

National Home Inspector Certification Council

Who Inspects the Home Inspectors?

Ottawa, Ontario - November 20, 2010 - The National Home Inspector Certification Council (NHICC) announced the successful completion of a "TIPR" - Test Inspection with Peer Review, in Ottawa today. The NHICC examiners acknowledge assistance from the local chapter of PHPIC - Professional Home & Property Inspectors Canada. The process tests a home inspector's practical home inspection skill.

The successful TIPR candidates will receive recognition as a NHICC National Home Inspector. This certification provides recognition of those home inspectors who meet the specific background and certification requirements of the National Certification Program for home and property inspectors. The program was created over the past decade with the support of CMHC, HRSDC and the Construction Sector Council. Home inspectors in Canada are encouraged to consider the benefits and the significance of the recognition of meeting the National Occupational Standards that are established for the home inspection industry. The final step in attaining the NHI™ designation is based on a practical "Test Inspection" and a "Peer Review" involving the inspector reporting the significant defects through their inspection of a test house. Over the past 5 years approximately 500 home inspectors have completed a similar process. To date, approximately 80% of the inspectors have successfully passed this practical inspection test assessment.



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"The thing that lifts the National Certification Program to a different level is the TIPR. Once you have done a Test Inspection Peer Review, no one can say that you have not proven yourself." states Paul Blakey, now a retired home inspector from British Columbia. More than ever the critical issue facing the home inspection industry is assuring competency to remove the claim that any person can become an overnight home inspector. Or perhaps from the consumers view, not become an unfortunate customer faced with a negligent home inspection. The Canadian Press - reported earlier this year ***"A home inspector has been ordered to pay nearly \$200,000 to a North Vancouver couple who were told the house they wanted to buy only needed basic repairs."*** The question that a consumer needs to ask is - who inspects your home inspector?

You should ask to see proof of qualifications, such as a membership in an association, a national certification program's certificate and in British Columbia and now in Alberta for his/her license.

The NHICC is a non-profit independent certification body for home and property inspectors. It is governed by elected National Home Inspectors™ from across Canada. The NHICC is a member of ICE - Institute for Credentialing Excellence and applying for ISO Certification. The NHICC supports national uniform standards of competency for home inspectors in Canada. For more information, please visit www.nationalhomeinspector.org or contact the NHICC Administrative Office at (519) 384-8040.

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