

Is your home inspector blind?

Licensing of home inspectors only sets a *minimum* standard. Much like being *up to code*, any less would be illegal. Under this low bar, imaginary people, children, psychics (who claim to "sense" if a house is OK), pets, and even the blind can be home inspectors. Other home inspection associations have no entrance requirements and, worse, encourage their *associates* to go out and perform actual inspections for poor, unsuspecting consumers as the only way to achieve full membership. InterNACHI finds this practice unconscionable. We [turn down more than 60% of the inspectors](#) who want to join InterNACHI because they can't [pass our exam](#), and we turn down 90% of those left because they can't [fulfill our membership requirements](#).

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InterNACHI inspectors:

1. must pass InterNACHI's [Online Inspector Examination](#) in order to join, and every year of membership, with a score of 80 or better. (This general exam, which is not association-specific, is open and free to all.)
2. must complete InterNACHI's online [Ethics Obstacle Course](#). (This Ethics course is open and free to all.)
3. must take InterNACHI's online [Standards of Practice Quiz](#). (This open-book Standards of Practice quiz is open and free to all.)
4. must sign and submit an [Affidavit](#).
5. must adhere to InterNACHI's [Standards of Practice](#).
6. must abide by InterNACHI's [Code of Ethics](#).
7. must continue learning by taking courses (24 hours per year), per InterNACHI's [Continuing Education Policy](#).
8. must maintain their Online Member Continuing Education Log (free), per InterNACHI's [Continuing Education Policy](#).
9. must [submit four mock inspections](#) (if the inspector has never performed a home inspection for a fee) to InterNACHI's Report Review Committee (free) before performing their first fee-paid home inspection for a client.
10. must [apply for a membership photo I.D.](#) (free) within the 10 days after joining.
11. must log in to [NACHI's educational message board](#) within 10 days after joining.
12. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Safe Practices course](#) (free), including all the quizzes, within 30 days after joining.
13. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Residential Standards of Practice course](#) (free) within 30 days after joining.
14. must complete InterNACHI's online [25 Standards Every Inspector Should Know course](#) (free) and pass its final exam within 30 days after joining.
15. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Plumbing course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam within 45 days after joining.
16. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Electrical course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam within 45 days after joining.
17. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Roofing course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam within 45 days after joining.
18. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [HVAC course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam within 60 days after joining.
19. must complete InterNACHI's online [Structural course](#) (free) within 60 days after joining.
20. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Exterior Inspection course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam within 60 days after joining.
21. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Attic, Insulation, Ventilation and Interior Inspection course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam within 90 days after joining.
22. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Deck Inspections course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam within 90 days after joining.
23. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Moisture Intrusion Inspection course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam within 90 days after joining.
24. must re-take and pass [InterNACHI's Online Inspector Examination](#) again, every year (free).

25. must complete InterNACHI's online [Green Building course](#) (free), including all quizzes within, and pass its final exam within one year after joining.
26. must complete InterNACHI's comprehensive online [Wood-Destroying Organism course](#) (free), including all the quizzes within, and pass its final exam, within two years after joining.
27. must complete InterNACHI's online [Mold Inspection course](#) (free), including all quizzes within, and pass its final exam within two years after joining.
28. must complete InterNACHI's online Inspecting [Foundation Walls and Piers course](#) (free), including all quizzes within, and pass its final exam within two years of joining.
29. must complete InterNACHI's online [Vermiculite Insulation mini-course](#) (free), including all the quizzes, within three years after joining.
30. must complete InterNACHI's online [Polybutylene Plumbing mini-course](#) (free), including all the quizzes, within three years after joining.
31. must complete InterNACHI's online [Water Heater TPR Valve Discharge Piping mini-course](#) (free), including all the quizzes, within three years after joining.
32. must complete InterNACHI's online [Emergency Egress mini-course](#) (free) including all the quizzes, within three years after joining.
33. must complete InterNACHI's online [Log Home course](#) (free), including all quizzes within, and pass its final exam within three years after joining.
34. must complete InterNACHI's online [Radon Measurement Service Provider course](#) (free) including all quizzes within, and pass its final exam within three years after joining.
35. must complete InterNACHI's online [Commercial Inspection course](#) (free), including all quizzes within, and pass its final exam within three years after joining.
36. must complete at least eight hours of [advanced \(or beyond\) Standards of Practice coursework](#) within three years after joining (reasonable exceptions apply).
37. must attend at least one [chapter meeting or educational seminar](#) within three years after joining (reasonable exceptions apply).

So, the next time you need to refer your clients to home inspectors, [make sure they are members of InterNACHI](#), and never use a *candidate* or *associate* of any association. InterNACHI is America's elite home inspection association.



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