



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW INSPECTOR EXAM TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2013

The new exam is composed of two-parts: One part for national topics and one part for Texas specific topics. As reported in an earlier issue of the Advisor, the national part of the exam will help to better prepare inspectors for the field and will assist with some reciprocity issues.

The National part of the exam consists of 200 questions and the Texas part consists of 25 questions, all multiple choice. Examination content outline and reference material will be available in the Candidate Information Brochure (CIB). The revised CIB should be available shortly. A link to the CIB can be found by accessing the TREC website at www.trec.texas.gov and clicking the Inspector Information tab at the top of the home page. A link to the CIB can be found on the left side bar of the Inspector Information Main Page.

The exam fee is \$230.00 and is required each time the National and Texas parts of the exam are taken together or when the National part is taken alone. If one part of the exam has been passed, the applicant is required to retest only on the part that has been failed. The \$61.00 Texas exam fee is required if the applicant is only retaking the State part of the exam.

Important Notes for Current Inspector Applicants:

- Applicants who have a current application open as of December 31, 2012 and who have taken and failed the inspector examination that was in effect prior to January 1, 2013 may choose to retake the pre-January 1, 2013 exam if they qualify for reexamination under that same application. The applicant must notify PSI when registering for reexamination and must notify the Commission in writing. Notification to the Commission may be sent by email to education@trec.texas.gov.
- TREC may waive the national part of the exam if an applicant maintains an active license in another state and has passed the National Home Inspector Examination (NHIE) developed by the Examination Board of Professional Home inspectors. The applicant must provide the Commission with a license history or documentation from the other state indicating that the NHIE was passed.

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