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## RICHMOND HOME INSPECTOR ACHIEVES NATIONAL INSPECTION STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION

RICHMOND — A Richmond home inspector, and member of the Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors of British Columbia, CAHPI(BC), has achieved national standards in training, experience, and competency, CAHPI(BC) announced today.

“The National Certification Program was introduced last year, and of the 273 home inspectors across Canada who have achieved national certificate holder status, 75 are from BC,” said CAHPI(BC) President Owen Dickie. “British Columbia is leading the country in terms of the number of inspectors working towards achievement of national standards of competency, and BC consumers are the winners.”

The Richmond home inspector who has achieved national certification and National Certificate Holder status is John Schiffer, RHI, of Quality Home Inspections Ltd.

The National Certification Program and its standards — judged to be the best in North America in terms of their usefulness as government standards — were developed by CAHPI, with support from *Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Human Resources Skills Development Canada, the Construction Sector Council* (a not-for-profit national labour/business partnership), and the *Alliance of Certified Building Officials' Associations*.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation now points to the National Certification Program as the first and most important designation a consumer should look for when considering hiring a home inspector. The CMHC recommends consumers check home inspector association websites, the yellow pages, and housing trade magazines to find a home inspector who meets the national certification standards. The CMHC also suggests consumers check with CAHPI to verify an inspector's standing as a National Certificate Holder in the National Certification Program.

“Buying a house is the biggest investment people will ever make,” said Dickie. “If consumers use a house or home inspector to help them make an informed purchasing decision, that inspector should be trained, qualified, and accountable. That's what CAHPI's own Registered Home Inspector or RHI designation is about. And that RHI status has been made more powerful with the National Certification Program. For consumers, achievement by home inspectors of National Certificate Holder status, joined with the RHI designation, is the mark they should increasingly look for to ensure the inspector they select is trained, tested, and accountable to the prospective homebuyer.”

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For more information on the **National Certification Program**, visit the National Certification Program website at [www.nca-anc.com](http://www.nca-anc.com).

For more information on the **Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors of BC**, visit the CAHPI(BC) website at [www.cahpi.bc.ca](http://www.cahpi.bc.ca) or contact CAHPI(BC) Registrar Helene Barton at 1-800-610-5665.