



**Wood
Energy
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Transfer Inc.**

What Is WETT Inc.?

Wood Energy Technology Transfer Inc. (WETT Inc.) is a non-profit training and educational association. Through professional training and public education, WETT Inc. promotes the safe and efficient use of wood-burning systems in Canada.

In carrying out its mandate to promote increased safety and efficiency effectiveness, WETT Inc. maintains the Wood Energy Technical Training Program and acts as the national registrar for certified professionals. The wood-burning industry, insurance companies, municipal building inspectors, fire officials and government agencies recognize WETT training and certification.

WETT Inc. is assisted in the delivery of training by provincial and territorial affiliates. The provincial affiliates include the following:

- WET-BC (British Columbia)
- WET-MB (Manitoba)
- WET-NB (New Brunswick)
- AWETA (Atlantic Wood Energy Technicians Association)

In Quebec, WETT Inc. works with the Association des professionnels du chauffage (APC). All other provinces and territories are serviced centrally by WETT Inc.

Who Are WETT-Trained Professionals?

To become a WETT-trained professional requires the completion of one of WETT Inc.'s educational streams. Training consists of a minimum of four days of formal training followed by written examinations. Before WETT certificates are issued, a minimum of 80 weeks of related field experience must be declared. Some types of certified professionals include wood-burning appliance installers and inspectors, hearth retail representatives, insurance inspectors, fire safety professionals, chimney sweeps and municipal inspectors.

What Does it Mean to Be WETT Certified?

To be certified by WETT Inc. means that the professional has completed the necessary training programs and has declared 80 weeks of related field experience. Once certified, the professional agrees to abide by WETT Inc.'s strict Code of Ethics. To maintain certification, certificate holders must complete continuing education requirements and renew their membership annually.

Once they are WETT trained, certificate holders have the right to use the WETT Inc. name and logo in their advertising. It is important to note that WETT Inc. certifies individuals – not companies. Consumers should ask if the person whom they intend to hire is certified and ask to see his or her WETT identification card.

What Type of WETT-Trained Professional Do I Need?

WETT training consists of several educational streams, including inspectors, technicians, advisors and chimney sweeps. To determine what type of WETT-trained professional you need, consider the following guidelines:

- Do you need a basic visual inspection such as for insurance or pre-purchase of a home that is equipped with a wood-

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burning appliance or fireplace? A basic visual inspection is a general overview of the readily accessible parts of a wood-burning system to determine if the system meets current regulations. If this description fits your needs, any WETT-certified member is trained to perform a basic visual inspection.

- If you need a more intensive inspection or an evaluation to determine system integrity, contact members listed as WETT-certified technicians or sweeps.
- If your wood-burning system is not functioning properly, is damaged or is causing concerns such as smoke spillage, rapid creosote accumulation, etc., you should contact a WETT-certified technician or sweep.

Why Should I Use a WETT-Trained Professional?

To have the full assurance that your wood-burning appliance is installed safely and in accordance with building and fire code requirements, a WETT-trained professional should be consulted. Safety is paramount, and wood-burning appliances are manufactured to work safely and efficiently when they are installed, used and maintained properly.

Many insurance companies in Canada require an inspection by a WETT-trained professional before issuing insurance. In addition, many retailers will insist that when wood-burning appliances are sold they must be professionally installed.



Enjoy your wood-burning appliance with the assurance offered by a WETT-trained professional.

How Do I Find a WETT-Trained Professional?

There are WETT-trained professionals throughout Canada. To find one in your area you can do the following:

- Consult your local Yellow Pages™ and look for the WETT logo under the category of wood heat professionals.
- Look in your local telephone book for chimney sweeps or hearth dealers. When you call, ask if their staff is WETT certified.
- Look for the WETT logo in the advertisements of some WETT-certified chimney sweeps and dealers.
- In Quebec, remember to look for WETT Inc.'s affiliate, Association des professionnels du chauffage (APC).
- Visit WETT Inc.'s Web site at <http://www.wettinc.ca> and click the WETT Member search link for a complete list of WETT-trained professionals. Type the name of your town or area, and you will find a chart with the names and contact information of professionals who are certified for the various services that you need.
- Call WETT Inc. toll-free at 1 888 358-WETT (9388).
- Ask representatives who visit your home or property to show proper identification. A WETT-certified professional would be prepared to show you his or her WETT wallet card as proof of certification.