

# Is “Your” Home Inspector Licensed?



## Refer Only Licensed Home Inspector **July 1, 2020** RIAR Inspection Contingency to Change

Is “your” home inspector licensed? Starting on July 1, 2020, anyone who conducts a home inspection for a home or other residential property located in Rhode Island must be licensed as a home inspector or associate home inspector. This includes home inspectors who are already licensed in other states like Massachusetts or Connecticut.

If you refer a home inspector(s) to consumers, make sure that the inspector is licensed in Rhode Island. To check a license, use this link and select “home inspector” or “home inspector associate” from the drop-down menu: [www.crb.ri.gov/search.php](http://www.crb.ri.gov/search.php). Don’t risk a negligent referral claim or a buyer’s loss of deposit by recommending an inspector who is not licensed as a home inspector or associate home inspector in Rhode Island.

The Inspections Contingency of the Rhode Island Association of REALTORS® purchase and sales agreements will also change on July 1<sup>st</sup>. “Licensed inspector” will be replaced “recognized inspector(s) or inspection company” These changes have been sent to all forms vendors, and will go live on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Questions? For more information about the law, go to the Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board web site: [www.crb.ri.gov/home-inspector/](http://www.crb.ri.gov/home-inspector/) You may also contact the RIAR Legal Department at 401-432-6945 or email [monica@rirealtors.org](mailto:monica@rirealtors.org)