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The AQB Criteria Will Change on January 1, 2015 but some of those changes could affect you now!

Four years ago, the Appraiser Qualifications Board, adopted new criteria that significantly increased the appraisal education required for certification, set the minimum criteria for college education, and developed a new exam. Since those changes became effective in January 2008, the AQB has been working on the next set of revisions to the criteria. In December 2011, after five exposure drafts and many months of public comment, the AQB adopted a new set of changes to the qualification criteria. On December 9, 2011, the Appraiser Qualifications Board of The Appraisal Foundation adopted changes to the *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria* that will become effective January 1, 2015. These changes represent minimum national requirements that each state must implement no later than January 1, 2015.

The changes, as summarized by the AQB in the [Summary of Upcoming Changes](#) and Frequently Asked Questions are shown on both the Appraisal Foundations website www.appraisalfoundation.org under the Appraisal Qualifications Board heading, and on the Arizona Board of Appraisal website www.azboa.gov under the headings of either Licensing or Education. These changes include a four year degree requirement for certification (residential and general), as well as minimum criteria for qualifying as a supervisor. **Appraisers and Trainees should know that if they are planning to upgrade, using the “in lieu of” education, they will have to apply and be issued before January 1, 2015.** Current licensed or certified appraisers will not have to meet the college education requirement as long as they remain current and are not planning to upgrade.

Due to the time it will take to process the applications, complete background checks, schedule and take the examination, the board strongly encourages applicants to submit their applications prior to 9/01/2014. The board and staff will make every effort to process the applications as expeditiously as possible. However, they do not have control over how long the DPS background checks may take, nor can they control the examination schedules of the testing company.

As an additional note, the criteria require a minimum of 24 months for experience credit. If a trainee:

- 1) Is not currently licensed or certified; **and**
 - 2) They have not been working with an approved Arizona Supervisor Appraiser since September, 2012; **and**
 - 3) They do not currently have a college degree
- they will not meet the minimum time required.

The board encourages all current trainees, or potential trainees to be aware of the changes to alleviate any misunderstandings. We encourage any and all questions be directed to Jessica Sapio, Licensing and Education Administrator for the board, or to me.

Yours Truly,

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