

# Diesel tank readings outside rating period

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<b>Applies to</b>	NABERS Energy ratings – all building types
<b>Related Rules</b>	Metering and Consumption v2.6
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## 1 Ruling coverage

This Ruling can be applied to all premises with batch-delivered supplies using Section 8.3 of *NABERS The Rules — Metering and Consumption version 2.6* (MAC v2.6). This includes diesel but excludes LPG.

This Ruling can be used for any NABERS Energy ratings lodged on or after 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026, but it is not mandatory. Assessors can continue to follow Section 8.3 of MAC v2.6.

This Ruling does not apply retrospectively; i.e. ratings lodged prior to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 must comply with Section 8.3 of MAC v2.6 unless granted a site-specific exemption.

This Ruling will be superseded by *NABERS The Rules — Metering and Consumption version 3.0*.

## 2 Purpose

A new methodology for batch-delivered supplies was introduced in version 2.3 of the *NABERS The Rules — Metering and Consumption*. This methodology required Assessors to calculate tank usage based on tank readings within 2 months of the rating period. If these readings were not available, the tank usage was instead calculated as the total tank capacity.

The 2-month window for tank readings was originally chosen to align with the requirements for electricity, gas and water utility accounts. However, NABERS has found this creates unnecessarily conservative results in some situations.

Where tank readings are available outside the 2-month window, this Ruling allows Assessors to use these readings instead of calculating consumption based on tank capacity.

## 3 Ruling

### 3.1 Eligibility

Assessors may choose to use this Ruling where all of the following criteria are met:

- a) The rating is lodged on or after 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
- b) A tank reading was taken more than 2 months outside the rating period.
- c) The additional requirements in Section 3.2.2 or 3.2.3 are met.
- d) The Assessor is able to obtain the evidence in Section 3.3.1.

If this Ruling is used, Section 3.2 of this Ruling replaces Section 8.3.1.3 of MAC v2.6, and Section 3.3 of this Ruling replaces Section 8.3.1.2 of MAC v2.6.

### 3.2 Tank usage

#### 3.2.1 General

The Assessor must calculate the usage from all tanks (including reserve tanks) servicing the rated premises by capturing the tank measurements. The order of priority is as follows:

- a) Method 1: Use a start read and end read to determine tank usage as per Section 3.2.2.
- b) Method 2: Use an end read and the tank capacity to determine tank usage as per Section 3.2.3.

#### 3.2.2 Method 1: Start and end reads

An Assessor may use start and end reads to determine tank usage if—

- a) the reads were taken at least 12 months apart;
- b) the start read was taken no later than 2 months after the first day of the rating period; and
- c) the end read was taken no earlier than 2 months before the last day of the rating period.

The tank usage is calculated as the difference between the start read and the end read.

#### 3.2.3 Method 2: End read and tank capacity

An Assessor may use an end read in conjunction with the tank capacity to determine tank consumption if the end read is taken on or after the rating period end date.

The tank usage is calculated as the difference between the tank capacity and the end read.

### 3.3 Batch deliveries received

#### 3.3.1 General

The Assessor must identify the supervisors or managers responsible for each batch-delivered source and obtain the following, as applicable—

- a) a written statement of deliveries received during the period specified in Section 3.3.2 or 3.3.3, and copies of the bill(s) from the suppliers; or
- b) a written statement that there were no deliveries received during the period specified in Section 3.3.2 or 3.3.3.

### 3.3.2 Batch deliveries for Method 1

If the Assessor is using Method 1 in Section 3.2.2, the period for which they must obtain a record of all batch deliveries—

- a) begins on the date the start read was taken; and
- b) ends on the date the end read was taken.

### 3.3.3 Batch deliveries for Method 2

If the Assessor is using Method 2 in Section 3.2.3, the period for which they must obtain a record of all batch deliveries—

- a) begins at the start of the rating period; and
- b) ends on the date the end read was taken.

## 3.4 Data entry

When using this Ruling, the Assessor must enter data for each batch-delivered supply as follows:

- a) *Were any batch-deliveries received during the rating period?*  
Enter all deliveries from Section 3.3. Enter the bill date for any delivery received before the rating period as the first day of the rating period, and the bill date for any delivery received after the rating period as the last day of the rating period.
- b) *Measurement method*  
Select the “Tank reading: start and end of rating period” or “Tank readings: end of rating period” measurement method as relevant.
- c) *Enter the tank reading/s*  
Enter the actual read(s) in L. Enter the end read date as the last day of the rating period. If using Method 1, enter the start read date as the first day of the rating period. If using Method 2, enter the tank capacity.
- d) *Would you like to add any other information about this tank?*  
Enter the actual delivery and read dates and reference this Ruling.

Assessors do not need specific approval from the National Administrator to use this Ruling if the rating meets the eligibility requirements in Section 3.1, but they should retain a copy of this Ruling in case of audit.

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