

# National Home Inspector Certification Council

## NHICC EXAM – GENERAL INFORMATION

The NHICC Practice Exam is open for anyone to try, and may be taken anytime, and multiple times if required. The Practice Exam is a sample of questions. Login Access to our Exam Centre requires receiving a username and password.

Anyone can take the NHICC National Exam that is intended to count towards licensing (where applicable in Canada), provided they have paid and registered with the NHICC to complete it. The exam is proctored by an approved NHI to satisfy licensing agreements.

The content of the NHICC National Home Inspector Exam is based on a DACUM study that defines the NHICC - National Occupational Standard for Home Inspectors and competent practice. This occupational analysis generated by a panel Subject Matter Experts served as the designers for the examination. The information provided is neither a detailed description of all topics that appear on the examination nor does it address all skills necessary to perform a competent inspection. It simply ensures a reasonable level of knowledge, thus competency on home inspections. To date we have over 1300 questions in our exam database, and we continue to add more. The exam is simply not based on one specific education training provider like some of the others are.

### **We offer exam participants general information about what to expect.**

- It's a 3-hour maximum timed exam and there are 175 questions.
- Most of the exam questions are multiple choice style.
- There's only one correct answer to the question.
- Because the questions are primarily multiple-choice style, they are computer scored objectively.
- A portion of the questions (up to 10) involve photo defect recognition and require a brief report on the conditions depicted and the defect(s) – (Basic report writing).
- A portion of the exam also covers questions for Standards of Practice & Code of Ethics.
- The questions reflect the criticality and importance scales derived from the DACUM review committee.

The exam is offered electronically and **MUST** be prearranged and monitored by our NHICC PROCTOR typically via Skype or Facetime.

### **A few reference resources to study in preparation includes:**

- ASHI - Standards of Practice & Code of Ethics
- Cauldwell – Inspecting A House (Taunton Press)
- CHBA – CHBA Builders' Manual
- CMHC – Canadian Wood-Frame House Construction
- CMHC – A Guide to Mechanical Equipment for Healthy Indoor Environments
- Field Guide to Home Inspections (Stephen Gladstone)
- National Building Code of Canada
- NBC – Illustrated User's Guide – NBC Part 9 Housing and Small Buildings
- P.S. Knight - Electrical Code Simplified

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