

# Official Interpretation

By Order of the  
North Carolina Home Inspector Licensure Board  
Subject: Home Inspectors Supervising Associates

**Applicable Rule:**

**§ 143-151.52. Requirements to be licensed as an associate home inspector.**

To be licensed as an associate home inspector, a person must do all of the following:

- (1) Submit a completed application to the Board upon a form provided by the Board.
- (2) Pass a licensing examination prescribed by the Board.
- (3) Pay the applicable fees.
- (4) Have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

(5) Be employed by or affiliated with or intend to be employed by or affiliated with a licensed home inspector and submit a sworn statement by that licensed home inspector certifying that the licensed home inspector will "actively supervise and train the applicant."

**Question: What is the definition of "actively supervise and train the applicant".**

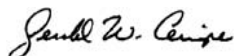
**Suggested interpretation of N.C.G.S. Section 143-151.52(5),  
Meaning of "actively supervise and train"**

The factors that the Board will consider in determining whether a supervisor is adequately and actively supervising and training an associate pursuant to N.C.G.S.

Section 143-151.52(5) include the following:

1. Availability, by reasonable means, of the supervisor to the associate to answer the associate's questions and provide guidance to the associate.
2. Actual review of the associate's reports. A signature of the supervisor on a report (whether an actual or electronic signature) is a representation by the supervisor that the supervisor has actually reviewed and approved that report.
3. Training and supervision that is reasonable and appropriate for the associate's experience and skill level. An associate with less experience and less skill shall require a higher level of direct supervision and field training.

**New Effective Date:** At the September 14, 2007 Board meeting, the members unanimously agreed to extend the effective date to April 1, 2008



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