

# East Tennessee Chapter of The American Society of Home Inspectors



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Hello visiting home inspectors,

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There have been an abundance of phone calls to our chapter executive committee members concerning the availability of state approved education, prior to the home inspector licensing renewal cycle of 2008 (July expiry). ETASHI will be conducting an approved education class (4 hours) on May 24, 2008 in Knoxville. Details will be released as the education session is further coordinated. Recheck our web-site for updates.

Home inspectors of Tennessee and surrounding states can assure their educational credit requirements simply by being a member of our chapter. Currently, ASHI (American Society of Home Inspectors) and this chapter promote a program called the ASHI Outreach Program. Home inspectors and potential/entry home inspectors may join our chapter without joining the nation society for a period of one year. This time can be used to experience our chapter membership, chapter educational offerings, gain an understanding of the national organization, not to mention to true value of crosstalk with other home inspectors in our state. Since August, 2006, ETASHI has provided approved education to its membership.

Please feel free to contact me or one of the chapter executive council members for more information concerning our chapter and its organization.

I would like to reproduce the rules specifically related to license renewal. Below is the excerpt taken from the Tennessee State Commerce and Insurance web-site:

...as part of TCA 62-6-301 2005: <http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/hic/index.html>

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SECTION 8. (a) To renew a current, valid home inspector license, the holder of such license shall submit an application on a form as prescribed by the commissioner. The application for renewal shall be accompanied by the fee specified in Section 4 of this act. All documentation and fees that are prerequisite to the renewal of a license shall be neither delivered to the commissioner not earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days nor later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the license then held.

(b) Applicants for license renewal shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant:

- (1) Has completed thirty-two (32) hours of commissioner-approved continuing education;
- (2) Has not violated the provisions of this chapter or any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

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(3) Has obtained a certificate of insurance in an amount required by the commissioner for general liability as well as errors and omissions to cover all activities contemplated under this chapter.

(c) The commissioner may refuse to renew any license if the licensee has continued to perform home inspections in this state following the expiration of the license.

(d) The license of any home inspector who fails timely to pay a renewal fee or to comply with any prerequisite or condition to licensure or renewal may be reinstated without examination within sixty (60) days after the expiration date of the license upon providing proof of compliance with such prerequisites or conditions, including payment of any penalty fee arising from such failure to comply with any prerequisite or condition to renewal prior to the expiration date of the license, and payment of the renewal fee, plus an additional penalty fee of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month. Any person desiring reinstatement thereafter must reapply for licensure; provided, that the commissioner has the discretion to:

(1) Waive reexamination or additional education requirements for such an applicant; or

(2) Reinstate a license subject to the applicant's compliance with such reasonable conditions as the commissioner may prescribe, including payment of a penalty fee, in addition to the penalty fee provided in subsection (d), of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month, or portion thereof, from the time the license expired.

(e) When fees are remitted by mail to the commissioner, the date of payment shall be determined by the official postmark on such mail.

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If you are in a position of needing continuing education prior to your license renewal process dates, my best suggestion is to call the education schools and professional home inspector schools in our general geographic area which are listing state approved education. Hopefully, there will be "attendable" class or classes for you.

Lastly, in my opinion, there are numerous "On-Line" classes which are approved. These classes are computer based and do cost. I do understand there are some "free" courses available through some major manufacturers however only assigned single or very few continuing education credit (approved) value(s). It is my personal opinion these classes are going to take an excessive amount of time to complete, especially if numerous "ed" credits are needed.

I hope this information helps.

Feel free to contact me personally,

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