

REPORT CHECKLIST SUPPLEMENT

This checklist will assist in assuring that a home inspection report complies with
The Arizona Standards of Professional Practice for Home
Inspectors

For use by: Applicants, Supervising Certified Inspectors, Application Reviewers, Certified Inspectors, and Enforcement Advisory Assessors.

Applicants Please Note: The purpose of an inspection report is to provide the client with a better understanding of the property conditions. The Board of Technical Registration has adopted Standards of Professional Practice for Arizona Home Inspectors (available on the Board web site or upon request) to set the guidelines for reporting that will provide this understanding.

Each home inspection report is required to meet the Arizona Standards of Professional Practice. Each submitted report will be evaluated for compliance with the following criteria:

1. *Observation and description* of observed systems and component:
Observe: The act of making a visual examination of a system or component and reporting on its *condition*.
Describe: Report in writing a system or component by its *type*, or other characteristics, to distinguish it from other components used for the same purpose.
2. Explanation of *adverse conditions* and *recommendations for remedies* (such as “review by qualified professional, service by qualified professional, correction by qualified professional”).

These criteria will apply to all systems and components that are applicable to the property inspected, as set forth in the Standards of Professional Practice for Arizona Home Inspectors and in the Arizona Administrative Code, Title 4, Chapter 30.

Applicants Please Note: COMPLETING AND SENDING IN THIS CHECKLIST WITH YOUR APPLICATION, AND DIRECTLY ADDRESSING ALL ITEMS IN THIS CHECKLIST UPON SUBMITTAL, CAN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION. (Consider placing the number listed at the left hand side of the checklist, at the corresponding location in your report. As an example: where your report describes the date of the inspection, place a circled number 2 nearby).

Supervising Certified Inspectors Please Note: As the *supervising certified inspector* conducting *parallel inspections*, you are responsible for verifying that the applicant’s report meets the states minimum standards for home inspection reports, and must provide a sworn statement that the parallel home inspections complies with the standards identified in rule R4-30-301.01(A). Use this checklist as a guideline for compliance.

Application Reviewers and Enforcement Advisory Assessors Please Note: Many different terms are likely to be used to describe satisfactory or unsatisfactory conditions in a home inspection report. Various terms will be acceptable, if these words reasonably convey positive or negative conditions. Any “immediate major repair” items must also include recommendations to correct, monitor or evaluate by appropriate persons.

Certified Inspectors Please Note: All Home Inspections and Inspection reports must comply with the Arizona Standards of Professional Practice. Use this checklist as a guideline to ensure your continued compliance.

DISCLAIMER

The guidelines and checklist are merely tools to assist the applicant and/or certified home inspector in preparing a home inspection report. They are not all inclusive of or a substitute for the "Standards of Professional Practice" adopted by the Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors, Inc. on January 1, 2002, and adopted by the Arizona Board of Technical Registration and incorporated by reference via A.A.C.R4-30-301.01 on February 19, 2002, which are the governing standards for home inspections conducted in Arizona. To the extent that there is any conflict between the guidelines or checklist and the Standards of Professional Practice, the Standards of Professional Practice governs.

*An asterisk in the sections to follow means that it is acceptable to leave this component out of the report if it is Not Present or Not Applicable. NOTE: Items present, but not inspected must be clarified as to why they were not inspected (by request of seller, access restricted, access denied, etc.).

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Applicant Name: _____

Application Number: _____

Property Address: _____ Inspection Date: _____

Purpose & Scope (Note: if these are training inspections and you have not affiliated yourself with a firm yet, create a model page meeting these requirements.)

