



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF HOME INSPECTORS

THE VOICE OF THE HOME INSPECTION PROFESSION IN THE EMPIRE STATE.

Note that the test referred to in this survey refers to the former NYS test, which has since been updated

2012 Membership Survey Results

Have you taken the NYS Home Inspector exam?

Yes 63%

No 37% If no skip questions #1 & #2

1. Does the NYS Home Inspector exam adequately measure whether someone has the knowledge necessary to perform a satisfactory home inspection?

Yes 35%

No 50%

Don't know 15%

2. Is the exam too easy, too hard, or about right?

Too easy 65%

Too hard 0%

About right 35%

3. Should the exam be periodically updated to reflect new building products, construction techniques, and materials?

Yes 94%

No 6%

4. Is 100 hours of classroom education and 40 hours of on-site education sufficient to prepare someone to perform home inspections for clients?

Yes 27%

No 66%

Don't know 7%

5. Which is a more valuable learning experience: classroom or on-site training?

Classroom ___ 29% ___
On-site ___ 65% ___
Don't know ___ 6% ___

6. What is the maximum number of students at an on-site inspection that will result in a good educational experience?

One or Two ___ 37% ___
Three - five ___ 42% ___
Five- Ten ___ 21% ___
Ten or more ___ 0% ___

7. Is it important that the on-site portion of the education requirement be in real inspection situations with buyers and sellers?

Yes ___ 59% ___
No ___ 37% ___
Don't know ___ 4% ___

8. Do you believe that continuing education through on-line courses only would be sufficient to ensure that inspectors have the knowledge necessary to perform satisfactory home inspections

Yes ___ 11% ___
No ___ 80% ___
Don't know ___ 9% ___

9. Where do you believe you can receive the best continuing education at present; from educational meetings with fellow inspectors, from seminars and conferences, or from home inspection school instructors? Please choose one.

Educational meetings with fellow inspectors ___ 35% ___
Educational seminars/conferences ___ 38% ___
Instructors at home inspection schools ___ 9% ___
Ride-alongs with fellow inspectors (live inspections) ___ 18% ___

10. Do you believe that 24 hours of continuing education in a two year period is sufficient to keep up with the knowledge necessary to protect consumers and perform satisfactory home inspections?

Yes ___ 64% ___
No ___ 29% ___
Don't know ___ 7% ___

11. Are the present Department of State regulations and educational requirements sufficient to ensure that inspectors are competent to perform satisfactory inspections and to protect the consumer?

Yes 27%
No 60%
Don't know 13%

12. Do you think it would be beneficial to home buyers to have a form similar to HUD's "For Your Protection, Get a Home Inspection", be included on all real estate sales contracts so the purchasers are fully aware the benefits of a home inspection, and the difference between a home inspection and appraisal?

Yes 97%
No 0%
Don't Know 3%

Thank you for taking the time to answer this questionnaire. Your answers are important to us as we work to improve the regulatory environment for the home inspection profession.

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