

National Home Inspector Certification Council

PROVISIONAL – BC (British Columbia)

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1. **Provisional level membership category** whereby the inspector has met all of the threshold requirements that are needed to ensure knowledge and skills to provide service to the public.
2. The **requirements include:**
 - a. successful completion of the required BC home Inspector training hours by an approved education training provider,
 - b. successful completion of National Home Inspector Exam,
 - c. completion of a minimum of 50 supervised practical training hours; 10 fully supervised home inspections equalling 50 hours; or an acceptable combination of the two equalling 50 hours, submission of 5 completed home inspection reports for verification and satisfactory completion of a Test Inspection with Peer Review by a fully credentialed home inspector approved by the NHICC.
3. The acceptable minimum standard for passing any examination or final grade in any subject is 80%.
4. The Provisional level membership category is valid for no longer than 24 months time from date of acceptance by the NHICC Certification Council.
5. Acquire and maintain required Errors & Omissions and Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage (where required as specified by Consumer Protection BC).
6. When the insurance coverage is confirmed, the inspector will be provided with the **Provisional** membership documentation letter necessary to apply to Consumer Protection B.C. for the home inspection license. (This also applies to #4 to establish the date of acceptance.)
7. Complete and attain a minimum requirement for continuing education of 20 contact hours per year or equivalent of continuing education credits.
8. Maintain membership in good standing with the NHICC.

11.0: CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

11.0.3: A Candidate shall be a person that has been accepted into the entry level of the NHICC's National Certification Program. The Candidate is required to complete a National Home Inspector Exam. A Candidate where deemed qualified may be placed after background review in the category as a Provisional. Inspectors may stay in 'Provisional' category no longer than 24 months. Individuals who do not meet the criteria for their desired Stage could reapply when they do meet the criteria and go through the process again.

33.0: NATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

33.0.1: The key to any successful certification program is the ability to certify individuals who meet the competence standard for their occupation. A certification model is only as good as the certification body's ability to certify individuals against the National Occupational Standards for Home and Property Inspectors.

33.0.2: The governance and structural elements of the models are based on criteria defined in the CAN-P-9 (ISO) Standard 'Criteria for Accreditation of Personnel Certification Bodies'. The CAN-P-9 Standard is published by the Standards Council of Canada, and is based on the international ISO standard ISO/IEC 17024.

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33.0.3: Individuals who are within the National Certification Program will be at one of the following stages – ‘Candidate’, ‘Provisional’ or ‘National Home Inspector’ (NHI).

The ‘Candidate’ stage is for individuals who have the appropriate training and who have displayed the required degree of competence to be home and property inspectors but lack experience to obtain certification. The ‘Provisional’ stage provides a mechanism to oversee the activities of individuals already working in the occupation and that need to complete their TIPR exam. The ‘National Home Inspector’ (NHI) stage is for individuals who have the appropriate training, experience and competence.

33.0.4: A ‘Background Review’ process will be used by the National Admissions Board to determine the appropriate stage for each individual. Any individual who wants to be considered for either stage would apply to the National Admissions Board and present their personal background. Background review criteria are based on the tasks defined in the National Occupational Standard for home and property inspectors.

33.0.5: To determine where an individual fits within the National Certification Program, an assessment process called a ‘background review’ is used. Background review is the process that the National Admissions Board uses to determine if an individual should be within program, and if so, at what stage. An individual, who wants to be considered for any stage, would apply to the NHICC and present their personal background. An individual’s personal background would be presented through a structured application form completed by the individual, which may be supplemented if necessary through an interview.

33.0.6: NHICC certification criteria, does not allow decisions on certification to be subcontracted. However, other formally recognized home inspection organizations could provide the National Admissions Board with recommendations as to whether specific individuals meet the background requirements of the National Certification Program.