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National Standard

The development of a National Standard – aka: National Occupational Standard for Home & Property Inspectors dates back to 2001.

During the process of what was coined the **“National Initiative”** an occupational skills analysis (sometimes referred to as a “Job Task Analysis”) served as the cornerstone for the development of a curriculum DACUM (Developing a Curriculum). The occupational analysis serves in providing the learning outcomes for the implementation of national training and certification for home inspectors. This project was primarily funded through CMHC & HRSDC.

In October 2005 in a partnership between business and labour, and funding from the Government of Canada and industry contributions a review of the previous curriculum and training was completed and compared to the National Occupational Standards. Through this review and assessment process the net results provided the strategic framework model for assessment and certification for home and property inspectors. This led to the creation of what became known as the **“National Certification Program”**.

Governance of the program model is based on the criteria defined in the CAN-P-9 “Standard Criteria for Accreditation of Personnel Certification Bodies”. The CAN-P-9 standard is published by the Standards Council of Canada, and is based on the ISO standard. The ISO standard in turn links us to the NHICC and our continued membership and comparable alignment with NCCA-ICE.

The NHICC continues to this day to support and maintain the National Certification Program. Unfortunately our review and analysis of other home inspection association certification indicates that others have failed by lowering their certification requirements.

There are many individuals within all home inspection associations that share a common commitment to improve the profession. **However the reality is even to this day, without a common national certification standard and those associations with lowering certification requirements one must question who will protect unsuspecting consumers?**

We believe that unifying the profession around “common goals” and a “common national standard” is needed not just by ALL members of the profession, but also by a number of stakeholders in the Canadian housing and financing community, as well as beneficial to “consumers”.

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