

FAQs regarding SB1316 as of June 1, 2013

What is SB1316?

SB1316 was proposed by the Board in response to the Dodd-Frank Act, 2015AQB Criteria, State of Arizona requirements, and suggestions from the Board's strategic planning sessions. Issues addressed by the legislation include but are not limited to:

- 1) Creates an Appraiser Trainee Classification
- 2) Creates a designated Supervisory Appraiser classification
- 3) Provides the National Examination as approved by AQB as the official test to become licensed or certified
- 4) Allows the Board to accept grant money
- 5) Addresses the fee for the national exam
- 6) Allows the board to accept credit cards for payment of fees
- 7) Changes the definition of types of appraisals that licensees and certified residential appraisers are allowed to appraise
- 8) Changes reciprocity verbiage to comply with the federal requirements
- 9) Requires an appraiser to provide the Board with an e-mail address, unless the appraiser has no e-mail account
- 10) Changes the composition of the Board to allow two appraisers who are either licensed or certified, in addition to one who holds the Certified Residential and one that holds the Certified General credential.

When will SB1316 become effective?

Although SB1316 has already been signed by the Governor, it will not become effective until 90 days after the current legislative session ends.

What do trainees do in the meantime?

Those wishing to become an appraiser trainee should have their Supervisor complete the Supervising Appraiser's Notification of Engagement form found on the Board's website just as they have been doing since 2007. Once the bill becomes effective, all Supervisors will receive a letter informing them that if their trainees cannot fulfill the licensure/certification requirements before 1/01/2015, both the supervisors and trainees will need to complete separate applications, pay the appropriate fee (for trainees only), and undergo the background check. Trainees can use their accumulated experience up to that point.

What about the trainee/supervisor class?

The 4-hour course that will be required after 1/01/2015 may be taken before that date. However, this class must contain the material as outlined in the AQB 2015 Supervisory Appraiser/Trainee Appraiser course and it must have been approved by the State prior to the Supervisor and Trainee Appraiser's attendance.

Does the board still treat those who are already licensed and want to go up in classification as trainees?

One of the Board's current rules needs to be amended before the Board can distinguish between those who are currently credentialed from those who are entering the profession for the first time. The Board is working on amending the rule but this process could take six months. In particular, a clarification is proposed to the existing rule to differentiate between those entering the profession for the first time being classified as a trainee and those who already hold a valid license or certificate not being classified as trainees.

How will reciprocity be addressed by SB1316?

Those applicants who are in good standing and coming from a state that meets or exceeds the requirements of our state, and if that state is substantially in compliance with the Appraisal Subcommittee as of the last audit, will be granted reciprocity upon completion of an application and payment of fees.

When can I renew my license online?

The Board has been working on updating its licensing software for over a year and hopes to have the new program operational within 9 months to a year. Completion of this process will be announced as soon as it is in place.

When can I pay my fees with a credit card?

Once the new licensing software program is in place, the Board will be accepting credit card payments.

How much will the "convenience fee" for credit cards be?

Although a final decision has not been made, it is likely that a flat fee will be charged rather than a percentage of the entire transaction. An exact fee has not yet been determined.

What about the provision for criminal background checks?

Statute currently requires criminal background checks for **new** applicants. SB1316 includes Supervisors and Trainees submit to a criminal background check. The fees for the background checks are not to exceed the cost charged to the Board. This fee is currently \$22.00. AQB is encouraging all states to have their **existing** appraisers undergo background checks at least once. How and when the requirement for the existing appraiser to undergo a criminal background check will be decided by the Board in the future.