**GJ Quick Guide to Designation**

**A Quick Guide to ASA’s Gems & Jewelry (GJ) Accreditation Program**

It’s as easy as One, Two, Three.

**Step 1: Become a Candidate Member of ASA**
- Pass ASA’s Online Ethics Exam;
- Pass USPAP Exam (if applicable)

**Step 2: Complete Education Requirements**
- Pass the three GJ Principles of Valuation (POV) Courses (GJ201-203) OR
- Qualify for an education equivalency*

**Step 3: Apply for Accredited Member (AM) or Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) Designation**

Candidates who have met the AM or ASA accreditation criteria are ready to submit an online accreditation application which includes:* 

- Documentation of G.G. diploma and student number of gemological diploma from an internationally recognized gemological association or school
- Proof of college education or submit the Education Equivalency Form
- Submit two (2) appraisal reports (and report checklist) completed within the past two (2) years. These must be actual reports completed for a client(s)
- An Appraisal Experience Log documenting two (2) years of full-time experience for the AM designation and five (5) years of full-time experience for the ASA designation
- Pass the accreditation exam in your chosen specialty (if applicable)
- A current USPAP certificate (if required)
- Submission of completed online accreditation application

*Details on these requirements may be found in the Gems & Jewelry (GJ) Guide to Professional Accreditation

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**Report Peer-Review Process**

- **Report Sent to First Examiner on ASA’s Board of Examiners**
  - 10-20 Days for Review
- **Report Sent to Second Examiner on ASA’s Board of Examiners**
  - 10-20 Days for Review
- **Board of Examiners Decision Provided to Candidate**

**Awarded Accredited Member (AM) Designation**

If you have two (2) years of full-time appraisal experience

**Awarded Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) Designation**

If you have five (5) years or more of full-time appraisal experience

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