Prerequisite for Healthy Homes Specialist Credential Candidates

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Purpose: Candidates for the *Healthy Homes Specialist Credential* must pass an examination and complete this *Visual Assessment Exercise*.

This exercise is designed to ensure *Healthy Homes Specialist Credential* candidates are able to:

- Properly complete a representative healthy homes assessment tool;
- Use that tool to identify potential housing code violations; and
- Identify strengths and weaknesses of the tool.

The exercise uses the Visual Survey Report developed by the <u>Alliance for Healthy Homes</u> for its <u>Community Environmental Health Resource Center</u>. Community groups have used the tool on more than 1800 homes.

You can complete the exercise before you take the credential exam.

Instructions:

Step 1: Download and review the following documents:

- <u>Visual Assessment Exercise Worksheet</u> (Word / PDF). You will need to complete this worksheet and fax it to NCHH at 443-539-4150.
- Exercise Photos. The photos are in a PowerPoint Presentation that closely tracks the form you need to complete for the exercise.
- CEHRC Survey Instructions. In the Survey Instructions document that opens up, complete only Steps 3 and 5. You do not need to complete the floor plan or site plan. The basic instructions are at the top of the Survey form. Note the different format used to identify water damage and deteriorated paint. These variations are not explained on the form.
- <u>International Property Maintenance Code 2003 Healthy Homes Provisions</u> (IPMC).

 NCHH extracted the key healthy home provisions of the 2003 Version of IPMC. The IPMC is the model housing code for the nation. More than 600 communities have adopted it as their housing code. Go to www.iccsafe.org for more information about the IPMC.

Step 2: Complete Page 2 of the <u>Visual Assessment Exercise Worksheet</u> and put your name and current date at top of each page of the form. You do not need to provide exam date or location, your organization's name or your fax number.

Step 3: Using the Exercise Photos, complete the Visual Survey Report on page 3 of the Visual Assessment Exercise Worksheet. Use your name and current date for the upper-right box. Use the scenario to fill-in the lines at the top and the box at the bottom of the form. Where the scenario does not provide the information, create your own information. Use section 3 and 5 of the CEHRC Survey Instructions for guidance. You do not need to prepare a floor plan or site plan.

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Worksheet. For each of the prothere is IPMC code violation. a. Identify which rooms had b. Indicate the code sections c. Identify which problems a	notos and IPMC, complete Page 4 of the Visual Assessment Exercise roblems noted on the Visual Survey Report (page 3), consider whether You need to: potential violations of the IPMC. for the potential violations for each room. are clearly violations and which ones require more investigation. er, the occupant, or both are responsible for correcting the potential
form and the code, identify the	ne <u>Visual Assessment Exercise Worksheet</u> . Based on your review of the ree strengths and three weaknesses of the Visual Survey Report as an ouse this page to provide any comments you have on the exercise.
may also scan the completed f	Akoto at National Center for Healthy Housing at 443-539-4150. You orm into a pdf format and email it to Judith Akoto at jakoto@nchh.org. within 15 business days of receiving the fax. If you do not hear from her,
please contact her at 443-539-	
Name of Candidate:	
Organization (if any):	
Street Address:	
City, State and Zip:	
Email:	
Daytime Phone:	Fax:
Have you taken credential	exam? yes no
If you have taken the exar	m, provide date and state:
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Signature of Candidate	

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Deteriorated	Walls														
paint	Windows, door, or trim Paint chips on floor														
Soil with no gra	sss or mulch							///			///			////	
Cockroaches															
Rodents															
Holes in wall															
Mold/	Obvious source of moisture														
Mildew	No obvious source of moisture														
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Follow-up visit scheduled for: Date ______ Time: _____

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Identify the Potential Code Violations in Photos

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Area of Home	Code Sections Potentially Violated	Definite	Potential	Owner	Occupant			
Exterior								
Porch								
Entryway								
Living Room								
Dining Room								
Kitchen								
Bedroom 1								
Bedroom 2								
Bedroom 3								
Bathroom 1								
Bathroom 2								
Basement								
Other:								
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Evaluate the Merits of Visual Assessment

Write down three strength and weaknesses of the Visual Assessment Exercise as an assessment tool. Please also add any feedback you have on this exercise in the comments section below.