- 1) _____ Inspection purpose and scope, limitations, exclusions and fee- Include all as part of the agreement. A common way of meeting the purpose requirement is to say: The purpose of the inspection is to give the client a better understanding of the property condition on the day of the inspection. Limitations and exclusions to the inspection need to be clearly defined and may not be in conflict with the Standards of Practice. Include the inspection fee in the agreement.
- 2) _____ Date- Include the date the inspection was performed in the agreement.
- 3) _____ Inspector- The legible name (typed or printed) and application/ license number of the person performing the inspection must exist in the agreement.
- 4) _____ Firm address- A firm mailing address must be included in the agreement.
- 5) _____ AZ standards of professional practice- A notation needs to be included that describes the inspection as being conducted in accordance with the Arizona Standards of Professional Practice for Home Inspectors in the agreement.

4.0. Structural Components

- 6) _____ Foundation- Observe and report on the foundation **type** (e.g., concrete slab on grade, concrete/masonry basement, concrete/masonry crawlspace) and the **condition** of the visible portions of the foundation (e.g., satisfactory where visible, poor, etc.) – it is not acceptable to describe the condition of the foundation as simply “not visible”.
- 7) _____ Floors- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., framed, concrete, or not determined) and **condition** to the extent it is visible at each level of the structure (e.g., satisfactory-inspection limited, poor, etc.) – it is not acceptable to describe the condition of the floors as simply “not visible”. These structural notations may be located in the structure section or the interior section of the report.
- 8) _____ Walls- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., framed, masonry, etc. or not determined) and **condition** to the extent it is visible of exterior wall structure (e.g., satisfactory-inspection limited, poor, etc.) – it is not acceptable to describe the condition of the wall structure as simply “not visible”.
- 9) _____ Columns*- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., framed, masonry, patio, porch, deck, post, etc. or not determined) and **condition** to the extent it is visible of the structure columns (e.g., satisfactory-inspection limited, poor, etc.) – it is not acceptable to describe the condition of the columns as simply “not visible”.
- 10) _____ Roofs/ceilings- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., truss system, conventional framing, not determined, etc) and **condition** to the extent it is visible of roof and ceiling structure (e.g., satisfactory where visible, poor, etc.) – it is not acceptable to describe the condition of the roof/ceiling structure as simply “not visible”.

- 11) ____ Under floor crawl space*- Observe and report on **condition** of the crawl space and its components (access, floor, walls, supports, etc.).
- 12) ____ Observation method- State how crawl space and attic were observed (not needed if dwelling has no crawl space or attic). Common examples: viewed from access, fully accessed, partially accessed-west side blocked by possessions, etc.

5.0 Exterior

- 13) ____ Wall cladding- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., stucco, wood siding, etc.) and **condition** (e.g., satisfactory, poor, etc.) of the exterior wall surface material.
- 14) ____ Flashing and trim- Observe and report on the **condition** of the wall flashing and trim at openings and transition areas (comments on exterior flashing may be left out if no visible flashing exists at the property).
- 15) ____ Entry door- Observe and report on **condition** (and operation) of all exterior doors.
- 16) ____ Windows- Observe and report on **condition** and operation of a representative number (may be reported in exterior or interior sections).
- 17) ____ Garage door opener*- Observe and report on **condition** and operation including safety reverse.
- 18) ____ Decks, balconies and steps*- Observe and report on **condition**.
- 19) ____ Porch, areaway, railings*- Observe and report on **condition**.
- 20) ____ Eaves, soffits and fascia*- Observe and report on **condition**.
- 21) ____ Vegetation*- Observe and report on any adverse impact on the structure.
- 22) ____ Grading, drainage- Observe and report on **condition** and any adverse impact on the structure.
- 23) ____ Patio, walks, driveway- Observe and report on **condition** and any adverse impact on the structure.
- 24) ____ Retaining walls*- Observe and report on **condition** and any adverse impact on the structure (may report by making no comment if not present).

