

How Do You Become a Home Inspector in Wisconsin?

Are you ready to lay the foundation of your own home inspection business? We've created a comprehensive guide to help you cement your new career as a home inspector in Wisconsin. Follow the steps below to learn more about home inspection courses (and why they're necessary), taking the National Home Inspector Exam (NHIE), and where to go from here.

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Prerequisites:

- A background check is not required, but applicants are required to disclose their criminal history.
- Notarized application and fingerprints are not required.
- There is no minimum age requirement.

1. Complete 40 Hours of a Wisconsin-Approved Home Inspection Course

The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services mandates that all home inspectors must be certified. The first step in obtaining a Wisconsin Home Inspector License is completing the required [40-hour state-approved home inspection course](#).

Professional home inspection training from a reputable home inspection school is key to understanding Wisconsin home inspection law. Many home inspection associations and industry professionals agree that this coursework is essential to setting yourself up for success from the start.

2. Pass the National Home Inspector Examination

After completing your home inspector courses, the next step in establishing yourself as a trusted expert is passing the [National Home Inspector Exam](#). The exam consists of 200 multiple choice questions (25 of which are not scored) covering three major domains, or sections, that every home inspector should know. Those domains are:

- Property and Building Inspection/Site Review
- Analysis of Findings and Reporting
- Professional Responsibilities

Test takers are given 4 hours to complete the exam, and each attempt costs roughly \$225 (depending on your location). Due to the unignorable cost of taking the exam, we highly recommend taking an [Exam Prep course](#) to greatly increase your chances of passing on the first try. If an individual does not pass, they must wait 30 days before taking the exam again.

3. **Complete the Wisconsin Home Inspector Statutes and Rules Exam**

Once you've passed the NHIE, it's time to take the Wisconsin Home Inspector Statutes and Rules Exam (WHIS).

After you've *scheduled your exam*, submit your application for home inspector registration (Form #2466) with the exam fee. When the application has been processed, you will be assigned an exam name, password, and application ID number. You must achieve an 85% or better on the Home Inspector Statutes & Rules exam in order to pass.

4. **Complete Wisconsin Form #2466 and Provide Proof of Completion of Your NHIE and WHIS Exams**

Once you've passed both exams, fill out the rest of Form #2466.

5. **Pay the \$126 Fee & Submit your Home Inspector Application to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services**

Lastly, pay the \$126 application fee and submit your application to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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