

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**Building Code Standards Committee**  
*Professional Qualifications / Certifications*  
*Building Inspector 1 / Building Inspector 2 / Building Official*

**RIGL § 23-27.3-107.1.1(b)**

- Any person seeking certification as a **Building Inspector 1** shall meet the requirements of either the Legislative Option or the Administrative Option of "*Qualifications – Building Inspector 1*".
- Any person seeking certification as a **Building Inspector 2** shall meet the requirements of either the Legislative Option or the Administrative Option of "*Qualifications – Building Inspector 2*".

**RIGL § 23-27.3-107.5**

- Any person seeking certification as a **Building Official** shall meet the requirements of either the Legislative Option or the Administrative Option of "*Qualifications – Building Official*".

Legislative Option = statutory requirements

Administrative Option = BCSC equivalent requirements

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## QUALIFICATIONS – BUILDING INSPECTOR 1

### LEGISLATIVE OPTION

- Three (3) years of residential construction experience
- ICC B-1 Certification
- Completion of State Building Academy [Residential] Part 10
  - Within twelve (12) months of conditional certification

### ADMINISTRATIVE OPTION

- Three (3) years of residential construction experience
- OR**
- High School/GED or Trade School with ICC HSTTP certification
- Completion of State Building Academy [Residential] Parts 1 – 10
    - Within twelve (12) months of conditional certification

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ANY PERSON SEEKING CERTIFICATION AS A BUILDING INSPECTOR WHO DOES NOT CURRENTLY SERVE IN A POSITION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT BY THE STATE OR A MUNICIPALITY SHALL BE PLACED ON A "CERTIFIED-ELIGIBLE" LIST AND CANNOT IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS A BUILDING INSPECTOR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SO EMPLOYED

## QUALIFICATIONS – BUILDING INSPECTOR 2

### LEGISLATIVE OPTION

- Three (3) years of residential and commercial construction experience
- ICC B-1 & B-2 Certifications
- Completion of State Building Academy [Commercial] Part 10
  - Within twelve (12) months of conditional certification (if not previously completed)

### ADMINISTRATIVE OPTION

- Three (3) years of residential and commercial construction experience
- OR**
- High School/GED or Trade School with ICC HSTTP certification
- Employed as a Certified B-1 Inspector for a minimum of one (1) year
  - Completion of State Building Academy [Commercial] Parts 1 – 10
    - Within twelve (12) months of conditional certification (if not previously completed)

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## QUALIFICATIONS – BUILDING OFFICIAL

### LEGISLATIVE OPTION

- Five (5) years of residential and commercial construction experience
- ICC CBO Certification
- Employed as a B-2 Inspector for a minimum of one (1) year

### ADMINISTRATIVE OPTION

- Five (5) years of residential and commercial construction experience
  - Employed as a Certified B-2 Inspector\* for a minimum of three (3) years
- OR**
- Employed as a Certified B-1/B-2 Inspector\* for a minimum of six (6) years

*\* Under the direct supervision of a Certified Building Official – written verification required  
[Completion of State Building Academy Part 10 within 1 year required if CBO supervision is outside of RI]*

*Acceptable verification providers: Municipality's CBO, CEO (mayor/manager/administrator) or HR/Personnel Department.*

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## PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL INSPECTORS

- Each of these specialized inspectors shall have had at least five (5) years of practical experience in their own particular field.
- They shall have the ability to read and understand codes and ordinances relating to their specialized work, the ability to read plans and specifications and to recognize deviations from such plans or specifications in the field, ability to write concise narrative reports for correction of violations observed on job sites, and the ability to enforce regulations firmly and impartially and to maintain satisfactory working relations with contractors and property owners.
  - The Plumbing Inspector shall have a masters or journeyman license from the Rhode Island Board of Examiners of Plumbers.
  - The Electrical Inspector shall have a Class A or B license from the Rhode Island Board of Examiners of Electricians.
  - The Mechanical Inspector shall have a Pipefitter Master I Contractor [master pipefitter I] or journeyman license from the Rhode Island Board of Examiners of Mechanical.