



Truth-in-Sale of Housing (TISH) Program Evaluator Testing: Resources and Materials

All TISH Evaluator applicants are expected to be very familiar with all aspects of the building trades. Truth-in-Sale of Housing is a specialty area and requires knowledge of both current codes, previous codes and the City of Saint Paul TISH Guidelines.

A score of 75% or better is required to pass the written test and be moved onto the test-house.

Many current evaluators are willing to “mentor” applicants. Contact one or more for help, from the document, “List of Currently Licensed Evaluators” on this TISH web site. You can also contact a professional Housing Inspectors organization such as ASHI, or MSHI.

The resources listed here may or may not be used for specific test questions; test questions may be inferred from the source material, and not exactly derived from the source material. In addition to these books a general knowledge of building techniques, architectural and engineering theory, and basic mathematics are of value.

- All MN State Building Code References can be accessed here: <http://www.dli.mn.gov/ccld/codes.asp>
- MN State Building Code PDF: http://www.dli.mn.gov/ccld/pdf/bc_2007msbc.pdf
- MN State Plumbing Code <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4714>
- St. Paul Minimum Property Maintenance Code, Title VI, Chapter 34
https://www.municode.com/library/mn/st._paul/codes/code_of_ordinances
- Evaluator Uniform Guidelines
<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/truth-sale-housing/information-truth-sale-housing-evaluators>

The following editions listed are utilized in the Truth-in-Sale of Housing Evaluator Guidelines, however prior code editions, and new standards adopted by the City of Saint Paul may govern certain conditions and circumstances found during a Truth-in-Sale of Housing evaluation.

1. 2007 MN State Building Code, Chapter 1305
2. 2007 MN State Residential Code, Chapter 1309
3. 2009 Update: Minnesota State Mechanical, Fuel Gas Chapter 1346.
4. 2012 Minnesota State Plumbing Code, Chapter 4715
5. 2011 National Electrical Code

For additional information visit our website or email to TruthInHousing@ci.stpaul.mn.us