

How to Become an Inspector

- Only persons licensed by the North Carolina by the Home Inspector Licensure Board are permitted to perform home inspections for compensation in North Carolina.
- To qualify for licensure, they must satisfy certain education and experience requirements and pass a state licensing examination.

The following excerpts are derived from the NC Home Inspector Licensure Board NC Administrative Code and General Statutes:

Requirements to be licensed as a home inspector in North Carolina.

To be licensed as a home inspector, an applicant must do all of the following:

1. Submit a completed application to the NC Home Inspector Licensure Board upon a form provided by the Board.
2. Pass a licensing examination prescribed by the Board.
3. Have minimum net assets or a bond in an amount determined by the Board. The amount may not be less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
4. Pay the applicable fees.
5. Meet one of the following three conditions:
 1. Have a high school diploma or its equivalent, have been engaged as a licensed associate home inspector for at least one year, and have completed 100 home inspections for compensation.
 2. Have education and experience the Board considers to be equivalent to that required by subpart a. of this subdivision.
 3. Be licensed as a general contractor under Article 1 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes, as an architect under Chapter 83A of the General Statutes, or as a professional engineer under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.

Requirements to be licensed as an associate home inspector in North Carolina.

To be licensed as an associate home inspector, a person must do all of the following:

1. Submit a completed application to the NC Home Inspector Licensure Board upon a form provided by the Board.
2. Pass a licensing examination prescribed by the Board.

3. Pay the applicable fees.
4. Have a high school diploma or its equivalent.
5. Be employed by or affiliated with or intend to be employed by or affiliated with a licensed home inspector and submit a sworn statement by that licensed home inspector certifying that the licensed home inspector will "actively supervise and train the applicant."

You may take the examination for an associate home inspector license without being employed by or affiliated with a licensed home inspector. However, you will not be issued an associate home inspector license until you become employed by or affiliated with a licensed home inspector.

For complete instructions, application, study guide, etc. regarding home inspector licensing in North Carolina click on the following link to the NC Home Inspector Licensure Board Application Package page:

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/hilb/engineering_hilb_application_package.asp

Questions regarding becoming a home inspector and questions regarding the Home Inspector Exam and the Associates Home Inspector Exam should be directed to the NC Home Inspector Licensure Board:

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