

National Home Inspector Certification Council

1. Scope and Purpose

1. The objects of the corporation are: (Source: By-Law No.1)
 - 1.1.1 **Establish and maintain an independent national certification program for home and property inspectors in Canada.**
 - 1.1.2 **Establish and maintain an independent accreditation structure for training and education for home and property inspectors in Canada.**
 - 1.1.3 **Represent and promote the interest of Canadian home and property inspectors earning National Home Inspector – Canada™ designation.**
 - 1.1.4 **Establish and maintain the status of a National Home Inspector – home inspector with consumers, governments, and all stakeholders across Canada.**
2. The intent of the National Home Inspector Certification Council (NHICC) is to institute a level and consistent standard for home and property inspectors across Canada. The National Certification Program in Canada was established to allow Canadian home and property inspectors to be certified as competent and recognized as qualified professionals.
3. The National Certification Program operates as a non-profit independent certification and accreditation body. The National Certification Program will be administered by the NHICC.
4. The NHICC will align itself to be accredited either applying for accreditation by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) or meet with reasonable CAN-P-9 compliance.
5. Equal to the benefits of certification is the importance of establishing an underlying certification program based on best practices and recognized processes and procedures developed by the field of certification. ICE serves as the member-based organization for the field of certification to enhance professional excellence and ensure the competency of certification.
6. The NHICC mandate is to manage and be in charge of the certification and accreditation processes in a fair and consistent manner that is free from undue influence of home inspection associations. All home inspectors are welcomed to apply to the National Certification Program regardless of their background or association.
7. The key constituents of the National Home Inspector Certification Council (NHICC) are:
 - The NHICC – National Certification Council (NCC)
 - The NHICC – National Accreditation Council (NAC)
 - The NHICC – National Admissions Board (NAB) and its (BOE) Board of Examiners
 - The NHICC – Professional Practice Committee (PPC)
8. The NHICC and its various Councils, Boards and Committees are committed to the provision of high quality education and training requirements, and seek to ensure a setting of intellectual integrity in both the learning and evaluation processes.
9. The NHICC is also dedicated to the establishment of an atmosphere of respect and appreciation for the rights and responsibilities of all those associated with the National Certification Program.
10. To receive acceptance as a National Home Inspector, a home inspector must meet rigorous professional home inspection practices and educational requirements set by the NHICC. These begin with an

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application to the NHICC and review/processing by the NAB.

11. The key requirement to become a National Home Inspector is the Test Inspection with Peer Review and an initial successful completion of a National Home Inspection Examination, and Report Verification. The National Chief Examiner is responsible for overseeing all of these components.
12. The NHICC Registrar is the primary manager for all information on the program, including maintaining a national database of NHICC - National Home Inspector and Candidates.
13. In common with all other individuals in Canada, *members* enjoy rights under the Human Rights Code, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
14. *Members* have and may exercise their general rights as citizens, subject to the rules, regulations and discipline of the NHICC. They also have the right to the enjoyment of a safe learning and work environment and fair treatment in accordance with the rules, regulations and discipline set forth by the NHICC.
15. The NHICC and the *members* of the National Certification Program is a community of diverse races, creeds, cultures, and affiliations. We are committed to promoting and supporting a workplace and learning environment where everyone can work and study in an atmosphere free of harassing or demeaning treatment.
16. We value each *member* of our community for her or his individual and unique talents, and applaud all efforts to enhance the quality of our lives. We recognize that each individual's effort is vital to achieving the goals of the NHICC. We strive to maintain a climate of mutual respect.

MEMBER DEFINED: For clarification the term home inspector *member* is defined as a “**registrant**” recognized as a National Certificate Holder and/or Candidate within the NHICC National Certification Program. Where applicable the term is noted by italicized text throughout this document.