

Startup Costs

Every home inspection journey looks a little different. Not all states require licensure or an inspection exam, and the tools you choose to start with may vary. This sheet is not intended to be used as a list of requirements, just a tool to help you brainstorm your costs.

Subtotal:

CAREER PREP COSTS		EQUIPMENT COSTS	
New Inspector Training	\$600-2,000	Flashlight	\$10-80
Exam Prep*	\$99-300	AFCI/GFCI Receptacle Tester	\$10-260+
Exam*	\$225	Moisture Meter	\$350-550+
License Application*	\$250	A/C Voltage Detector	\$16-250+
*If applicable in your state Subtotal:		Electrical Tester	\$10-15
		Combustible Gas Detector	\$200-350
BUSINESS AND MARKETING COSTS		Full-Face or Half-Face Respirator	\$50-150
Registering a Business	\$50-150*	Infrared Thermometer	\$100
E&O Insurance	\$40/month	Tool Holder	\$17-300+
Home Inspection Association Fee	\$50-150*	Ladder	\$150-200
Logo Design	\$150-300	·	\$50-150/ month
Business Card Design and Printing	\$125-300	*Recurring Subscription/Fee Subtotal:	
Website	\$200-500	Subtotal	
*Recurring Subscription/Fee			

After crossing off the parts you don't need and doing some research to determine exact costs of the items or tasks left, add up your total estimated cost. Now, keep in mind that when you begin taking jobs, you'll have to account for fuel costs for transportation, extra costs you may incur while networking, and a little cushion for unexpected costs.

Total Estimated Startup Costs: