

# Inspector Candidate Assessment Questionnaire

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing -  
Real Estate Assessment Center (PIH-REAC)

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Last name:	Middle name/initial:	First name:	Home phone number:	Work phone number:
Street address:		Apartment number:	Cell phone number:	(Independent User ID or MID)
City:			State:	Zip code:
Primary e-mail address:				
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The following questionnaire provides HUD with basic background information of your inspection skills, knowledge and abilities. You may be required to provide verifiable documentation of your answers.

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## Inspection Experience

I have completed the following number of commercial and/or residential inspections, in which I was solely responsible for conducting the inspection. At the conclusion of the inspection, I was required to independently document the finding(s) in a written report. During the inspection, I was required to assess the physical condition of the building and building systems, including the roof, foundation, exterior walls, interior walls, electrical systems, mechanical systems, and all other items associated with a multifamily commercial building. (This does not include termite inspections, appraisals, and site visits from property owners, managers, or real estate brokers.).

**Choose only ONE response.**

- ☐ 0 – 49 inspections  
☐ 50 – 125 inspections  
☐ 126 – 249 inspections  
☐ 250 – 349 inspections  
☐ 350 – 499 inspections  
☐ 500+ inspections

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**Education**

I have the following level of education.

**Choose only ONE response.**

- ☐ I do not have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- ☐ High school diploma or equivalent
- ☐ Associate's Degree
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree
- ☐ Master's Degree

**Specialized Training**

I have completed the following number of hours of formal inspection training in a certified training program.

**Choose only ONE response.**

- ☐ I do not have formal inspection training from a certified training academy.
- ☐ 1 – 19 hours
- ☐ 20 – 39 hours
- ☐ 40 – 79 hours
- ☐ 80+ hours

**Computer Skills**

When using e-mail, which of the following activities can you perform without the assistance of another individual?

**Select ALL that apply.**

- ☐ Never used e-mail/cannot perform any of the tasks listed below without assistance.
- ☐ Send and receive messages.
- ☐ Send an attached document with an e-mail.
- ☐ Receive and save an attached document.
- ☐ Access my e-mail on a computer other than my primary computer.

When using the Internet, which of the following activities can you perform without the assistance of another individual?

**Select ALL that apply.**

- ☐ Never used the Internet/cannot perform any of the tasks below without assistance.
- ☐ Access a web site.
- ☐ Search using a search engine tool.
- ☐ Submit information to a web site (e.g., upload a file, purchase merchandise, fill out an online survey, conduct banking, etc.).
- ☐ Download files and save them to a specific location on the computer.

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When it comes to using a computer, which of the following activities can you perform without the assistance of another individual?

Select **ALL** that apply.

- ☐ Never used a computer/cannot perform any of the tasks below without assistance.
- ☐ Navigate in different folders.
- ☐ Open and use multiple software applications at a time.
- ☐ Create, copy, move, rename, and delete files and folders.
- ☐ Install new software.

I have the following experience using a computer to conduct inspections.

Choose only **ONE** response.

- ☐ I have not used a computer to conduct an inspection.
- ☐ I have conducted an inspection using an inspection report form, input the data into a computer upon completion of the inspection, and printed a final report.
- ☐ I have conducted an inspection using a hand-held device while on-site and printed a final report.
- ☐ I have downloaded inspection data from the Internet, conducted the inspection using a hand-held device, input observations into the inspection software while on-site, and uploaded the completed inspection to the provider.

**Technical Knowledge in Commercial and Residential Building Trades**

Please read the following list of major building trades used in commercial and residential construction, and mark those in which you have technical knowledge.

Select **ALL** that apply.

- ☐ I do not have technical knowledge in any of the building trades listed below.
- ☐ Carpentry
- ☐ Electrical (e.g., elevators, emergency power)
- ☐ HVAC (e.g., boilers, radiant heaters, air handlers, building exhausts)
- ☐ Masonry
- ☐ Plumbing

**Related Information**

Please read the following and mark those that describe you and your experience.

Select **ALL** that apply.

- ☐ I am a member of a professional society of inspectors.
- ☐ I have a commercial and/or residential builder's license.
- ☐ I have been the manager of a property and conducted inspections.
- ☐ I have been part of the maintenance personnel of a property and conducted inspections.
- ☐ I am currently a building inspector for a state or municipality.
- ☐ None of the above applies.

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I am willing to travel the following distance in miles to conduct a one-day inspection.

**Choose only ONE response.**

- ☐ 0 – 99 miles  
☐ 100 – 199 miles  
☐ 200 – 299 miles  
☐ 300 – 499 miles  
☐ 500+ miles

To be eligible to become a certified UPCS inspector you must submit to and pass a Personal Identity Verification (PIV) process that involves a thorough criminal background investigation. HUD's Personnel Security Division (PSD) will determine your suitability to conduct property inspections as a UPCS inspector. PSD may require additional documents if needed to further assess the nature or seriousness of a past offense(s). You will be permitted to begin Phase I of the UPCS inspection training while PSD conducts the PIV process. After the PIV process is complete, HUD will notify you in writing whether you may proceed with Phase II of training. If PSD determines you are not eligible to become certified as a UPCS inspector, you may not continue with training and you may not reapply to the program.

After certification, you will be required periodically to submit to and pass the PIV process again.

**Certification**

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information that I have provided with the submission of this Inspector Candidate Assessment Questionnaire is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I further certify that I have read and understand all of the information posted, including the description of the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) and inspection protocol, and the requirements to successfully complete all aspects of the required training. I understand that any information I give may be verified for purposes of determining eligibility. I consent to the release of information about my ability and fitness by employers, schools, law enforcements agencies and other individuals and organizations to authorized representatives of the Federal Government.

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**TYPE INSPECTOR CANDIDATE FULL NAME**

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**DATE**