October 28, 2020

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

This year instead of a single five-day NCDOI Code College, Engineering and Codes Division staff will teach one BETA-TEST and four PILOT “Residential Changeout Inspector – Standard Certificate” courses. All courses will be FREE and will be taught 100% online in webinar format via MicroSoft TEAMS or Cisco Webex. Once the development phase of the course is complete it will be provided to Community Colleges.

Because this new Standard Certificate Board course is multi-trade, it will provide the maximum 12 hours of Continuing Education credit like other Standard courses BUT only 3 hours in each of the four trades: Building, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing.

We are looking for at least 30 students in each of the scheduled courses. Ideally we’d have a good representation of various education and experience and have an opportunity to “train the trainers” by having some Level 3’s attend. Target mix of folks:

* 10 entry-level applicants for each of the Pilot courses # 1, 2, 3 and 4 (i.e. high school graduates with no certificates, no Law & Admin, or Probationary Level 1)
* 10 Standard Level 1 in any of one or more B, M, E, or P.
* 10 Standard Level 3 (potential Standard course instructors)

Here’s the course self-study introductory video (4 min) [**https://youtu.be/OIx9xQwvGvo**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https*3A*2F*2Furldefense.com*2Fv3*2F__https*3A*2Fnam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com*2F*3Furl*3Dhttps*3A*2F*2Furldefense.com*2Fv3*2F__https*3A*2Fnam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com*2F*3Furl*3Dhttps*3A*2F*2Fyoutu.be*2FOIx9xQwvGvo*26data*3D02*7C01*7Ctikkanenk*40nccommunitycolleges.edu*7C062bf21ff83649a3a46608d860d3bbee*7C616f6b2af8af4525b6c8f74c6a2b182d*7C0*7C0*7C637365809928239873*26sdata*3DTCYBYv8cet8Q12JyznhDTx*2FKoCjtN0kKNbYDLW4veYE*3D*26reserved*3D0__*3BJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSU!!HYmSToo!J_x16c9tXJg31kYB5Ux5ChEi9KTKZ1WZs09XtgyTt90tSXNL4CscU3i2L1dihQEI2MwY*24*26data*3D02*7C01*7Ctikkanenk*40nccommunitycolleges.edu*7Ce2f92542c5b1472afac908d860dc2efb*7C616f6b2af8af4525b6c8f74c6a2b182d*7C0*7C0*7C637365846817323841*26sdata*3DNFXHUMCdLH38duqMbAL2gfHSlLUNpFWQ4LgWnTUGERA*3D*26reserved*3D0__*3BJSUlJSUlJSUlJSoqKiolJSoqKioqKioqJSUqKiUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSU!!HYmSToo!LHomanYdBeRfAxZPwxLA6Ggj2fq5f95jY71mU5Ck6oM038YCDxloDAdZzcq2duYgpG1a*24&data=02*7C01*7Ctikkanenk*40nccommunitycolleges.edu*7C5472daccf08248d6970b08d8614acfbd*7C616f6b2af8af4525b6c8f74c6a2b182d*7C0*7C0*7C637366322131509458&sdata=Lsu2ZL7cMEjnTPZvpPdTfdvWlb3kpuWcCfzAhw8CNKU*3D&reserved=0__;JSUlJSUlJSUlJSoqKioqKioqKioqKioqKioqKioqKioqKioqKioqKioqJSUqKioqKioqKiUlKiUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSU!!HYmSToo!NxY_dyFfMVaqLHoy0fpGA_Uon8GuKwcQFe7eYR_B1RT1Vz3zHurJE4F8U7qZObtGqH2s$)

Scheduled course dates (see weekly schedules attached). Select LINK to Pre-Register Online:

* [BETA-TEST](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCI_Beta_Test) Nov. 6 – 13
* PILOT #1 Nov. 30 – Dec. 4
* PILOT #2 Jan. 8 - 14
* PILOT #3 Feb. 5 - 11
* PILOT #4 Mar. 5 - 11

**PURPOSE**

The reasons for this new type qualification are two-fold:

1. Increase the convenience and reduce costs of scheduled inspections for homeowners and contractors by providing a multi-trade certificate for residential HVAC and hot water heater appliance changeouts. One inspector is qualified to perform the final inspection and issue a certificate of compliance for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing without needing a Level I in each trade..
2. Provide an entry-level inspections career opportunity for high school or equivalent persons with little or no construction industry experience. Unlike other certificates, students MUST attend and pass the course PRIOR to issuance of Probationary Certificate.

**AUTHORITY**

North Carolina General Assembly [Session Law 2019-174](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/HTML/2019-2020/SL2019-174.html) (H675) amended the N.C. Code Officials Qualification Board [General Statute § 143-151.13(b)](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_143/GS_143-151.13.html) (effective October 1, 2019) to add a sixth standard certificate to the types of qualified Code-enforcement officials:

(1) Building inspector.

(2) Electrical inspector.

(3) Mechanical inspector.

(4) Plumbing inspector.

(5) Fire inspector.

**(6) Residential changeout inspector**