

# Home Inspector Application and Test FAQs

**What are the qualifications to take the test?** You must qualify to take the test by documenting at least 20 eligibility points. Points are earned by previous training, education or experience in home inspections and other construction related fields.

**How can I find which certified home inspectors will do ride-alongs or give recommendations for me to earn eligibility points?** It is your responsibility to find these. The CCB does not keep a list or provide this information. You might check with your local home inspector association.

**How long before I know if I'm eligible to sit for a test?** After your test application is received in our office, within two weeks you will receive either (1) a study guide and test information or (2) a letter requesting more documentation of eligibility.

**What are the qualifications to become certified?** In order to become certified, you must pass a test containing 200 questions divided into five sections. The passing score is 75% on each section.

**What if I hold a license or certification in another state?** *Oregon does not have reciprocity agreements with other states.*

**Is there a charge for the test?** Yes. The test fee is \$50.

**How many tests are there? How long does it take?** There is one test with five sections and each section has 40 questions. You are allowed a maximum of four hours to complete the test.

**What should I study for the test?** See the study guide and [suggested reading reference list](#) in the application packet. These items summarize the subjects covered on the test. The questions on the Standards of Practice test come from the 2007 Oregon Revised [Statutes](#) and the Oregon Administrative [Rules](#) (OARs).

**What are some schools where I can take training courses? Can professional associations help?** The CCB does not recommend specific home inspection schools or courses. A complete list of approved schools is in the application packet. You may also want to contact one of the national or state home inspector associations. These are also listed in the application packet.

**Can I get a sample test or previous tests to study?** No, but sample questions are included in the study guide.

**How will I find out the results?** You will be notified of your score(s) by mail within approximately 10 business days after the test was taken (this varies, depending on when the CCB gets tests returned from

test sites throughout the state). Test results cannot be faxed or given over the phone.

**After I pass the test, what are my fees?** There is a \$150 fee for the initial certification which lasts two years. After that there is a \$75 annual certification fee. Applicants will be certified for two-year periods (\$150).

**Once I pass all five sections of the test, can I start working?** No. Passing the test is the first step. You must become certified before you perform home inspections and also be either the owner or employee of a business licensed with the CCB as a General, Specialty Contractor or Inspector.

**What if I change my mind and decide not to take the test or what if I do not pass the test—are the fees refunded?** No. CCB staff has spent time processing the application and tests, therefore fees cannot be returned.

**If I fail, can I take the test again?** Applicants who attempt and fail the test must wait 30 days before taking the test again. If you have not passed all five sections within a year, you must re-apply and take and pass all five sections of the test.

**What if I pass some of the test sections, but not all of them?** You may retake any sections of the test you did not pass 30 days after your previous attempt.

**Is there a fee to retake the tests?** There is a \$25 retake fee (each sitting) no matter how many sections of the test you need to retake.

**Can I review the results or see the test I failed?** No.

**Can veterans get reimbursed for the CCB test fee?** Many veterans can get reimbursed for the cost of any CCB tests. Contact [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov), 1-888-442-4551 (US Dept. of Veterans Affairs) or 1-800-827-1000 (Oregon Dept. of Veterans Affairs) for more information. You must pay the CCB and take the test before applying for reimbursement with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.