

DACUM Research Chart for Canadian Home Inspectors

Note: a home inspection is primarily a visual review of the condition a house and property

Duties		←							Tasks
1	CAREER PATH	1.1 Complete an Intro to Home Inspection course	1.2 Recognize cost of entry	1.3 Identify time required to practice	1.4 Recognize return on investment	1.5 Define expectations	1.6 Understand potential risks	1.7 Recognize physical mobility issues	1.8 Report prior background 1.9 Organize Peer Support
2	TRAINING	2.1 Complete requisite education requirements	2.2 Develop inspection skills	2.3 Complete on the job training (mentor/field supervision)	2.4 Complete test inspection/peer review	2.5 Continue professional development			
3	MARKETING	3.1 Analyze your market	3.2 Allocate for coaching	3.3 Investigate advertising/branding	3.4 Create marketing materials	3.5 Perform cold calls (real estate offices, etc.)	3.6 Join a professional association	3.7 Identify "specialism" (different related services)	
4	ETHICS	4.1 Recognizes professional practices	4.2 Identify duty of care	4.3 Recognizes duty to warn	4.4 Demonstrate fiduciary responsibilities	4.5 Manage integrity	4.6 Define conflicts of interest	4.7 Disclose conflicts of interest	4.8 Maintain client confidentiality
A	MANAGES INSPECTION PROCESS	A1 Recognizes legal responsibility	A2 Confirm house is prepared for inspection	A3 Performs pre-inspection procedures	A4 Communicates orally	A5 Provides written reports	A6 Resolves conflicts of interest		
B	INSPECTS BUILDING EXTERIOR /ADJACENT PROPERTY	B1 Inspects site elements	B2 Inspects exterior structure	B3 Inspects exterior wall cladding	B4 Inspects exterior windows & skylights	B5 Inspects exterior doors	B6 Inspects exterior roof system	B7 Inspects attached structures	
C	INSPECTS BUILDING INTERIORS	C1 Inspects all accessible systems and components	C2 Inspects windows & skylights	C3 Inspects doors	C4 Inspects insulation	C5 Inspects interior surfaces	C6 Inspects interior structure	C7 Inspects condition of built-in appliances	
D	INSPECTS BUILDING HVAC SYSTEMS	D1 Inspects primary heating systems	D2 Inspects supplementary heating systems	D3 Inspects permanent cooling systems	D4 Inspects air handling systems	D5 Inspects mechanical and passive ventilation point			
E	INSPECTS BUILDING PLUMBING SYSTEMS	E1 Inspects water service supply & distribution	E2 Inspects & operates fixtures	E3 Inspects water heaters	E4 Inspects drain, waste and venting	E5 Identifies waste systems			
F	INSPECTS BUILDING ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	F1 Inspects exterior service entrances	F2 Inspects main panel	F3 Inspects distribution	F4 Inspects outlets, switches & fixtures	F5 Inspects auxiliary elec. service systems			
G	INSPECTS LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS	G1 Inspects for presence of smoke detectors	G2 Inspects for presence carbon monoxide detectors	G3 Inspects for fire safety provisions	G4 Inspects for safe means of egress				