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NOTICE 2025 - 01

New Appraiser Continuing Education and Qualifying Education Requirements taking effect NEXT YEAR on January 1, 2026

Please be advised that Appraisal Qualifications Board has adopted changes to the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria effective January 1, 2026, that impact existing licensees and future applicants. Please review the new requirements and take the required courses prior to renewing a credential or applying to upgrade a credential on or after January 1, 2026.

Starting January 1, 2026, to renew a credential, appraisers must provide proof of successfully completing a course which meets the content requirements of the Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations Outline, **every two calendar years**.

- a. The first time an appraiser completes the continuing education requirement for this course, the course length must be seven (7) hours.
 1. If an appraiser successfully completed a seven (7) hour (plus 1 hour exam) course as part of their qualifying education, they have met this requirement.
- b. Every two calendar years thereafter, the course length must be at least four (4) hours.

Starting January 1, 2026, applicants for a new appraiser credential or upgrading a credential must complete the 8-hour course (with exam) on Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations as part of their Qualifying Education for all appraiser credentials.

After January 1, 2026, these courses will be required and failure to complete these requirements may delay the issuance or renewal of your appraiser credential.

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