



## The Appraisal Qualifications Board (AQB)

### New Education Requirements Adopted by AQB Effective January 1, 2026, For Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria

#### New AQB Continuing and Qualifying Education Requirements

**Effective January 1, 2026**

Effective January 1, 2026, all new Appraiser and Trainee applicants are required to have completed the [Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations](#) eight-hour course for licensure.

Appraisers and Trainees upgrading their credentials are required to have completed the [Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations](#) eight-hour course as part of the required core curriculum.

- A. Initially, an Appraiser and Trainee must complete an 8-hour Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations course.
- B. Then, every two calendar years an Appraiser and Trainee, must complete a four-hour Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations course.

Below is the revised course outline for qualifying education and continuing education and for the following:

Trainee applicants and Certified Trainees, General Appraiser applicants and Certified General Appraisers, and Residential Appraiser applicants and Certified Residential Appraisers.

The new educational requirement went into effect on January 1, 2026.

| <i>Trainee Appraiser Classification Required Core Curriculum - effective 1/1/2026</i>               |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Basic Appraisal Principles  | 30 hours         |
| Basic Appraisal Procedures  | 30 hours         |
| <a href="#">Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations</a>                                | <b>8 hours</b>   |
| 15-Hour National USPAP Course (or its equivalent)   | 15 hours         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  | <b>83 hours</b>  |
| *Supervisory Appraiser/Trainee Course   |                  |
| * Supervisory Appraiser/Trainee Course does not count towards <b>83 hours</b>                       |                  |
| <i>Certified General Appraiser Classification Required Core Curriculum - effective 1/1/2026</i>     |                  |
| Basic Appraisal Principles  | 30 hours         |
| Basic Appraisal Procedures  | 30 hours         |
| <a href="#">Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations</a>                                | <b>8 hours</b>   |
| 15-Hour National USPAP Course (or its equivalent)   | 15 hours         |
| General Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use  | 30 hours         |
| General Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach  | 30 hours         |
| General Sales Comparison Approach   | 30 hours         |
| General Report Writing and Case Studies   | 30 hours         |
| Statistics, Modeling, and Finance   | 15 hours         |
| Appraisal Subject Matter Electives  | 22 hours         |
| General Appraiser Income Approach   | 60 hours         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  | <b>300 hours</b> |
| <i>Certified Residential Appraiser Classification Required Core Curriculum - effective 1/1/2026</i> |                  |
| Basic Appraisal Principles  | 30 hours         |
| Basic Appraisal Procedures  | 30 hours         |
| <a href="#">Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations</a>                                | <b>8 hours</b>   |
| 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 Sales Comparison and Income Approaches  | 30 hours         |
| Residential Report Writing and Case Studies   | 15 hours         |
| Statistics, Modeling, and Finance   | 15 hours         |
| Advanced Residential Applications and Case Studies  | 15 hours         |
| Appraisal Subject Matter Electives  | 12 hours         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  | <b>200 hours</b> |