

# Certification



## National Exam

*The NHICC National Exam provides valid evidence of general technical knowledge.*

The NHICC National Home Inspector Exam is hosted on a nationally accepted server. The vast majority of the exam can be completed online via Skype or Facetime. 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 Portal and Practice Exam, 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 'Log in as a guest' button.

### General Information

**Click the Log in as a guest “button” to access as a “guest”**

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National Certification  
Building Credibility to National Occupational Standards  
Recognized by licensing in BC & Alberta

## General Info

You have reached the NHICC Exam and Test Centre Home Page. We are a Canadian federal not-for-profit 3rd party credentialing entity. 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 inspectors and those seeking a career in home inspections. We now offer several Professional Development credit courses.

This site is primarily intended for home/property inspectors that have completed an application to become a "Candidate" in the NHICC and attain the NHI credential. A modest fee is assessed for those participants that want to take the formal exam process. The links to the formal exams are password protected. The exam and process are approved by licensing in Canada.

- Need access? - email: [clawrens@mnsi.net](mailto:clawrens@mnsi.net)
- Need "guest" access, user name = guest, password = Guest

Our Home page is: [www.nationalhomeinspector.org](http://www.nationalhomeinspector.org)

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The NHI credential is recognized for home inspector license in BC & Alberta, and soon to be in Ontario.

Need "guest" access, use password "Guest".



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### About Us

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### Legal Notice

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### Application Process

Flowchart of the background review process. Applications are located at this URL:  
[www.nationalhomeinspector.com](http://www.nationalhomeinspector.com)

### General Information - Exams

This document briefly explains what you need to know for sitting our NHICC exam.

### Education, Training, and Certification

Clearly delineated policies and procedures, with defined roles and responsibilities, must demonstrate that all functions performed by the home inspector [certification](#) board.

### Accredited Training

Course(s) must be approved by the NHICC "Certification Council" based on National Admissions Board recommendation for training courses/program/exams and Instructor must be accredited.

### Training Gaps

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## Available courses

### [Contract Law](#)

This course is offered as a free educational resource that primarily focuses on home and building inspections. A modest fee of \$50 payable by PayPal is assessed to inspectors that are not currently enrolled in the NHICC National Certification Program.

The information provided is primarily based on providing information regarding Canadian Contract Law. What is considered to be "common law" today may not be the findings of a court tomorrow. Course credit 4 hours (CEC)

This course is not intended to provide a definitive answer to all legal situations and does not represent the value and importance of seeking ones own legal opinion by an experienced licensed professional.

NOTE: This course provides continuing education credits, where participants complete the online quizzes.

### [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

## Contract Law (Continuing Ed Credit) & Practice Exam

### Intro

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### Defining Law

 Part 2



### Contract Law - Part 1

 Part 3 - Law of Contract P1



### Contract Law - Part 2

 Part 4 - Law of Contract P2



 Case Study



### Tort Law - Canada

 Part 5 - Key Elements



 Limitation Clauses



 Effect of Limitation of Liability



### Tort Law - USA

 Part 6 - Another Point of View

## Some of the Contract Law Course Content

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**Password Required** - This is the Formal NHICC - National Home Certification Council's National Examination. You must be registered with the NHICC to have access to the exam. Contact: [clawrens@mnsi.net](mailto: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.

## Agricultural Worker Housing

The NHICC completed a study and report for Foreign Agricultural Worker Housing. This course is intended to provide housing inspectors with the background information and technical details required to conduct housing audits for Foreign Agricultural

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The **“Test Inspection Peer Review”** section provides details and information regarding the practical field test of the inspector, and follow-up inspection report facilitated by the NHICC Team of Examiners.

**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.

**NHICC National Exam** - 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.

**Exam Proctors** are provided to all exam participants as part of the initial application and exam payment fee. *The exam is closed book, no reference materials permitted, and the exam is offered online via the NHICC Exam Centre Web Portal. Typically Skype, FaceTime or Zoom is used for the online exam delivery. Your proctor must validate that the person taking the exam is properly identified by a passport, driver’s license or health card, prior to commencing the exam.*

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

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**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 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 1200 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. 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.

**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. We currently discourage the paper-based exam for security reasons. However, it may be requested under special circumstances.

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. A pass grade in Alberta under licensing is 80%.**

**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

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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. Alternatively the NHICC will provide a proctor for your online exam that is part of an application to the NHICC and includes the exam fee.**

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

Family members and relatives may NOT serve as proctors, no matter what their position.

**Exam Site Requirement (Offsite)** - 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