

# Peace of Mind

Termite damage can add up to thousands of dollars in unexpected costs for potential homeowners. This could mean the difference between making or breaking the sale of the home.

That is why the North Carolina Pest Management Association (NCPMA) provides this accreditation program. We know that homeowners turn to their realtors to find the best professionals to complete the purchase of their home. It provides peace of mind to potential homeowners knowing that you've helped them choose a specially trained, qualified professional to inspect their future home.

## Look for the Stamp

Each inspector who has completed the accreditation process is issued a personalized stamp and Accredited Inspector number.

When a WDIR Form 100 is issued following a WDIR inspection, an Accredited Inspector will stamp the report with his/her personalized stamp and accreditation number.

Only Accredited Inspectors may use the seal. The seal cannot be used on inspection forms that are not completed by the accredited inspector.

Ask to see this stamp when recommending a WDIR accredited inspector for a WDIR inspection. And check [www.wdir.org/list](http://www.wdir.org/list) for a list of accredited inspectors in your area.



For information on the  
Wood-Destroying Insect Report  
(WDIR) Accreditation Program  
and to find an accredited  
inspector in your area,  
go to [www.wdir.org](http://www.wdir.org).



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## Wood-Destroying Insects Report (WDIR) Accreditation Program

A program of the North Carolina  
Pest Management Association



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# WDIR: Experience Matters

The home buying process can be one of the biggest and scariest decisions anyone can make. And homeowners look to their realtors for guidance in the home buying process, especially when completing the required home inspections. Luckily, a program by the North Carolina Pest Management Association (NCPMA) can help make the process easier and less stressful.



This program produces accredited inspectors who are trained to find damage from wood-destroying insects in a home. These inspectors receive special, ongoing training that non-accredited inspectors won't. They are specifically trained to properly inspect homes for signs of wood-destroying insect infestation and how to accurately complete the WDIR Form 100, which must be used for all home purchases in North Carolina.

## About the Program

The WDIR Accreditation Program was developed in 2004 by NCPMA with the cooperation of the Real Estate profession and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. This unique cooperative effort resulted in designing a program that has raised the standards of excellence and the accuracy of wood destroying insect inspections in the State of North Carolina. *(There are currently more than 300 NCPMA Accredited WDIR Inspectors statewide.)*

A complete list of accredited inspectors and the companies where they are employed is located at [www.wdir.org/list](http://www.wdir.org/list).

## Why Accreditation?

North Carolina is designated as being an "area of heavy termite infestation" by the federal government.

Each year, termites cause twice the amount of property damage as fire and storms combined. Subterranean termites, the kind found in North Carolina, can be living in and destroying a home's structure for years before their presence is even noticed. To put it in perspective, the annual cost of damage and treatment from termites in the United States equals \$1.5 billion. The WDIR Accreditation program ensures that Accredited Inspectors are educated to seek out and report evidence of wood destroying insects in the proper format.

## Specialized Training

Each Accredited Inspector is required to complete an 8-hour training course and pass a comprehensive examination.

Inspectors are trained and tested on topics including:

- Performing a proper inspection
- State Laws and Regulations (regarding what can and cannot be reported)
- Insect biology
- Construction, inaccessible areas and conditions conducive to infestation
- How to properly report observations on the official state-required form.

Accreditation is held by individual pest professionals, not by the pest management companies.

Accreditation must be renewed every three years in order to remain valid. At the end of each three-year term, accredited inspectors must complete a mandatory WDIR accreditation renewal course in order to maintain their accreditation.

# Wood-Destroying Insect Report Accreditation Program

## Objectives

- Promote professionalism in the pest management industry
- Provide a specialized training option for all pest management professionals
- Standardize inspections throughout the state.
- Provide a benchmark for all wood-destroying insect inspections.

## Code of Ethics

- To maintain a high level of moral responsibility, character and business integrity; to practice fairness, frankness and honesty in all advertising and in all transactions with the general public.
- To hold our industry in high esteem and strive to enhance its prestige.
- To perform all WDIR inspections according to the highest standards and methods outlined in the NCPMA Accredited Inspector Manual.
- To keep the needs of our clients always uppermost.
- To perfect our skills and business practices through continuing education and learning.
- To respect the reputation and practice of other pest management operators.
- To encourage, establish and maintain high standards of competence, knowledge and performance.

*\*Accredited inspectors who receive 3 or more deviations in a 12-month period are subject to forfeiture of the accreditation.*

