



Ontario Strengthening Protection for Home Buyers

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McGuinty Government to Consult on Minimum Qualifications for Home Inspectors

Ontario is taking steps to help home buyers make informed choices and protect their investment when buying a home.

This fall, as part of a broader consumer protection initiative, the province will consult with home inspector associations, consumers, representatives from the real estate sector and other industry stakeholders on mandatory minimum qualifications for home inspectors.

Currently, anyone can offer home inspection services in Ontario, but only registered members of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors can call themselves a registered home inspector. The province will work with industry partners to explore minimum qualifications that would aim to:

- Increase transparency of the profession
- Ensure a minimum standard of training
- Improve consistency in home inspections
- Enhance consumer protection.

Protecting Ontario consumers is part of the McGuinty government's commitment to educate and protect Ontario families by ensuring a fair and safe marketplace.

QUICK FACTS

- The cost of a home inspection in Ontario ranges from \$350 to \$600.
- An inspection will typically report on the condition of the roof, structure, foundation, drainage, heating, cooling, plumbing, insulation, walls, doors and electrical system.

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