

National Home Inspector Certification Council - NHICC

There are 3 stages to the National Certification Program for Home and Property Inspectors in the NHICC:

1. **Candidate** – the entry point into the National Certification Program
2. **Provisional** – well in process, incomplete exams or inspections
3. **National Home Inspector** – the completion of the National Certification Program

Certification Requirement Evaluated	2009 Candidate	2009 National Certificate Holder (NCH) Minimum 750 points	2011 Candidate <i>Effective Jan 1, 2011</i>	2011 National Home Inspector -NHI <i>Effective Jan 1, 2011 minimum 850 points</i>	2012 Provisional <i>Effective Jan 1, 2011 minimum 750 points</i>	2012 National Home Inspector -NHI <i>Effective Jan 1, 2011 minimum 950 points</i>	CAHPI NCH	CAHPI RHI
Entrance	Application	Application	Application	Application	Application	Application	√	√
Membership Designation Degrees, Trade Ticket, Diploma		Max. 150 points		Max. 150 points	Max. 150 points	Max. 150 points	X	X
HPI Training Courses ¹	200 hrs	200 hrs Max. 500 points	Requires: 200 hrs (a)	Requisite: 200 hrs (a) Max. 600 points	Requisite: 200 hrs (b) *Meets BC/AB Requirement	Requisite: 200 hrs (b) Max. 600 points	X	X
Practical Field Training ²	50 hrs	50 hrs 1/hr/inspection hour	Requires: 50 hrs±	50 hrs± 1/hr - 2 reports verified	50 hrs± (100 pts) *Meets BC/AB Requirement	50 hrs± (100 pts) *Meets BC/AB Requirement	√	√
Inspections ³	None required	150 inspections Max. 500 points	None required	150 inspections Max. 500 points	150 inspections Max. 500 points	200 inspections Max. 500 points	10***	250
H.I. Experience		Min. 1 year		Min. 1 year (a)	Mentored	Mentored	Mentored	
Mandatory Requirement		Pass 1 TIPR		Pass 1 TIPR & 10Q Exam, Report Verified **Insurance	Pass 1 TIPR & 10Q Exam, Report Verified **Insurance	Pass 1 TIPR & NHICC Exam, Report Verified **Insurance	TIPR -X Exam Report Verified Insurance √	TIPR -X
Maintenance								
Certificate Renewal		5 year - TIPR		5 year - TIPR		5 year - TIPR*	?	
Renewal Credits	Training report	20 / year	Training report	20/ year*	Training report	25/ year*	√	√
SOP/COE	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	√	√

LEGEND:

1 – Courses must include proctored exams

2 – Must be by an approved inspector

3 – These are minimum requirements for “fee-paid” inspections. Candidates may perform inspections at their own peril, but preferably by a qualified/certified inspector.

(a) – Based on the BC Consumer Protection (minimum) for attaining a license to practice.

(b) – Same as above

* Certificate Renewal (waived) - additional applicable requirements to meet BC / AB requirements.

** Mandatory insurance where required by regulation.

Maintaining Candidate Status – after 3 years, Candidates that have not become NHICC National Home Inspector (NHI) must reapply to retain their Candidate status.

*** **The questions consumers need to ask** – “exactly how well has your inspector been verified if they have NOT completed an **independent field test** for assessing their expertise and competence”? That is the reason and primary purpose of the TIPR (Test Inspection with Peer Review). It also beckons the question of the true value of earning a NCH credential based on 10 practice inspections.