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Competence & Credibility Is What Matters

These are important times for the National Certification Program, and for ALL home inspectors in Canada. This is the time when there's a need to demonstrate consumer trust in determining the honest significance of recognizing competency and qualifications. This is the time when governments and government agencies and the home inspection industry-related organizations need to display that they can have trust and confidence in our profession. It is not a time for conflicts and turf wars that only result in harming the industry, not just locally, but right across the country. Unfortunately some feel the need to dismiss those that have not abandoned the value of the "national initiative".

Looking forward to the future sustainability of the National Certification Program the NHICC will be exploring opportunities to reassure a truly ISO compliant independent administration process for certification.

This should not be confused with another project being undertaken by CSA in consultation with Service Alberta on exploring the development of a more detailed Standard of Practice ultimately creating a uniform criterion for home inspections in Canada.

Some may ask why invest in such a change? Others seem concerned about change; others just fail to see the value of reinventing what's already available. Some see the change as providing an open and accountable process that clearly delineates the scope of work of the home inspector along with a proper process recognizing roles and responsibilities.

Who owns the NCP?

Reality – it's an industry held asset of (CSC) Construction Sector Council of Canada.

This topic has been beaten to death by false and misleading claims that CAHPI National owns the National Certification Program. In fact the signed Memorandum of Understanding clearly notes:

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

It is the intention of the Canadian Home Inspectors and Building Officials (CHIBO – II) to create a vehicle by which copyright to programs developed under this initiative shall be held and maintained by the industry. Failing agreement within a reasonable time within the signing of this MOU any party thereto may apply to have the terms of such an understanding set by arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Act of Ontario.

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Truth is its CSC not anyone else!

ICE Press Release

In the September's press release from the **Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE)**, NHICC President explains the value of home buyers and sellers working with properly certified home inspectors.

The NHICC is proud to be the only other organization along with ASHI to be mentioned. The NHICC is a member of ICE and subscribes to the value and rigor required to become accredited and independent.

More information Link:

<http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/p/cm/ld/fid=79>

Nouvelles du Québec

Le segment le plus dynamique des personnes inscrites dans le NHICC est du Québec.

Depuis Janvier 2012, la NHICC a gagné plus de 150 inspecteurs principalement des efforts de NHICC Directeur Brain Crewe et travailler avec Gerald Smith (ANIEB président) et Gontran Latour également administrateur de ANIEB.

Nous nous félicitons des amis dans le Programme national de certification des NHICC.

News from Quebec

The fastest growing segment of registrants in the NHICC is from Quebec.

Since January of 2012 the NHICC has gained over 150 inspectors from Quebec. Primarily this was accomplished from the efforts of NHICC Director Brian Crewe and working with Gerald Smith (ANIEB President) and Gontran Latour also a Director of ANIEB.

We welcome these friends into the NHICC National Certification Program.

NHICC Updates

The NHICC held information sessions in Fredericton New Brunswick and more recently in Ottawa Ontario this past summer.

These sessions focused on providing information concerning the NHICC and facts related to the National Certification Program.

Upcoming additional sessions will be announced soon.

Examiner Training

The NHICC will be offering online training sessions for those “registrants” interested in becoming an NHICC Test Inspection “examiner”.

The updated course will be offered through the NHICC Online Meeting Community.

Email us if you are interested at: info@nationalhomeinspector.org

Call for Volunteers

The NHICC is seeking volunteers for a number of functions within the NHICC. These include:

- Professional Practices Committee
- National Admissions Board

Volunteers must be “registrant” members in the NHICC in good standing.

CSC & CMHC

As many already know cutbacks and spending restraints have impacted many areas of the economy. This includes two of our close allies – the Construction Sector Council and Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation.

Misleading comments released state - *“that their resources have been re-directed towards other endeavors and away from the home inspection industry.”*

Although this may be partly true, the NHICC remains a steadfast ally in supporting and staying in touch with both of these organizations.

Both parties indicate they have a vested interest in continuing to uphold the value of the “National Certification Program”. This was expressed in our meetings last month in Ottawa. Others may feel the need to dismiss them, but both have heavily invested in supporting and nurturing the home inspection industry as a key constituent for consumers.

I.D Cards

New I.D wallet cards will be issued over the next several months to all “registrants” that are current and up to date with renewals.

Do You Know?

What is self-certification?

This refers to a certification scheme where a potential for conflict of interest exists. There’s no true arms-length autonomy in the certification process.

The certification program must be structured and governed in ways that are appropriate for the profession, occupation, role, or skill, and that ensure autonomy in decision making over essential certification activities.

Under ISO Standards-

A certifying body should be organized to be administratively independent from the parent membership organization.

Concerns are raised over potential conflicts of interest, professional membership organizations running the risk of restraint of trade accusations when the parent association has ties that are too close to the certification body.

Communication to our registrants is important. You can find out more about the NHICC National Certification Program Initiatives at:
www.nationalhomeinspector.org