

State Real Estate Inspector Examination

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I take the State Real Estate Inspector Examination?

The State Real Estate Inspector Examination is recognized for licensing in the state of Kansas, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Areas Covered By the Exam

- Site, Exterior, Roof, Garage, Attic
- Structural and Foundation
- Exterior
- Interior
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Environmental Hazards and Mitigation
- Indoor Air and Water Quality
- Plumbing

What are the suggested review materials for the Exam?

The Exam is based on the following materials:

- Real Estate Home Inspection (Russell W. Burgess, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th Editions)
- The Complete Book of Home Inspection (Norman Becker, P.E., 2nd Edition)
- Modern Carpentry (Willis H. Wagner, Howard Bud Smith)
- Trouble Shooting Guide to Residential Construction, from the Editors of Journal of Light Construction

Other Recommended Reading:

- Code Check (Redwood Kardon, Taunton Press)
- Subterranean Termite Control Manual (Prepared by Phillip G. Koehler)
- Basic Plumbing (Sunset Books)
- Basic Wiring (Sunset Books)
- Dampness in Buildings (Oxley & Gobert, 2nd Edition)
- Basic Home Repairs (Sunset Books)
- Craftsman Book Series

Where is the Exam offered?

The Exam is a computer-based test that is administered through PSI testing facilities throughout the United States. Please visit <http://www.lasergrade.com/psi-locate.shtml> to see which location is closest to you.

How Long Is the Exam?

The Exam is a comprehensive two-hour, 120-question exam. Most candidates are able to complete the exam well within the two-hour time limit.

Can I bring books or notes to the Exam?

NO. You are not allowed to bring any materials into the testing room. Paper, books, notes, or other written materials are expressly forbidden.

What is the passing grade?

As of July 31, 2007, an applicant must pass the Exam with a 70% overall score.

Who sees the Exam results?

Applicants receive their scores immediately after taking the Exam. PSI will also forward your score to NAHI Headquarters for record keeping purposes. An official letter regarding your exam

results will be mailed to you from NAHI Headquarters.

If I do not pass, can I take the Exam again?

YES, you may retake the Exam at your convenience. There is no waiting period when taking the Exam for the **2nd** time. However, you must submit the Exam Re-take Form, pay the re-take fee, and submit a copy of your Exam results prior to taking the Exam.

After failing the Exam **two times**, you must wait **14 days** from the date you last took it before you can take it again. You must also submit the Exam Re-take Form, pay the re-take fee, and submit a copy of your previous Exam results prior to taking the Exam.

After failing the Exam **three times**, you must wait **30 days** from the date you last took it before you can take it again. You must also submit the Exam Re-take Form, pay the re-take fee, and submit a copy of your previous Exam results prior to taking the Exam.

What are the requirements for taking the Exam?

An applicant must complete the official application form and pay the appropriate Exam fee of \$175. The fee for re-taking the Exam is \$100.

How do I sign up for the Exam?

Attached is an application form for the Exam. Once the application is received, NAHI staff will send you an Exam confirmation via email. Be sure to list an email address you check regularly. This confirmation will include a phone number you will need to call to schedule your Exam.

What do I need to bring with on the Exam day?

You must bring a photo ID to the PSI testing center as a means of identification.

Is there a cancellation policy?

Yes, if you need to reschedule your Exam and fail to do so prior to 24 hours before your Exam is scheduled, you will be required to pay the full Exam fee again in order to take the Exam.

If I have further questions, whom do I contact?

Please call the NAHI office at 800-448-3942 with any questions you might have.

State Real Estate Inspector Examination **Application**

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

If you've attended a home inspection training course, please list the name of the school / provider:

FEES: \$175

Please remit payment by sending a check with your completed application or by filling out your credit card information below. Checks must be made out to NAHI.

Credit Card # (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover):

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail or Fax the application and appropriate fee to:

National Association of Home Inspectors, Inc. (NAHI)

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