

# Certification



## Background Review - Point System

A “**Background Review**” (aka: **Prior Learning Assessment**) process is used by the NHICC to determine the appropriate stage for an individual. Any individual who wants to be considered at a particular stage must apply to the NHICC and present their background documentation of their personal background. Background review criteria are based on the tasks defined in the National Occupational Standard for home and property inspectors.

App Page #	Note	Category	Points	Maximum Limits
1 of 8	1	Memberships & Designations	50 points per diploma, degree or trade certificate, member	100 points total
2 of 8	1	Degrees & Diplomas	Degrees or diplomas not related to the home inspection industry are worth 25/per credential to a maximum of 50 points	
2 of 8	1	Trade Tickets		
3 of 8	1, 3	Formal HPI Training Courses ( <i>Education</i> )	3 points per hour of <b>accredited</b> training/education 1 point per hour <b>non-accredited</b> training/education	450 points total
3 of 8	1	Mentored Field Training ( <i>Supervised by qualified inspector*</i> )	3 points per home inspection	240 points
4 of 8	1	Other – Training ( <i>Workshops/Seminars</i> )	1 point per hour of technical training ( <i>Cannot be part of Formal Training Courses</i> )	May supplement 150 deficit points
4 of 8	1	Informal Field Training	1 point per hour of training	50 points
5 of 8	1	NHICC National H.I. Exam (80%-84% grade)	200 points for a pass grade of 80%-84%	200 points
		NHICC National H.I. Exam (85%-89% grade)	225 points for a pass grade of 85%-89%	225 points
		NHICC National H.I. Exam (90% + grade)	250 points for a grade of 90% +	250 points
5 of 8	1, 2, 4	Home & Property Inspections	1 point per fee paid inspection (past 5 years)	500 points total

### Notes to Point System

1. Support documents (proof/evidence) required for page 1 through 5 of application for background review.
2. Inspections are subject to random audit and report verification, which can include request for reports and list of inspections.
3. If inspector is short in educational points but has worked five years and has passed the National H.I. Exam, he/she can earn: 80% on exam 200 points, 85% on exam 225 points, 90% or more on exam 250 points.
4. Some NHICC approved mentoring could be substituted for inspections. (3 hours mentoring equal one inspection but minimum number of inspections would be 50).

### Point System Definitions (*Italicized words*)

- The NHICC defines **accredited training** as training and education courses “recognized” as a course that has an exam component that is proctored by a “qualified” home inspector.
- **Non-accredited training** and education courses are those courses that do not have a proctored exam(s).
- Where there is a course exam and it is not proctored by a qualified home inspector it is valued at 1 point per hour

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- **Seminars** and **workshops** are defined as short interval courses such as technical training that is less than 8 hours in duration. Seminars and workshops do not count as “Formal HPI Training Courses”.
- A **qualified home inspector\*** is currently recognized by the NHICC as training and education by a professional that has achieved the NHI or RHI, or PHPI designation, and furthermore has a minimum of 5 years of home inspection experience. With regards to licensing regulation a qualified home inspector “must” meet the specific requirements of the provincial regulatory authority in which the “applicant/candidate/provisional” will practice.
- **Field Training\*** comprises at least 10 supervised home inspections during the program. At least 2 of these completed inspections are subject to peer review or professional review by individuals other than those involved in the supervision and practical training process. With regards to licensing regulation a qualified home inspector for field training “must” meet the specific requirements of the provincial regulatory authority in which the “applicant/candidate/provisional” will practice.
- **Mentor or Supervised\*** refers to a **qualified home inspector** recognized by the NHICC as training and education by a professional that has achieved the NHI, RHI or PHPI designation, and furthermore has a minimum of 5 years of home inspection experience. With regards to licensing regulation a qualified home inspector mentor “must” meet the specific requirements of the provincial regulatory authority in which the “applicant/candidate/provisional” will practice.