



On December 9, 2011, the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) of The Appraisal Foundation adopted changes to the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria that become effective January 1, 2015.

College education requirements are a fundamental component of these newly adopted changes. Applicants for a Residential license will be required to have a minimum of 30 college semester units, whereas both Applicants for either a Certified Residential or a Certified General license will be required to have a four-year college degree (see table on next page).

These requirements are effective for individuals seeking a real property appraiser credential after January 1, 2015. However, *the requirements will apply to existing real property appraisers seeking to upgrade a license.* Appraisers wishing to upgrade their licenses will have to meet these new minimum criteria.

If you will be seeking an initial license, and have not yet begun to compile the experience component for a Certified Residential or Certified General Application, you **MUST** comply with the 2015 minimum criteria because experience must be completed over a period of no less than 30 months.

All initial and upgrade Applicants wishing to qualify under the existing 2008 AQB minimum criteria ***must submit a complete application, which includes: the required education, experience, and successful examination results, by December 31, 2014.*** *Therefore, Applicants are STRONGLY advised to submit complete applications for the desired license level as soon as possible and no later than October 1, 2014, if they wish to qualify under the existing 2008 AQB minimum criteria.* If an application has not been submitted with all required education, experience, and successful examination results **prior to January 1, 2015**, the Applicant **MUST** comply with the 2015 AQB minimum criteria.

For example: If the application, the education, and Log of Appraisal Experience, documenting the required experience, has been submitted but the Applicant has not submitted the passing examination results with a postmark of no later than December 31, 2014, or hand delivered to the office with a date stamp verification no later than December 31, 2014, the Applicant will have to comply with the 2015 AQB minimum criteria.

ALL APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO UNDERSTAND THE NEW MINIMUM CRITERIA

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COLLEGE LEVEL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT CHANGES*

CLASSIFICATION	CURRENT REQUIREMENTS	1/1/15 REQUIREMENTS
Trainee Appraiser	None	None
Licensed Residential Appraiser	None	30 semester credit hours of college-level education from an accredited college, junior college, community college, or university OR an Associate's degree or higher (in any field).
Certified Residential Appraiser	21 semester credit hours in specified collegiate subject matter courses from an accredited college or university OR an Associate's degree or higher.	Bachelor's degree or higher (in any field) from an accredited college or university.
Certified General Appraiser	30 semester credit hours in specific collegiate subject matter courses from an accredited college or university OR a Bachelor's degree or higher.	Bachelor's degree or higher (in any field) from an accredited college or university.