

Occupational Authorizations

for the meeting of the

ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, August 11, 2025 at 1:30 PM

Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board

HOME INSPECTOR

Authorization Type: Registration # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters and Home Inspectors

Scope of Practice: The Scope of Practice for this occupational authorization is to inspect a consumers home in compliance with the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics for the Home Inspection Profession. This includes the preparation of a written report.

Statutory Requirement(s): A.C.A. § 17-52-314 (a) No person shall advertise as a home inspector or undertake or attempt to undertake the conduct of a home inspection in this state without first having complied with this subchapter.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Initial Registration Fee	\$250.00	Once
Fee	Registration Renewal Fee (discounted since 2024)	\$185.00	Annually
Penalty	Delinquent Fee	\$50.00	Monthly
Fee	Qualifying Education or Seminar approval fee	\$200.00	Once
Fee	Continuing Education or Seminar approval fee	\$45.00	Once
Fee	Renewal of Qualifying Education	\$100.00	Biennially
Fee	Renewal of Continuing Education	\$25.00	Biennially

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	Home_Inspector_Division_Rules_09_02_2024.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

Document Type	Document
Quality of Licensees Shortfalls	standards_updated3-4-2015.pdf

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Occupational Entity Questionnaire

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? **No, not substantial harm. A home inspection is typically prepared when a consumer purchases his or her primary residence. A home inspection provides the purchaser with a certain level of confidence in the condition of the property. However, a home inspection is not typically required as a part of the transaction.** What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year? **There has not been an instance of specific and substantial harm to a consumer in the past year, although there have been instances of complaints being filed by consumers.**
2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? **None in the past year.** What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?
3. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by authorized practitioners? **24 complaints in 2024.** What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? **Each complaint is considered and resolved by the board individually. Resolutions typically include additional education, probation, and additional monitoring. In a case where there are significant ethical or competency issues, the board may suspend the home inspector's registration for a period or issue a civil penalty. The majority of serious complaints resolved by the board in recent history have been done so through consent agreements or corrective action agreements.**
4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year? **Yes** If so, why? **An applicant with a recent felony conviction who failed to provide the board with requested documentation for a waiver request.**

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5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses?

Annual Fees (FY25): \$95,674.00

Annual Expenses (FY25): \$74,823.47

How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves? **\$707,260.33**

6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? **Renewal 2024** For what purpose? **The board discounted the renewal fees for 2024 by \$65. In January 2025, the board voted to continue the discount. In addition, the board has eliminated late fees for reinstatements and several other miscellaneous fees.**
7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? **The board does not have any other sources of revenue.** Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded? **The discount is reviewed annually to ensure that the division is not underfunded. The division works to ensure that the annual fees and the annual expenses are balanced, however if the annual fee was permanently reduced the division may have to tap into reserves. There has been a decline in the number of homes inspectors in the past three years.**
8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? **Less than five per year.** Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities? **No.**
9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? **No.** What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships? **None.**
10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders? **Their competition would be from less experienced and less competent home inspectors which could cause a reduction in fees.**