

Quick Guide to RP Accreditation

Please refer to the RP Accreditation Guide for specific requirements
<http://www.appraisers.org/Accreditation>

Pathways for Obtaining the AM or ASA Designation

- AM Designation for State Certified General Appraiser.
- AM Designation for State Certified Residential Appraiser.
- AM or ASA Designation in the Ad Valorem/Mass Appraisal – General Specialty through core course completion.
- AM or ASA Designation in the Ad Valorem/Mass Appraisal – Residential Specialty through core course completion.
- AM Designation through core courses and electives.
- ASA Designation through core courses and electives.
- Obtaining a designation through an approved equivalency.

Prerequisites

- You are a “Candidate” meaning you have passed both ASA’s Ethics exam and USPAP.
- You have met the Real Property education requirements or have an acceptable equivalency designation from another organization.
- You hold a two (2) year (Associate’s Degree) or its equivalent for the AM designation or a four (4) year Bachelor’s degree or its equivalent for the ASA designation.
- You hold a valid State Certified Residential License, a valid State Certified General License or can provide supporting documentation of the equivalent educational hours required to obtain these licenses.
- You have two (2) years of full-time appraisal experience for the Accredited Member (AM) designation or five (5) years of full-time appraisal experience for the Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) designation.
- You passed the comprehensive examination, if required.

Reciprocity/Equivalency

ASA offers full reciprocity with:

- The Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers (MBREA)-The “RA” or “MRA” designations are equivalent to an “AM” or “ASA” designation after completing ASA’s membership requirements.
- The National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers (NAIFA)-The “IFA”, “IFAA”, “IFAS” or “IFAC” with NAIFA are equivalent to an “AM” or “ASA” designation after completing ASA’s membership requirements.
- ASA also offers equivalencies with other organizations.

***Please refer to ASA’s [RP Guide to Professional Accreditation](#) for more details.