

National Home Inspector Certification Council

GENERAL INFORMATION

Information: One of the key requirements to sit for the exam is an initial application providing us with a bit of background on you as the “candidate”. Refer to our [application process](#).

Timing: Typically, between the time of the initial contact request and the actual date of the exam, the timing can vary, but generally in the range of 5 to 10 business days.

Proctor: An exam proctor is required for ALL exams. They must be pre-approved, or your best option you may utilize one of our NHICC Examiners to proctor your exam. The NHICC proctor is part of your exam and NHICC application fee.

Study Material: We provide some general information on our NHICC Exam Centre website to help you prepare for the “exam”. However, much of the exam contains questions from a variety of sources typically utilized in post-secondary education courses for home inspectors. Just to name a few, these include:

- Canadian Home Builders – Builders’ Manual
- Carson Dunlop Training
- CMHC Text – Canadian Wood-frame House Construction
- CMHC Report – A Guide to Mechanical Equipment
- Electrical Code Simplified
- Field Guide to Home Inspections (Stephen Gladstone, ACI)
- Inspecting a House (Taunton Press – Rex Cauldwell)
- ISS Home Inspection Training

Sample Exams: We provide several sample and reference exams on our NHICC Exam Centre website.

Fee: The fee to complete the exam is \$50.00, payable through our NHICC PayPal web payment page. The cost basically covers exam proctoring and oversight. There is an additional fee of \$50.00 to retake the exam. (Exam retakes require a minimum of 5 working days to arrange.) Retakes are free for any candidate scoring between 65-69%.

Availability: Exam times and dates are arranged and mutually agreed upon between the “candidate” and the “exam proctor”, or upon prior approval from the NHICC for non-NHICC proctors.

Number of Exams: Exams are “closed” book. We offer a number of exams, all being of equal value, but “shuffled” to ensure rigor to our exam and question pool. The same number of questions is provided on all of our formal exams. Our exam is all inclusive – technical and professional practices based, to be completed in one sitting of 3 hours maximum duration.

Pass Grade: Depending on specific requirements, such as where licensing regulations dictate, the minimum pass grade is 70%, and the same pass grade must be attained for the Professional Practices & Code of Ethics portion of the exam. For the province of Alberta the pass grade is 80%.

Results: Our online exam will provide the “candidate” with a general grade obtained after completion of the exam. In addition, we also provide a brief report on the subject areas, which indicate “gaps” in the education and learning of the system(s).