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NEW CERTIFICATION DESIGNATION



Legal counsel advises on trade marking a new designation in place of the NCH as recommended by the NHICC – Board and moving forward on a new designation to clearly identify “who we are and what we do”.

The NHICC has trademarked the title **National Home Inspector – Canada (NHI™)** as a certification for registrants that successfully completed the full certification requirements for the NHICC – National Certification Program.

The former NCH – National Certificate Holder title was stated to be a “non-descriptive” and an intentional “secondary title” designed to protect the RHI designation.

The NHICC - Certification Council recognized the confusion and misunderstandings that had been generated, mostly by leaders of other organizations, so they chose to adopt a clearer, more descriptive credential.

Through all of this needless past uncertainty, the NCH certification and accreditation agreements that had been in place, were allowed to lapse. The original, stated mandate to maintain the NCH certification was simply dismissed.

The NCP agreement terms and

conditions specified that all provincial NCH’s and their respective associations had a duty to maintain exacting adherence with the detailed requirements to meet CAN-P-9. Non-transferred NCH’s only have until September 30, 2011 to be accepted as a “transfer” into the NHICC. ALL applicants after that date will be required to meet the new restructured certification system based primarily on government regulatory changes.

News from Ontario

The NHICC held meetings with Construction Sector Council, CMHC, PHPIC and also with several other home inspection associations in Ottawa in May.

In addition, some **Exam Focus Group** session were held to review and validate the NHICC National Exam process and the test bank for the national exam.

A TIPR (Test Inspection) was also completed in Kingston in June with 8 participants.

News from Alberta

The Director of External Relations Bill Mullen led a delegation to Service Alberta with Gary Wood and Claude Lawrenson in July regarding licensing.



On **August 8th** Service Alberta announced that the NHICC National Home Inspector – Canada (NHI)™ designation is now recognized for licensing home inspectors in the Province of Alberta.

This now makes the NHICC acknowledged in two out of two provinces where home inspection practices are regulated by licensing.

Call for Volunteers

The NHICC is looking for volunteers - including the Professional Practices Committee and also for the Board of Examiners. Additionally, new Examiner training is planned.

TIPR’s

Test Inspections are planned for a number of regions including:
Ottawa, ON
Toronto, ON
Calgary, AB
Vancouver, BC

Benefits of “NHI” Registrants Mobility

Transferability of credentials across Canada has always been one primary purpose specified as a goal of the “national initiative”.

As an example an association member of PHPIC holding the new NHI™ credential can move to and practice in other provinces.



In other words – any person certified as an NHI would be able to move to another province and be able to hold the same or similar designation.

Currently there are well over 100 NHI’s and many applicants.

Notable Certification Changes & Updates

National Exam Requirement Required by ALL applicants - certain conditions apply.

Memberships, Degrees: 50 points per credential to a maximum of 100 points

Education: 3 points per hour – courses with proctored exams, 1 point per hour courses without proctored exams – maximum 450 points

Mentoring: 3 points per hour to maximum of 150 points

Inspections: Minimum 150 fee paid inspections, 1 point per inspection – Maximum 500 points

Total points: 850 required

New Fee Payment System +13%HST
Fees below may be paid separately.

Certification/Application: \$300.00
TIPR Fee: \$350.00
Exam Fee: \$150.00

NCH Transfer Fee: \$100.00*
* Fee increases to \$150.00 after September 30th 2011.

Annual NHI - Renewal Fee: \$150.00
Renewals are payable July 1st, 2011.
Registrants have until September 30th to renew without penalty.

Accredited Training

The NHICC currently accepts all of the previously accredited training programs identified by the former National Certification Authority with certain provisions.

Those provisions include ALL exams must be proctored. Exams that are not proctored are not assessed at 3 points /hour value.

The NHICC also notes that variations of courses that are not approved are also not assessed at the 3 points /hour value.

The NHICC requires that all new applications must include documents of proof by the training provider specifically noting the courses that fully comply with the agreement for accreditation.

All new accreditation agreements are contracted to an independent accreditation professional that reviews courses and training to the HPI NOS - National Occupational Standards.

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

ICE-NCCA

The NHICC has finalized its’ application for submission for formal “accreditation” to (ICE) the Institute for Credentialing Excellence.

It’s a long and thorough process that involves an internal quality assurance review, as well as the external review conducted by the NCCA.

Home Inspector Certification

Looking at the current state of affairs on the industry issues of certification across Canada there are number of key components that appear to be missing. These include:

- (1) *One common certification standard to be acknowledged for the certification of a home inspector.*
- (2) *One common accreditation policy for improved quality for training and education.*
- (3) *One common Code of Ethics to assure professional unbiased accountability to ensure full protection of public interests.*
- (4) *One common Standard of Practice.*
- (5) *One common minimum standard and requirement for licensing – even where licensing is required.*

NOTE: If this sounds familiar, it should. These were the National Initiative goals of 1996. - Interesting