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National Exam

The NHICC National Exam provides valid evidence of

The NHICC National Home Inspector Exam is hosted on a nationally accepted server. The following information provides an overview of the information, testing and assessment centre. **The exam site may be accessed at the following URL: 74.208.129.158**

The **NHICC** National Exam “Test Centre” is comprised of an online pre-approved and mandatory proctored exam for home inspectors. The exam assesses a participant’s general technical knowledge and understanding of professional practices related to a home inspection.

The NHICC permits free access to the exam site, to help candidates or participants attain a better understanding of “what to expect” and “what the general requirements are” to complete the final “proctored” home inspection exam through a recognized proctor and testing centre.

We hope that you take time to not only explore the site, but also take the opportunity to take our practice test to get a feel for what to expect on the “real thing”. We also look forward to your feedback or even possible questions you may have regarding the home inspection profession.

The following provides a visual overview of some of the Exam Centre’s web screens. Login page.....

The screenshot shows the NHICC login page. At the top center is the NHICC logo. Below it are two input fields for 'Username' and 'Password'. To the right of the password field is a blue link that says 'Forgotten your username or password?'. Below the input fields is a checkbox labeled 'Remember username'. A blue 'Log in' button is positioned below the checkbox. To the right of the 'Log in' button, there is a message: 'Cookies must be enabled in your browser' with a question mark icon. Below that is another message: 'Some courses may allow guest access'. At the bottom right, there is a button labeled 'Log in as a guest'.

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NHICC National Exam Test Centre

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General Info

You have reached the NHICC Exam and Test Centre Home Page. We recommend that you read the "Read Me 1st" documents that provides information regarding the background for the NHICC Exams and TIPR (Test Inspection with Peer Review) process. We **welcome** ALL home inspectors and those seeking a career in home inspections.

This site is intended for home and property inspectors that have filed an application to become a "Candidate" in the NHICC. A fee is assessed for those participants that want to take the formal exam process. The links to the formal exams are password protected.

Need access? - email: clawrens@mnsi.net

Our Home page is: www.nationalhomeinspector.org

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Available courses

- [Read Me 1st](#)
Teacher: Admin User
- [Practice Exam](#)
Teacher: Claude Lawrenson
A practice exam is provided to give you a general idea of what to expect on the formal more detailed exam. You need to register to take the practice exam. There's no fee. Entry Email: clawrens@mnsi.net
- [National Exam](#)
Password Required - This is the Formal NHICC - National Home Inspector Exam. You must be registered with the NHICC to have access to the exam. Contact: clawrens@mnsi.net
- [Examiners](#)
Password Required - An information place for NHICC Examiners.
- [Test Inspection Peer Review \(TIPR\)](#)
Learn more about the TIPR and Process
- [Modified TIPR](#)
Password Required - A modified TIPR is where special circumstances apply to the testing process. More info here.

Overview of Content

The National Exam

The NHICC National Home Inspector Exam for the National Certification Program is based on meeting the following criteria:

Objective – prepared primarily as a multiple choice style exam for home inspection based on 100 questions with a minimum of 5 multiple choice responses per question. In addition essay type questions that focus on defect recognition photographs are also included. The final portion includes Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics

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true/false statements. All questions are applicable to the skills specified in the current version of the National Occupational Standards.

Question Database – There are over 600 questions in the database categorized by specific residential building systems and related subsystems. Similar questions related to every question that would be released on the exam taken by the examinee have also been developed in order to allow variation and for exam retakes.

Questions and Answers – The exam questions are specifically worded so that there is only a single correct “best” answer.

Recommended Exam Program Design – Meet the learning objectives in relationship to the National Occupation Standards that need to be included in the exam.

The Core Areas - included based on the NOS – (National Occupational Standards) latest version 2014. A copy of the current DACUM Blocks is included in this document and defined as a “general area of competence”.

- Block A: Manages Inspection Process (Communication)
- Block B: Exteriors – (Structure and Building Envelope)
- Block C: Interiors – (And Envelope)
- Block D: Heating & Air Conditioning
- Block E: Plumbing
- Block F: Electrical
- Block G: Life & Safety Systems

Exam Formation - Based on earlier surveys “Importance and Criticality” ratings were obtained from sources such as the National Home Inspectors Exam (NHIE) and a DACUM review held in London Ontario for Canadian Home Inspectors that was released on 2014. These offer the following guidelines for determining the delineation for number and domain of questions on the exam. In addition many of the questions are based on examination questions utilized in a number of college level Home Inspection education programs that have been in existence for approximately the past 15 years.

The exam is closed book, no reference materials permitted.

Exam Type – The exam is available in both paper based and online format. Both are controlled and time sensitive. The exam is released only to a pre-approved proctor. The applicant must specify which type (paper-based or online) exam they plan on taking.

Examiners have access by password to access information regarding TIPRs & Exam Proctoring. This is a closed section and not available to the public, students, or candidates.

Modified TIPR provides an alternate solution for exam takers of the Test Inspection with Peer Review that are determined by the NHICC as challenged by distance or extenuating circumstances. It primarily is a set of images of an existing house, in which the candidate must identify the defects and provide a home inspection report.

Of course, lastly noted, but one of our important assessment tools is the “National Exam”. Again it is password protected and available to candidates that require a formal recognized home inspection exam.

Pass Grade – Minimum of 70% score is deemed a baseline pass for the NHICC – National Home Inspector Exam.

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Note: the exam results will also be used as an applicant's diagnostic tool to identify and develop a training plan using a gap report. Included with the results of the exam will be a report identifying any knowledge/skill gaps, together with options and/or recommendations to assist in addressing the gaps.

Scheduling Exams - To schedule an exam the applicant must contact the NHICC – National Registrar to register prior to the intended date of when an applicant wants to take the exam. Applicants are required to complete a Background Review Application Form. There is no guarantee of a set time or date for the Exam until all of the required forms are properly completed.

Applicants taking proctored exams are responsible for confirming with the proctor that proctoring services can be provided for the full exam time (up to 3 hours maximum), and for online exams confirming that a computer with Internet access will be provided for the full exam time.

Note: Public libraries may have limited Web access. Applicants may not provide the computer for the exam for exam integrity purposes.

Proctor(s) - Request your exam at least one month prior to your proposed exam date. Exams must be proctored.

Proctors are defined and must be approved prior to writing the exam. Proctoring is often available through tests centres. Many of the post-secondary institutions such as colleges and some universities offer such services. Often a fee is charged for such services. The applicant is responsible for any fees related to proctoring the exam.

“Proctors” are qualified professionals approved to administer the exam. This includes the following: Local proctors must be acting in an official capacity at their place of business in one of the following positions:

- Staff member of a public or private educational learning centre
- Dean, department chairperson, or registrar of a college or university
- Librarian (city, county, public or private school, etc.)
- Professional staff member of the adult or continuing education office, counselling centre, or testing centre at a college or university
- Public or private school superintendent, principal, or counsellor
- Judge of a court of law
- Military Educational Services Officer
- Human Resources director or employee development coordinator
- NHICC - NHI Examiner
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Family members and relatives may NOT serve as proctors, no matter what their position.

Exam Site - The facility/exam room should ideally accommodate for barrier free design. The room needs to be set-up in classroom style having adequate writing surfaces and large enough to accommodate the number of persons taking the exam.

- The exam room must have proper lighting and adequate ventilation.
- If possible, use a room that is in proximity to restrooms