

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

16-3A-03.

Effective July 1, 2002, an applicant for a home inspector license shall:

(1) have completed a minimum of [48] 72 hours of an [off-site] ON-SITE training course approved by a national home inspection organization [or] AND the Commission THAT AT A MINIMUM REQUIRES SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NATIONAL HOME INSPECTOR EXAMINATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION;

(2) have a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(3) have [general liability] insurance [in an amount not less than \$50,000] AS REQUIRED UNDER § 16-4A-04 OF THIS TITLE;

(4) submit to the Commission an application on the form that the Commission provides; and

(5) pay to the Commission an application fee of \$50.

16-3A-05.

If an applicant qualifies for a home inspector license under this title, the Commission shall send the applicant a notice that states:

(1) the applicant has qualified for the license; and

(2) the Commission will issue the home inspector license to an applicant upon receipt of[:

(i) proof of general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$50,000; and

(ii)] a license fee not to exceed \$400.

16-3A-07.

(a) Unless a license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section, the license expires on a staggered basis as determined by the Secretary.