

NEW POLICY ON CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HOME INSPECTOR LICENSEES
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BACKGROUND

The purpose of the twenty hour per license cycle continuing education requirement in the Home Inspection Licensing Statute is to assure that licensees are maintaining a current knowledge base in the core subjects directly relating to home inspection. The regulations implementing the law also allow course work in some ancillary subject areas (e.g. wood destroying insects, environmental issues, etc.) to be counted toward the continuing education requirement. There have been some instances where the majority of the continuing education credits submitted by an inspector for a license renewal have been in these ancillary areas.

POLICY

It is henceforth the policy of the Home Inspection Licensing Board that at least 75 per cent of the continuing education hours (15 of the 20 hours) submitted to support license renewal be on courses related to the "core subjects" of home inspection. The core subjects are as enumerated in the current home inspection regulations - Sec. 20-491-23(c) #1 through #20. The balance of the 20 hours can be in other disciplines related to home inspection such as, but not limited to, those enumerated in #21 through #25 in that same section of the regulation. For purposes of this calculation, the mandated three hour class in "home inspection legislation, licensing laws and regulations" shall be considered to be a "core" subject.

This policy change shall be effective as of August 4, 2011 and credits submitted in support of license renewal in 2013 will be evaluated using this new policy.

Licensees must take **approved** continuing education courses from **approved providers** as listed on www.ct.gov/dcp. Check with your provider.

The Home Inspection Licensing Board shall not approve offerings in mechanical office and business skills such as typing, speed-reading, memory development, personal motivation, salesmanship, sales psychology, sales promotions or other meetings held in conjunction with the general business of a home inspector.

Content Chart

15 Hours shall be with the following generally acceptable courses:

- (1) Laws and regulations pertaining to the home inspection licensing profession;
- (2) structural systems;
- (3) foundations;
- (4) interior walls, doors, ceilings and floors;
- (5) exterior walls and doors, windows and door glazing;
- (6) fireplace and chimney;
- (7) roof, roof structure and attic;
- (8) porches and decks;
- (9) mechanical systems (heating, cooling and solar work);
- (10) inspection guidelines for appliances;
- (11) inspection guidelines for cooling systems other than evaporative coolers;
- (12) inspection guidelines for evaporative coolers;

- (13) inspection guidelines for heating systems;
- (14) inspection guidelines for ducts, vents (including dryer vents) and flues;
- (15) plumbing systems (drain, waste, vent, water and gas);
- (16) inspection guidelines for plumbing systems;
- (17) electrical systems (for heat, light, power and other purposes);
- (18) telecommunications, data, low voltage systems;
- (19) service entrance and panels;
- (20) branch circuits, connected devices and fixtures;

5 Hours can be in other disciplines related to home inspection such as:

- (21) home inspection documents, forms, contracts and warranties;
- (22) water supply (drilled wells/community water supplies);
- (23) fire protection sprinkler systems;
- (24) rodents, pests and insects; and
- (25) environmental contaminants, such as radon, asbestos, lead paint, or lead solder, and other related courses which may be acceptable to the Home Inspection Licensing Board.