



Creating a Safe Built Environment

- Adopt Building Codes to Keep Ohio Safe and Growing
- Certify Building Departments and People
- Educate Ohio's Construction Community
- Approve Industrialized Units



**Better Codes
Better Buildings
Safer Ohio**

Contact the
Ohio Board of Building Standards
for more information.
614-644-2613 | Email BBS@com.ohio.gov
Or scan the QR code
to visit our website



What skills are needed to become an inspector?

- Keen eye for details
- Curiosity
- Commitment to public safety
- Experience in construction environments
- Strong customer service skills
- Desire to serve the public

So you want to be a **CERTIFIED INSPECTOR?**



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Certified Inspectors are in high demand in the State of Ohio.

This public safety career makes sure that what is built meets the plans that were approved as code compliant.

Inspectors are a building department's most frequent contact with the public and the construction community, educating and performing critical public safety functions, to protect what matters most.

Am I qualified for certification?

Residential Building Inspector
3–5 years any construction trade

Building Inspector
5 years commercial structural experience

Mechanical Inspector
5 years HVAC experience

Electrical Inspector
6 years journeyman or equivalent electrician experience

Plumbing Inspector
7 years plumbing installation experience

Engineers and architects also qualify for most BBS certifications.

Many building departments offer Trainee programs for interested people who don't meet the minimum qualifications.

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Top 10 Reasons to Become a Certified Inspector

10. Rewarding work
9. Knowledgeable coworkers
8. Easier on knees and shoulders
7. Variety of building projects
6. Use your knowledge and skills to make a difference
5. Intellectually challenging
4. Benefits and retirement
3. Predictable schedule
2. Work-life balance
1. **Help protect your community**



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HOW TO APPLY

Step 1

Complete BBS Application.

Attach any supporting documents.

Mail to BBS for review and board approval.

Step 2

Watch mail and email for any BBS communications.

If approved, you're eligible to work in a building department with your interim certification.

You will need to take tests and attend Code Academy to reach full certification status. You will have two years to complete these steps.

More detailed information can be found in the BBS application instruction booklet.