



**West Virginia Appraisal**

**Licensing Requirements**

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The information contained below is designed to provide a summary of the minimum education, experience, and examination requirements established by the West Virginia Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. The information provided below can be found on the Board's website. However, we recommend you contact the Board for more detailed information and for any changes which may have occurred.

### Licensure Levels:

Apprentice

Licensed Appraiser

Certified Residential Appraiser

Certified General Appraiser



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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) has adopted changes to the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria that will become effective January 1, 2015. A summary of the changes can be found on The Appraisal Foundation's (TAF) website at:

<https://appraisalfoundation.sharefile.com/d/sd2f26fafefe402ab>

## Licensure Requirements

Must be at least 18 years of age

Must have a high school diploma or its equivalent

Must meet the educational requirement for the applying level of licensure

Must meet the experience requirement for the applying level of licensure

For Certified Residential level: A minimum of an Associates Degree OR 21 college semester hours in specific subject matters is also required.

For Certified General level: A minimum of a Bachelors Degree OR 30 college semester hours in specific subject matters is also required.

Satisfactory completion of the state examination (Apprentices are not required to take a state exam.)

Submit application, required documents, and associated fees.

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## Education Requirements

150 hours for the Apprentice which consist of the following courses: Basic Appraisal Principles (30 hours), Basic Appraisal Procedures (30 hours), 15 Hour National USPAP Course or its equivalent (15 hours), Residential Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use (15 hours), Residential Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach (15 hours), Residential Report Writing and Case Studies (15 Hours), Residential Sales Comparison and Income Approach (30 hours)

150 hours for the Licensed Real Estate Appraiser which include the same hour requirement as the Apprentice level

200 Hours for the Certified Residential Appraiser which consist of the same 150 hours of Licensed Appraiser education AND: Statistics, Modeling and Finance (15 hours), Advanced Residential Application and Case Studies (15 hours), Appraisal Subject Matter Electives (20 hours)

300 hours for the Certified General Appraiser which includes the same 200 hours for the Certified Residential Appraiser education AND: Income Property Appraisal (60 hours), General Appraiser Report Writing and Case Studies (10 hours), General Appraiser Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use (15 hours)



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## Experience Requirements

Apprentice- No experience required

Licensed Appraiser - 2000 hours in no less than 24 months

Certified Residential Appraiser - 2500 hours in no less than 24 months

Certified General Appraiser - 3000 hours in no less than 30 months with at least 1500 hours of experience in non-residential appraisals

## Continuing Education Requirements

All licenses expire September 30th annually

All appraisers are required to complete 14 hours of continuing education each year

The 7 hour USPAP Update course must be taken every two years

At least 7 hours of education must be taken in class

