
**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

Policy

Inspections of Residential Buildings				
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CATEGORY(IES)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveying	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed	<input type="checkbox"/> Seal		
ORIGINATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveying Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

The inspection and reporting on residential buildings, including but not limited to single family homes, can be provided by a Professional Engineer as an engineering service that is signed and sealed. In compliance with the Home Inspector Licensure Act, G.S. 143-151, the PE cannot represent that the PE is licensed as a home inspector unless licensed as a Home Inspector.

By previous interpretation of the Home Inspector Licensure Board, as documented in memorandum dated October 1, 1996, the PE can continue to do what a PE had always been allowed to do and can inspect and report on the components of the residential building, within the definition of engineering as defined in G.S. 89C-3(6) and provided that the PE is competent in the specific areas of practice. This is notwithstanding the definition of home inspection in G.S. 143-151.45(4) as a written evaluation of two or more components of a residential building and the provision in G.S. 143-151.51(a)(5) that has a process by which a PE can become licensed as a home inspector.