

## NYS Wood Inspection / Pest Technician training comes to the WESTERN NY SCHOOL OF REAL ESTATE

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Western NY School of Real Estate has been approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to offer the NYS Core Training Program for Pest Technicians (as well as recertification credits for already certified individuals).

In New York State, the only individuals who may prepare wood inspection reports now required for FHA loans (as per the Philadelphia Homeowner Center) are NYS Certified Pest Technicians. While most of our students are home inspectors or candidates - anyone who wishes to work in the pesticide applicator business will benefit from our program.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN: State laws & regulations including Article 33 of the Environmental Conservation Law, registration and reporting requirements, disposal & container regulations, commercial lawn & related applications, role of the EPA, explanation of toxicity, dose-time relationship, residues, tolerances, safety precautions, etc. The final day of the program features Termite Control Regulations with our guest instructor (for Category 7C specific training).

THE LICENSING PROCESS: After completion of our 30 hr Core Program, you schedule yourself to take the exam offered regularly by the DEC regional offices throughout Western NY including: Buffalo, East Aurora, Batavia, etc. Phone (716) 851-7220 for times, locations & dates. You register for the test by sending in a registration form with the proper fee along with your *original course certificate* (then you are sent an admittance slip). Have proper ID available when you arrive. Applicants first take the closed-book portion exam (based on the Core material just completed). You then may take one additional exam which is category specific (7C) for home inspectors [or any other specific category if you will be working in the pest control industry]. Within 3 weeks, you will receive the results of your tests. Continuing education (recertification) is required every 6 years (and you must earn credit throughout your certification period - you can no longer wait until your last year to cram in all your recert hours). For initial certification applicants, please note, the DEC will keep your certificate on file (it won't be returned to you). The fee structure has recently changed. A 5 yr license is now issued at a cost of \$375 which includes one category of certification. Each category after this is an additional \$125. Contact the DEC for more information (as fees are subject to change without notice).

WHY SHOULD I GET THIS CERTIFICATION? There are a number of reasons. For home inspectors, your competitors have probably already completed our program and can now offer this to their clients. Since the majority of first time home buyers as well as many move-up buyers are obtaining their financing with FHA insured loans, a requirement to get the loan is a wood inspection completed by a NYS approved Pest Technician. Home inspectors can add several additional thousands of dollars to their annual cash flow by providing this valuable service. In addition, students get practical information necessary to evaluate real estate in order to identify, understand and properly notate an infestation condition. For individuals outside the home inspection field, you will need to complete a NYS approved 30 hour core program. The DEC has very strict attendance requirements - therefore be sure of your schedule so you can make all the days & times noted in this brochure.

**DATE:** Oct 4, 11, 25 and Nov 1<sup>st</sup> **LOCATION**: 6465 Transit Rd., East Amherst **TIME**: 8:25am-5pm

**PRICE**: \$450 (without package pricing) \$999 (which includes ALL portions of our Certified Home Inspector Program)

Daily Price for 7 hrs of recertification credit: \$99

Call for more information!