

Steps to Becoming a Home Inspector 877.51.HI.TEC

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GETTING STARTED

Step One: State Licensing Laws

First you need to find out what's required in your state. <u>Click here</u> to find your state's basic requirements.

Step Two: Choose your Education Provider

Knowing where to start is the first step to having that independent, self-employed lifestyle, and HI-TEC wants to be a part of that process with you. We have been teaching home inspection certification courses since 2003 and performing home inspections since 1994. While we may not be the biggest or the oldest, we're certainly the most relevant and up to date choice for your home inspection training with the latest textbooks and code reference materials of any other school in the country.

the large training companies keep getting larger without improvements and the smaller training companies won't provide the level of educational expertise we can. We've studied education, run multiple businesses as both executives and owners. What we have at HITEC really is something unique and unparalleled."

Derik R. Pomaville, President and CEO

There's more to a school than just how long they've been around. Here are some tips to help you with your research.:

- 1. When was the last time their materials were updated? Building requirements change on a 3-year cycle. Outdated materials will not only fall short on content, but may actually teach you the wrong details. Asking this question is an absolute must.
- 2. What is the experience of the instructor(s), and is it possible to speak directly to them? Have you ever had that one teacher or professor where the two of you just weren't a good match? Paring up with an instructor that doesn't teach to your learning style could be disastrous and when spending \$2,000-3,000, to sit in their classroom, you want to make sure they're a good match for you.

- 3. Do they have past students you can speak to in your area, who will provide a good review/recommendation? Google reviews are great, and most companies survey students, but we know firsthand how some companies pick and choose which students to send a survey to based on the likelihood of a positive review. Be wary of any company with 100% positive reviews.
- 4. Do they take valuable class time to give you a sales pitch on their products and materials? While you need to know what tools and software you'll need to start your business, there are better ways to get the message out than a sales pitch from an instructor.
- Learn how to shop for the right school!
- 5. Do they have a sample of their training you can view? Companies that call a promotional video a 'sample' of their training may be compensating for poor quality materials, technology, or presentation skills.
- 6. Are they approved in your state? Virtually every state that requires licensing must approve a training company's curriculum in order for them to offer their courses. Be sure to verify this with your state's licensing authority.
- 7. Do they teach the marketing side of the business? All the technical and communication skills in the world with a pat on the back saying, "Go get 'em, Tiger!" aren't enough to help you launch a successful business. Ask the training company if **every instructor** teaches the marketing in **every class**.
- **8.** Do they throw a ton of information at you right away—before enrolling? If so, be careful, this could be an indication of how their training materials are organized. Too much information does not translate to more value. Look for quality of materials, not quantity.

Step Three: Pass the Exam

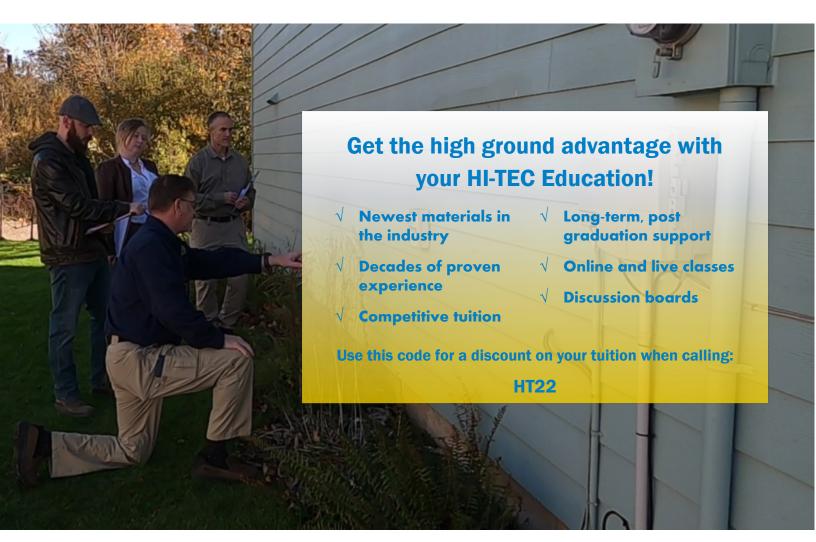
A soon as possible after completing the education process, you should schedule and take your state's exam. Nearly every state (with licensing requirements) requires a passing score on the National Home Inspector Exam (NHIE). Our entire curriculum is based on the textbooks authored by the National Home Inspector Exam Board. What this means for you is the benefit of the best technical materials in the industry from the perspective of an experienced successful home inspector. It just doesn't get any better than that!

Step Four: Get Your License

This usually involves a detailed application, proof of your education and field training (where applicable), proof of a passing score on the National Home Inspector Exam (NHIE), and submission of the appropriate fees. In some states, a background check may be required. HI-TEC will make sure you have all the information you need to complete this important step.

Step Five: Start Your Business!

Start marketing your business, earning an income, and recouping your investment. Know your state's continuing education requirements and stay on top of your knowledge.





HI-TEC thinks like a **school AND** a **business**. We're constantly updating our materials and offerings. We're here because **we've** worked for the biggest schools in the country. We know what students need to be successful, and how to **best provide** everyone with the **knowledge** and **skills required** to make home inspections a lifelong career. We **don't make sales pitches** in class, and **we do teach the marketing** in every class so you can get licensed, get marketing, and start **earning an income right away**.

Give us a call at <u>877.51.HI.TEC</u> and let one of our admissions experts help you get the answers you need!

