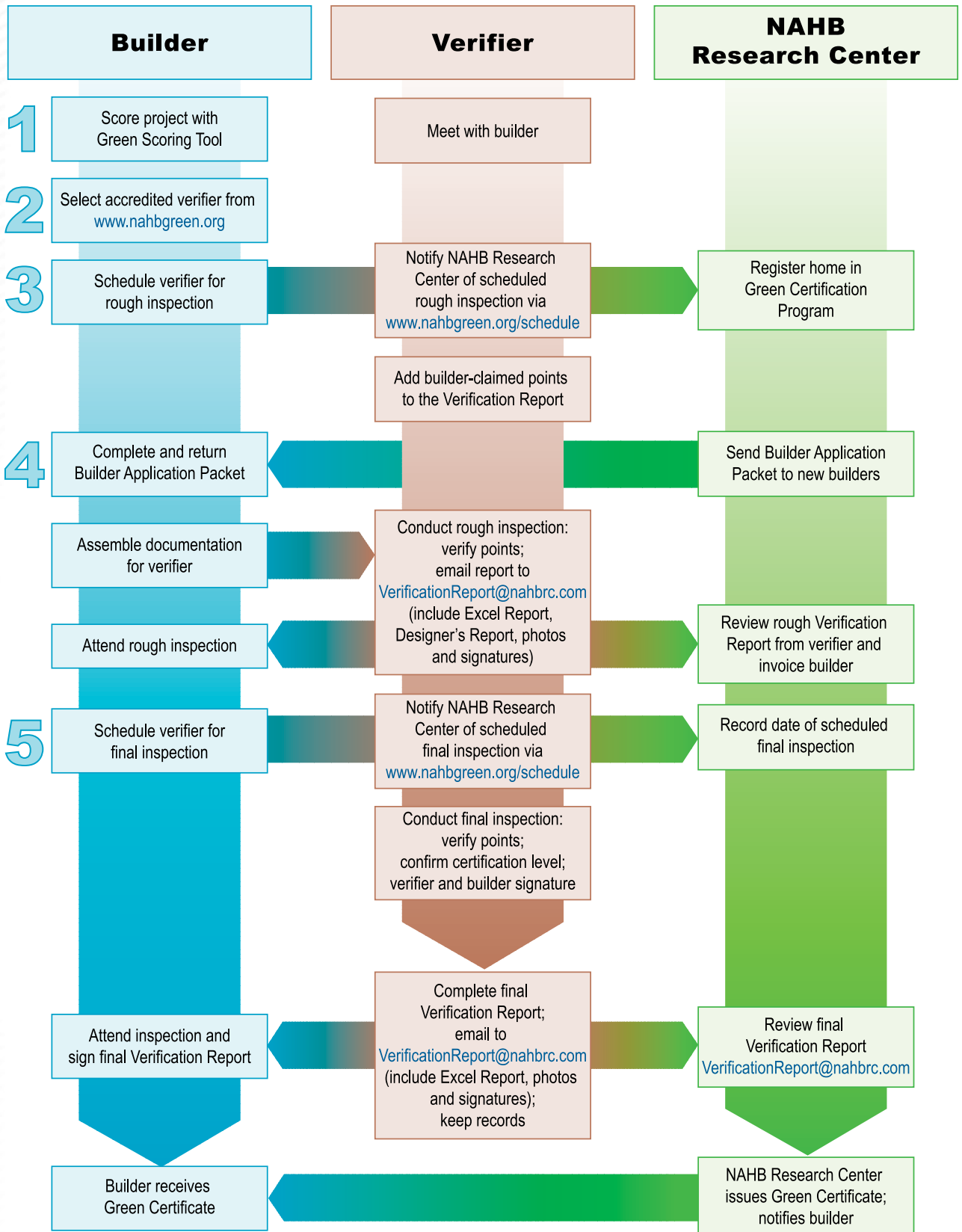
The verifier will notify the NAHB Research Center once a rough inspection has been scheduled, which will officially enter the project into the certification pipeline. The rough inspection must be before drywall but after complete insulation installation. The verifier will send the rough Verification Report, signed by both the builder and the verifier, to the Research Center for review once this inspection is complete.

4. Complete the Application

Once notified of a rough inspection, the NAHB Research Center will forward an application package to the builder/remodeler/developer for the first project submitted by that applicant. The package includes an agreement that must be completed and sent back to the Research Center.

5. Schedule a Final Inspection

The verifier will notify the NAHB Research Center once the final inspection has been scheduled. When this inspection is complete, the verifier will send a final signed Verification Report to the Research Center for review. Barring any discrepancies with the information provided by the verifier, the Research Center will complete the review and issue a certificate to the builder within one business day.



For more information, please call the NAHB National Green Building Program Hotline at 877-NAHB-GRN (877-624-2476) or contact us at www.nahbgreen.org/ContactUs.