

Hello,

I am in the process of becoming a licensed home inspector. I recently completed the master course and took and passed the national exam. I am in the process of finding a mentor for my apprenticeship. I am being told by these potential mentors that I will be charged \$100 for all 125 required inspections (\$12,500). We were not told about this in the American Home Inspectors Training Institute (AHIT) class; only that the first 25 we would not be getting paid. Our instructors told us the next 100 we could work something out with our mentor and get say \$75 or \$100 out of a \$500 inspection. From the beginning they told us everything would be straightforward and simple to start making money right off the bat. That is clearly not the case. It seems the potential mentors are doing this to keep out competition and as a way to profit from new inspectors they want to allow into the business. This (\$12,500 for 125 inspections) does not sound right to me. I would be working for them, but paying them instead and not making a dime for almost a year. This has become a major roadblock for me toward my goal of becoming a home inspector. I feel like they are taking advantage of me (and my classmates) and it seems like extortion. Is this common and something I should expect?

Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time

Best,

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