



NCLHIA -CHARLOTTE

LICENSING BOARD UPDATE

Your North Carolina Inspector Network

Welcome to yet another special edition of the NCLHIA  
Charlotte Chapter Newsletter

UPDATES

NC Home Inspector Licensing Board Meeting  
and  
CE Training

## *CE Training Update*

The Home Inspector Licensing Board met via MS Teams for their regular meeting on July 10th. They DID NOT vote to extend the training deadline of September 10th.

This means that all required training must be completed on or before September 10th deadline for renewal of your license.

*If you feel that this will impact your ability to complete your CE requirements and you feel an extension of the deadline is necessary you need to let the board members know (see list below) as they still have time to act.*

Due to COVID restrictions currently, on-line training may be the only option available to obtain your 8 hours of CE electives and 4 Hrs of board mandated update training.

It is not clear at this time if in-person seminars will be permitted under the current COVID restrictions. The Governor is set to make an announcement this coming Friday (July 17) on what to expect next and how the state is going to move forward in responding to this pandemic. This may or may not include increasing the size of public meetings from

the current limit of 10 and opening up public spaces for meetings.

If the Governor opens public spaces and increases the size of permitted meetings to a significant number we expect that in-person training seminars may be available in late July and August. We know that several of the training providers have made contingency plans for offering in-person seminars later this summer.

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## What's Available

There are a number of options for obtaining your required 12 hours of CE credits on-line

- [InterNACHI](#) - Has over 40 NC



- [ICA](#) (Inspection Certification Associates) - They have NC board approved on-line and webinar based elective and update training courses. *This is one of the more affordable options and they have recently offered some attractive discounts.* Our past association President Eric Coates is their NC lead trainer. <https://icaschool.com/continuing-education/north-carolina-online/>
- [Gregory Engineering](#) - Has on-line and webinar courses for both electives and the update course. They are offering weekly update webinars courses, spaces are limited. They are also looking at the option of hosting in-person courses at their Burlington office. *HINT: Ask about their discount program for home inspectors that are*



Board approved Elective courses that you can take on-line at your own pace. InterNACHI even pays the registration fees to the state.

*Hint: They have a monthly membership option (\$49/MO) and you can drop it anytime. 8hrs of elective credit for \$49 is the best deal around!*

InterNACHI does not currently offer the 4 hr Update Course.

<https://www.nachi.org/membership>



*new or have been significantly impacted by the COVID restrictions.*



## *Our Recommendation*

Our recommendation is to start NOW and get your required CE training done as soon as possible.

The Board reported that currently about 300 of 1668 total licensed home inspectors have completed their CE requirements and that majority of licensees get their CE's in the month of August.

Given the uncertainty of the COVID restrictions and what will happen next there is a good possibility that in-person meeting could continue to be restricted or be very limited at best.

Our other concern is can the education providers and their systems support the last minute rush? Do they have the capacity and resources to meet the expected last minute demand without crashing their systems?

## *DON'T WAIT*

**DO IT  
NOW.  
SOMETIMES  
LATER  
BECOMES  
NEVER.**

*Note that the mandatory update course must be taken in person or via webinar and there are currently only 2 companies that are providing the update*



## Why isn't the Association and Chapter providing webinar training?

Due to what we consider excessive and restrictive requirements put on the education providers by the Licensing Board it has made it impractical for a mostly volunteer organization like NCLHIA to offer on-line training that meets the states requirements and would be accepted for credit.

Don't believe us just take a look at the requirements document recently provided by the licensing board and see if you don't agree.

### [NCHILB Webinar Requirements](#)

## Other Licensing Board Information & Updates

- **PROOF OF INSURANCE**

Beginning later this year the board will be requesting proof of insurance as a requirement for renewal of your license. Remember the requirement is to have \$250,000 in General Liability insurance and a minimum of \$5000 in assets, E&O insurance or a Bond. They will only be asking for proof of General Liability Insurance as E&O is not required. Exactly when this will be was not determined but it is expected to be after the license renewal deadline of Sept 30th.

- **LICENSE CERTIFICATE**

The Board created a special committee to look at revising the Home Inspection License Certificate. The intent is to make it look more professional and to be something that you would want to frame and display.

- **LICENSING FEE**

The Board currently has a fund balance of almost \$1.5 Million dollars. We have asked several times that they consider a fee reduction given the current surplus. To date they have ignored our request and no actions have been taken.

*If you are a new inspector or your business has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions and you feel a fee reduction would help your situation.*

Contact Chad Collins who is the current board Treasure. Chad Collins, 919-422-2828, [chad@collinsdesignbuild.com](mailto:chad@collinsdesignbuild.com)

- **BOARD MEETING PRESENTATION**

The presentation slides from the July 10th board meeting have been posted on the **Charlotte Chapter website** for review.

[LINK FOR > PRESENTATION SLIDES](#)

- **APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting minutes from the April 17th, 2020 board meeting are available for review on the **Charlotte Chapter website** in the inspector knowledge bank.

[LINK FOR > APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES](#)

- **COVID-19 CONCERNS**

The board has received a few complaints from homeowner's that inspectors are not following the COVID-19 guidelines. Given the number of home inspections conducted across the state the number of complaints has been very small. The board has not issued any COVID-19 directives and instead has relied upon those issued by the State and the Realtor Association. The board has asked us to remind you to follow and practice these guidelines when inspecting. Remember in today's environment there is a good possibility that you are being watched.

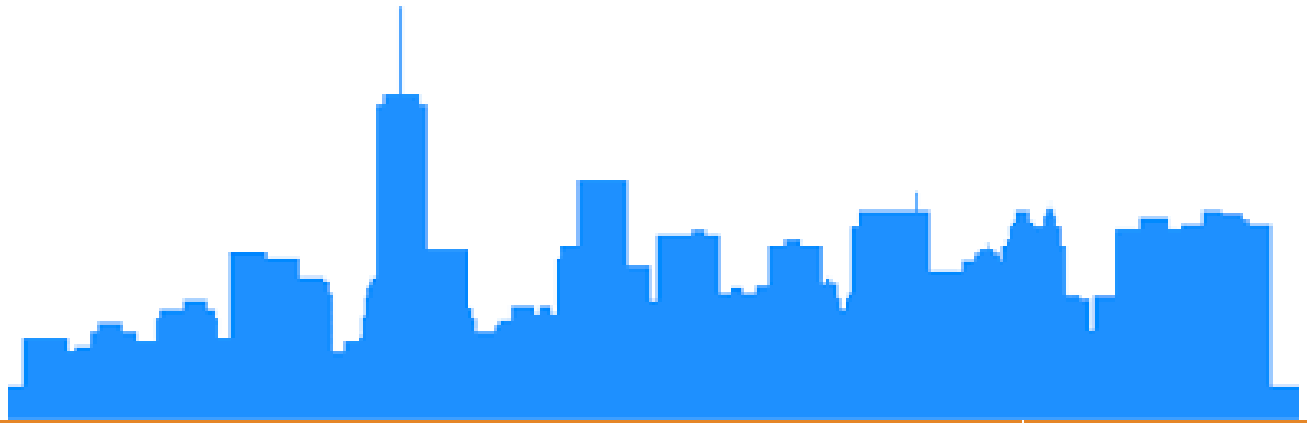
[COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND RESOURCES](#)

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