

Home Inspector Test Comparison Worksheet*

Considerations	National Home Inspector Examination	Other test
Sponsoring organization	<p><i>Examination Board of Professional Home Inspectors dba National Home Inspector Examination</i></p> <p>EBPHI is an independent IRS 501c(6) not-for-profit organization whose sole mission is “to establish the standard of competence for home inspectors and to enhance consumer confidence in home inspection professionals.”</p>	
Regulatory status	<p><i>Twenty-one states</i></p> <p>NHIE is named by twenty-one state home inspector regulatory bodies, in most cases as the required examination for licensing. Examination fee is also reimbursed by the federal Veterans Administration for military personnel.</p>	
Independence	<p><i>Not a membership or lobbying organization</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBPHI is not reliant on membership to increase dues revenue and has no mission to address home inspector market concerns. • EBPHI does not take a position regarding licensing or lobby legislatures. 	
Legal defensibility	<p><i>Never named in suit against client states</i></p> <p>Development, maintenance and administration of the NHIE are performed pursuant to accepted psychometric standards for public protection testing. Compliance with these standards confers a high degree of legal defensibility.</p>	
History	<p><i>Testing since October 1999</i></p> <p>More than 18,000 tests administered</p>	
Costs	<p><i>No cost to state regulatory body</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,000 and 1,200 subject matter expert man hours invested annually to maintain quality of the NHIE. • Client states represented by home inspector subject matter expert of their choice in annual Item Writing Workshop. • State-specific module development available. 	
Test maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly monitoring of test performance • Annual item bank development and full-scale review of test performance • Complete role definition study every five years (next scheduled for 2008) 	

Test format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed book, four hour exam • 200 multiple choice questions, 25 as rotating unscored field test pool • Delivered at proctored test-centers via secure internet connection; candidates subject to several security checks 	
Test content	<p><i>Test blueprint based on formal role delineation study performed every 3-5 years</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection Methods, 27% • Building Systems, 42% (exterior, structural, roofing, electrical, insulation/ventilation, plumbing, interior, fireplace/chimney,.) • Reporting, 26% • Professional Practice, 5% 	
Compliance with accepted test development standards	<p><i>Complies with public protection and employment testing standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Educational Research Association • American Psychological Association • National Council on Measurement in Education • Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation • National Organization for Competency Assurance 	