6.0 Roofing

- 25) ____ Roof coverings- Observe and describe covering **type** (e.g., shingle, tile, rolled composition, etc.) and report on **condition**.
- 26) ____ Drainage systems*- Observe and report on **condition** of any gutters/downspouts, roof drains, etc.
- 27) ____ Flashings/ penetrations, skylights*, chimneys*- Observe and report on **condition** (may report by making no comments in the report if no skylights or chimneys exist).
- 28) ____ Evidence of leaking*- Observe and report on evidence of leakage (may be noted in the roof, attic or interior sections).
- 29) ____ Method used to observe- Describe method used to observe the roof. (e.g., walked, viewed from ladder, fully viewed, partially viewed, etc.).

7.0 Plumbing

- 30) _____ Interior supply/ distribution piping- Observe and report on visible **type** of materials (must describe type of piping material specifically, e.g., copper, polybutylene, galvanized, etc. – not simply plastic or metal) and **condition** to the extent the piping is visible, and provide a recommendation to correct, monitor or evaluate by appropriate persons to a client if polybutylene piping is present.
- 31) _____ Supports, insulation- Observe and report on **condition** of all visible supports and insulation (e.g., displaced, damaged, missing, not required, etc.).
- 32) _____ Fixtures, faucets- Observe and report on **condition** and operation of all fixtures and faucets (may be reported in plumbing section or individual room description areas).
- 33) _____ Functional flow- Observe and report on the supply system functional flow (volume, not pressure) and describe the method used to determine or have the term functional flow in the report.
- 34) _____ Water supply leaks*- Observe and report on any evidence of supply side leaks.
- 35) _____ Cross connections*- Observe and report on the presence of any potential cross connections (e.g., dishwasher high-loop, hose bib anti-siphon fittings, etc.).
- 36) _____ Waste and vent piping system- Observe and report on visible **type** of materials (must describe type of piping specifically, e.g., ABS plastic, galvanized, etc. – not simply plastic or metal) and **condition** to the extent the piping is visible.
- 37) _____ Drain leaks*- Observe and report on any evidence of leakage of the waste system piping.
- 38) _____ Functional drainage- Observe and report on the waste system functional drainage and describe method used to determine or have the term functional drainage in the report.
- 39) _____ Water heating equipment and operating controls - Observe and report on its **type** (e.g., gas, electric, solar, etc.) and **condition** (e.g., operational, inoperative, etc.).
- 40) _____ Automatic safety controls- Observe and report on presence and visible **condition** (*TPR valve, thermocouple, etc.).
- 41) _____ Flues and vents- Observe and report on **condition** (required if dwelling has a gas water heater-report on flues and combustion air ventilation).
- 42) _____ Fuel distribution system and supports*- Observe and report on **condition** of all visible fuel piping and supports.

8.0 Electrical

- 43) _____ Service type- Observe and report on its **type** (e.g., overhead/underground) and **condition**.
- 44) _____ Service conductor- Observe and report on its **type** (e.g., copper or aluminum) and **condition**. You may report both type and condition as not visible if visibility is restricted.
- 45) _____ Service ground- Observe and report on the presence and the **condition** of the system visible grounding.
- 46) _____ Overcurrent protection devices- Observe and report on the **type** (breakers and/or fuses) and **condition**.

- 47) _____ Main and distribution panels- Observe and report on panel **locations** and **conditions**.
- 48) _____ Service amperage/voltage- Report on the service amperage and voltage rating.
- 49) _____ Branch circuit conductors- Observe and report on **condition**.
- 50) _____ Aluminum branch circuit wiring*- Observe when present and report on **condition** and provide a recommendation to correct, monitor or evaluate by appropriate persons to a client when non stranded aluminum wire is present.
- 51) _____ Compatibility- Observe and report on **condition** (e.g., report when breakers or fuses are oversized). It is not acceptable to report the panels as simply satisfactory to address compatibility.
- 52) _____ Lights, switches- Observe and report on operation and **condition** of a representative number (may be reported in electrical section or individual room description areas).
- 53) _____ Receptacles, polarity, ground- Observe and report on operation and **condition** of a representative number (may be reported in electrical section or individual room description areas).
- 54) _____ Ground fault circuit interrupters- Observe and report on operation and **condition** of all existing GFCI devices.

