

## Appraiser Qualifications Board *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria* **Interpretation – Continuing Education Credit for** **Attendance at State Appraiser Regulatory Agency** **Meetings**

This communication is for the purpose of issuing an Interpretation of the *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria*. Interpretations are essential to a proper understanding of the requirements set forth in the *Criteria* and as such, are binding upon users of the *Criteria*. Interpretations will be incorporated into the published version of the *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria* at its next printing.

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**Interpretation of Criteria Section(s):**

*Trainee Real Property Appraiser Classification (2003 Criteria)*  
*Licensed Real Property Appraiser (2003 Criteria)*  
*Certified Residential Real Property Appraiser (2003 Criteria)*  
*Certified General Real Property Appraiser (2003 Criteria)*  
*Continuing Education Section 4*

*Criteria Applicable To All Appraiser Classifications (2008 Criteria)*  
*Criteria Specific to Continuing Education Section III (G)*

**Issue(s):**

State-licensed and state-certified appraisers often attend meetings of their respective State appraiser regulatory agencies. These meetings can often be educational and beneficial to appraisers. However, it is currently unclear under what circumstances appraisers may receive continuing education credit for attending these meetings.

**Background:**

The *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria* states the purpose of continuing education is to ensure that appraisers participate in a program that maintains and increases their skill, knowledge, and competency in real property appraising. In March 2006, the AQB exposed this Interpretation and received feedback causing it to reconsider allowing continuing education credit

for certain meetings of State appraiser regulatory agencies. As a result, in August 2006 the AQB exposed another Interpretation disallowing credit for meetings of State appraiser regulatory agencies. Exposure of that Interpretation resulted in additional feedback that supported the AQB's original position on this issue. The purpose of this Interpretation is to make clear that under certain circumstances, credentialed appraisers may be able to receive continuing education credit for attendance at State appraiser regulatory agency meetings.

It should be noted that special continuing education programs (i.e. seminars or workshops) offered by a state appraiser regulatory agency would be eligible for continuing education credit under other, already allowable education categories.

## **Criteria Section(s) Affected and New Interpretation**

### ***Trainee Real Property Appraiser Classification (2003 Criteria)***

#### **4. Continuing Education**

An appraiser trainee who remains in this classification in excess of two years shall be required in the third and successive years to obtain:

- a. The equivalent of fourteen classroom hours of instruction in the courses or seminars for each year during the period preceding the renewal. (For example, a two year appraiser trainee term would require twenty-eight hours.) Continuing education hours may be obtained anytime during the term...

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#### **G. Criteria Specific to Continuing Education**

11. The equivalent of fourteen class hours of instruction in courses or seminars for each year during the period preceding the renewal is required. For example, a two-year continuing education cycle would require twenty-eight hours. The class hour requirement can be fulfilled at any time during the cycle.

**New Interpretation Language**

**Interpretation (for all sections):**

*State appraiser regulatory agencies may award continuing education credit to credentialed appraisers who attend a state appraiser regulatory agency meeting, under the following conditions:*

*Credit may be awarded for a single state appraiser regulatory agency meeting per continuing education cycle. The meeting must be open to the public and must be a minimum of two (2) hours in length. The total credit cannot exceed seven (7) hours.*

*The state appraiser regulatory agency must ensure that the credentialed appraiser attends the meeting for the required period of time.*