



# US Resiliency Council

## Becoming a USRC Certified Rating Professional and/or Certified Rating Reviewer

The minimum requirements to become a USRC Certified Rating Professional include a professional engineering license with five years of relevant building evaluation experience after the date of license. The cost to become a USRC Certified Rating Professional is \$600 for individuals with a \$100 annual renewal fee. Individual and corporate members enjoy discounts on certification application fees. Your application fee includes a one year individual membership in the USRC and the cost of attending two required web based seminars on the two USRC approved methodologies for seismic evaluations – ASCE 41 and FEMA P58.

The minimum requirements to become a USRC Certified Rating Reviewer include holding the highest professional engineering licensure offered in the state in which you practice and in which the project you are reviewing is located. If that highest level of licensure in a state is an SE then 5 years of relevant experience after an SE license is required. If the highest level is a PE then 10 years of relevant experience after licensure is required. In states that offer a Structural Engineer designation, in lieu of that designation an applicant may have a combination of a Professional Engineering License, a PhD in structural or civil engineering and 10 years minimum qualifying experience. Application fees, membership discounts and annual renewal fees are the same as for Certified Rating Professionals. Reviewers will be compensated by the USRC at the rate of \$200 per hour, subject to USRC Terms and Conditions.

Details of the application process and other requirements for certification are provided on both the web site [www.usrc.org](http://www.usrc.org) and the USRC portal [www.usrc-portal.org](http://www.usrc-portal.org).

To become a USRC Certified Rating Professional and/or Certified Rating Reviewer submit your application, qualification package, and payment on the USRC portal. YOUR QUALIFICATION PACKAGE SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN THREE PAGES and should include:

**1) Personal and contact information**

**2) Postsecondary education:** *Institution name, years attended, major(s), degree(s) conferred*

**3) Professional engineering licenses** (*License No., month and year issued*) and indicate if the license is active, if it has been revoked and if any disciplinary action has been taken

**4) Experience Record:** Relevant engineering experience, including a list of building types, and methodologies with which the applicant is proficient (e.g ASCE 7, ASCE 31/41, FEMA P58). Summarize specific experience in performing the design and/or evaluation of different building types and hazards.

**5) Experience Record for Certified Rating Reviewers.** The USRC will assign buildings for review based on the Reviewer's familiarity and experience in reviewing similar buildings and hazards. A successful applicant will list building types, hazards and methodologies which the applicant believes he/she is qualified to review, and demonstrate specific experience in reviewing the design and/or evaluation of such buildings and hazards.

**6) Other Relevant Experience**

- a. Membership in professional organizations
- b. Other experience in assessing building performance before or after a disaster
- c. Publications and presentations
- d. Other relevant professional experience

**7) Professional References (3).** *At least two need to be licensed engineers.*