

National Home Inspector Certification Council

Dear NHICC (Member)

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The NHICC chose to approve the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) A770 Home Inspection Standard as one of its accepted National Standards of Practice. The CSA A770 Standard is a mandatory prescriptive practice document commissioned and funded by several provincial governments in an attempt to create a level playing field in the absence of uniform qualification requirements for licensing in Alberta and B.C. However to date this has not transpired.

The NHICC as a recognized National Home Inspector Certification entity advises you to consider the adoption of this standard for your use in your inspection practice. Alternatively, you still may continue to utilize the (ASHI) American Society of Home Inspectors Standard of Practice. Basically the adoption of the CSA Standard is voluntary until such time that it becomes mandatory.

We feel that those that adhere to the CSA A770 Standard could possibly benefit from enhanced credibility of conforming to a national recognized Canadian inspection standard that is currently making its presence known in the marketplace.

In order to access the CSA Standard, consumers need to create a CSA Community Account, log in and access the Standard. Home inspectors won't have to buy provide a copy for each client – they can simply direct their clients to the online accessible version.

Further information may be obtained at the following:

CSA Store https://store.csagroup.org/ccrz_ProductDetails?sku=CAN/CSA-A770-16

Free CSA Community Access (Login/Registration Page)

<https://community.csagroup.org/community/construction-and-engineering/can-csa-a770-home-inspection-view-access>

Why CSA A770 is good for Home Inspectors

<https://www.carsondunlop.com/horizon/resources/why-the-csa-a770-home-inspection-standard-is-good-for-home-inspectors/>

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