9.0 Heating

- 55) _____ Heating equipment- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., heat pump, forced air gas, etc.) and **condition**.
- 56) _____ Energy source- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., gas or electric).
- 57) _____ Operating controls (thermostat - Observe and report on operation and **condition**.
- 58) _____ Automatic safety controls- Observe and report on presence and visible **condition** (e.g., limit switches, thermocouple, etc. on gas units and over current protection on electric units).
- 59) _____ Chimneys, flues and vents- Observe and report on **condition** (required if dwelling has a gas heater - report on flues and vents as well as combustion air ventilation).
- 60) _____ Solid fuel heating devices*- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., fireplace, wood stove, pellet stove) and **condition**.
- 61) _____ Distribution system- Observe and report on **type** and **condition**. (radiator ducts, etc.) - not required to describe materials).
- 62) _____ Air filters- Observe and report on **condition**. It is not acceptable to describe the filter condition as simply “present” or “in place”.
- 63) _____ Heat source- Observe and report on **heat source presence in each room** (report must contain a reference to heating source presence in each room) - may be reported in individual room description areas.

10.0 Cooling Note: If the heating and cooling systems have shared components (e.g., thermostat, distribution system, filters, registers, etc.) these components may be reported in either the heating or cooling sections.

- 64) _____ Cooling equipment- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., heat pump, air conditioner, evaporative cooler) and **condition**.

- 65) ____ Energy source- Observe and report on **type** (e.g., gas or electric).
- 66) ____ Operating controls (thermostat) - Observe and report on **condition**.
- 67) ____ Distribution system- Observe and report on **type** (ducts, etc.) and **condition** - not required to describe materials.
- 68) ____ Air filters- Observe and report on **condition**. It is not acceptable to describe the filter condition as simply “present” or “in place”.
- 69) ____ Cooling source- Observe and report on **cooling source presence in each room** (report must contain a reference to cooling source presence in each room) - may be reported in individual room description areas.

11.0 Interiors

- 70) ____ Walls, ceilings, floors- Observe and report on **condition** at visible areas.
- 71) ____ Steps, stairways*- Observe and report on **condition**.
- 72) ____ Balconies, railings*- Observe and report on **condition**.
- 73) ____ Counters, cabinetry- Observe and report on **condition**.
- 74) ____ Doors- Observe and report on operation and **condition** of a representative number of interior doors (may be reported in interior section or individual room description areas).
- 75) ____ Windows- Observe and report on operation and **condition** of a representative number of primary windows (may be reported in interior section or individual room description areas).
- 76) ____ Fire separation walls and ceilings- Observe walls and ceilings between dwelling unit and an attached garage or another dwelling unit and report on **condition**.
- 77) ____ Fire separation doors- Observe and report on **condition** at attached garages.

12.0 Insulation, Ventilation

- 78) ____ Insulation- Observe and report **type** of visible insulation (e.g., fiberglass, cellulose, etc.) and **condition** (e.g., displaced, damaged, missing).
- 79) ____ Vapor retarder- Observe and report **type** of vapor retarder (e.g., building paper, plastic, etc.) and **condition** (e.g., displaced, damaged, missing, not required, etc.). Minor displacement of insulation is permissible if necessary to access vapor retarder.
- 80) ____ Attic ventilation- Observe and report on presence and **condition**.
- 81) ____ Under floor crawl space ventilation*- Observe and report on presence and **condition**.
- 82) ____ Kitchen ventilation*- Observe and report on the stove vent **condition**.
- 83) ____ Bathroom ventilation- Observe fan or window and report on operation and **condition**.
- 84) ____ Laundry ventilation- Observe and report on presence and **condition** (dryer venting) to the extent it is visible. Dryer venting evaluation shall include visible sections from the clothes dryer to the exterior of the building. Observe and report on condition of room ventilation if present.

