

Steps to become a Home Inspector

First Step: Complete 60 hours of pre-licensing coursework from the provider of your choice. Acceptable providers criteria:

- If the coursework is accepted by any State Home Inspector Board, it will be acceptable for pre-licensing education by the MREC.
- Certified by ANY Society, Institute, Council or Home Inspector Association.
- Approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

The provider has to meet one **ONE** of the above criteria(s) in order to be accepted.

Second Step: Contact the National Home Inspector's Exam Office and schedule your proctored exam. The MREC does not administer or schedule the exam. You must contact NHIE (contact info below) to schedule an exam.

National Home Inspector Examination
800 East Northwest Highway, Suite 700
Palatine, IL 0074
(847) 298-7750 – Telephone

You are required to pass the National Home Inspector Examination. For complete information and to register, go to www.homeinspectionexam.org

Third Step: Obtain your general liability AND errors and omissions insurance. Two separate types of coverage(s) is required:

- Minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 per incident on both types of coverage.
- Errors and Omissions and General Liability **MUST** be listed on the Certificate of Liability as separate coverages.
- The individual Home Inspector's name must be on the Certificate of Liability; not the company name; if a company is involved

Once these first three steps are completed, you may print an application from our website to complete. **You will attach proof of:**

- 60 hours pre-licensing coursework
- Proof of passing national exam
- Certificate of Insurance for General Liability AND E&O coverage
- Copy of high school or college transcript OR diploma
- \$500.00 check or money order

State Statute allows MREC up to 30 days to issue the license, however, in most cases it is within 2 weeks of receipt of application provided that all required documentation is submitted with the application.