

1 11 NCAC 08 .0734 is adopted as published in NCR 34.18 1711 – 1712 with changes as follows:

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3 **11 NCAC 08 .0734 RESIDENTIAL CHANGEOUT INSPECTOR**

4 (a) Qualifications and types:

5 (1) A residential changeout inspector shall be authorized to inspect the replacement of a residential
6 appliance as described in ~~Subparagraph 2~~ Subparagraph (2) of this ~~Rule~~ Paragraph for one-and-
7 two family dwellings, and individual residential units of condominiums and apartments provided
8 the individual residential appliance serves only that residential dwelling unit.

9 (2) The following types of inspections may be performed by those certified as a residential changeout
10 inspector: The replacement of heating and air conditioning appliances and water heaters; ~~A~~
11 residential changeout inspector may inspect the replacement of heating and air conditioning
12 appliances and water heaters, provided that all of the following apply:

13 (A) the new appliance requires no alterations to the existing ducting, fuel type, venting, or
14 pipng systems other than that required for transitioning to the new appliance;

15 (B) the new appliance does not require relocation, excluding minor adjustments in the same
16 general vicinity;

17 (C) the installation of the new appliance does not require the relocation or addition to the
18 existing electrical system, except ~~that~~ the replacement of the appliance's branch circuit
19 overcurrent ~~device;~~ device, or the replacement of the appliance's branch circuit where
20 such circuit does not pass through a rated assembly shall be allowed; ~~and~~

21 (D) the electrical branch circuit serving the appliance is single phase.

22 (b) An inspection performance log shall be developed and provided by the North Carolina Department of
23 Insurance, Office of State Fire Marshal and shall describe the types of systems and specify the level of
24 supervision of each inspection required to be documented. ~~The inspection performance log referenced in~~
25 this Rule is available on the Office of State Fire Marshal website. The inspection performance log shall
26 describe the criteria for authenticating the applicant and supervisors' qualifications, and the inspections
27 performed. ~~Inspections do not have to be performed on the same building.~~

28 ~~(c)~~ [Whenever a provision of the rules in this Section requires a high school education or other education and
29 experience qualifications, the Board may approve equivalent qualifications.]

30 ~~(c)~~ ~~(d)~~ Every applicant shall:

31 (1) provide documentation that the applicant possesses a minimum of a high school education or a high
32 school equivalency certificate;

33 (2) provide notarized certification by a city or county manager, clerk, or director of inspection
34 department that the applicant will be performing ~~"code enforcement";~~ "code enforcement," as
35 defined in G.S. 143-151.8(a)(3), as an employee of that city or county; or provide certification by
36 the head of the Engineering and Building Codes Division of the North Carolina Department of

1 Insurance that the applicant will be performing ~~["code enforcement"]~~ "code enforcement," as
2 defined in G.S. 143-151.8(a)(3), for a State department or agency;

- 3 (3) ~~[make a grade of at least 70 on courses developed by the Board.]~~ successfully complete courses
4 ~~developed by the Board. [Successful completion is defined as attendance of a minimum of 80~~
5 ~~percent of the hours taught and achieving a minimum score of 70 percent on the course exam.]~~ All
6 applicants must successfully complete a law and administration course and a residential changeout
7 inspections course. For the purpose of entry into the ~~[State examination,]~~ written examination
8 ~~administered by the Board,~~ courses must be completed within five years of the exam in
9 ~~[Subparagraph (d)(4)] Subparagraph (4)~~ of this Paragraph. These courses shall be administered and
10 taught in the N.C. Community College System or other educational agencies accredited by a
11 regional accrediting association. The North Carolina Department of Insurance, Office of State Fire
12 Marshal may administer and teach certification courses for the purposes of ~~[development,]~~
13 ~~developing program content and professional development.~~ For the purposes of this Rule,
14 "successful completion" is defined as attendance of a minimum of 80 percent of the hours taught
15 ~~and achieving a minimum score of 70 percent on the course exam; and~~
16 (4) achieve a passing grade of 70 percent on the written examination administered by the Board.

17 ~~(e)~~(d) Residential Changeout Inspector. A standard certificate, residential changeout inspector, shall be issued to
18 any applicant who possesses a probationary residential changeout inspection certificate pursuant to Rule 11
19 NCAC 08 .0602, complies with ~~[Paragraphs (e) and (d)] Paragraph (c)~~ of this Rule, and one of the following
20 education and experience qualifications:

- 21 (1) possess any level standard certificate as an electrical inspector, mechanical inspector, or plumbing
22 inspector; or
23 (2) all the following:
24 (A) at least six months of conducting residential changeout inspections with a probationary residential
25 changeout inspection certificate; and
26 (B) ~~[successful] completion and submission~~ of an inspection performance log as administered by the
27 North Carolina Department of Insurance, Office of State Fire ~~Marshal; and Marshal.~~
28 ~~(C) successful completion of a law and administrative course.~~

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30 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143-151.12; 143-151.13;*

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