

# The Appraisal Qualifications Board (AQB) Adopted New Education Requirements to the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria Effective January 1, 2026

## **New Continuing Education (“CE”) Requirements Effective January 1, 2026**

Effective January 1, 2026, all registered trainees, licensed, and certified appraisers will be required to complete a course every two calendar years which meets the content requirements of the **Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations** outline as set forth in the *2026 Real Property Appraiser Qualifications Criteria*.

- a. The first time an appraiser completes a **Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations Course**, the appraiser must complete the **seven-hour** course. **The commission recommends submitting the seven-hour course with your continuing education if your license expires from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027. The continuing education total remains twenty-eight (28) hours, including a seven-hour USPAP.**
- b. Every two calendar years (each CE Cycle) thereafter, the appraiser must complete a **four-hour Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations Course**. **The four-hour course is required as a part of your continuing education for any license expiring January 1, 2028, or later. The continuing education requirement will be twenty-eight (28) hours total, including a four-hour bias course and a seven-hour USPAP.**

## **New Qualifying Education (QE) Requirements Effective January 1, 2026**

Effective January 1, 2026, **new applicants** for registered trainee, licensure or certification will be required to complete an eight-hour course in **Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations** as part of the required core curriculum. This eight-hour course covers the same content as the seven-hour Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations course, but includes a one-hour examination, as required for qualifying education.

If you currently hold a registered trainee, licensed, or certified residential credential and need to complete your initial seven-hour Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations course to meet continuing education requirements, you are encouraged to complete the accompanying one-hour exam. Completing the eight-hour course (seven (7) hours plus a one (1) hour exam) will meet both your continuing education requirement and, should you wish to upgrade in the future, your eight-hour qualifying education requirement.

Below is a revised outline of the Registered Trainee, Licensed, Certified Residential, and Certified General classifications, which includes the mandatory course on *Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations*. Again, this new educational requirement will become effective January 1, 2026.

<b><i>Registered Trainee Classification Required Core Curriculum- effective January 1, 2026</i></b>	
Basic Appraisal Principles	30 hours
Basic Appraisal Procedures	30 hours
<b>Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations</b>	<b>8 hours</b>
15-Hour National USPAP Course (or its equivalent)	15 hours
Supervisory Appraiser/Trainee (Apprentice) Course	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>83 hours</b>
<b><i>Licensed Appraiser Classification Required Core Curriculum – effective January 1, 2026</i></b>	
Basic Appraisal Principles	30 hours
Basic Appraisal Procedures	30 hours
<b>Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations</b>	<b>8 hours</b>
15-Hour National USPAP Course (or its equivalent)	15 hours
Residential Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use	15 hours
Residential Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach	15 hours
Residential Sales Comparison and Income Approaches	30 hours
Residential Report Writing and Case Studies	15 hours
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>158 hours</b>

<b><i>Certified Residential Appraiser Classification Required Core Curriculum – effective January 1, 2026</i></b>	
Basic Appraisal Principles	30 hours
Basic Appraisal Procedures	30 hours
<b>Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations</b>	<b>8 hours</b>
15-Hour National USPAP Course (or its equivalent)	15 hours
Residential Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use	15 hours
Residential Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach	15 hours
Residential Sales Comparison and Income Approaches	30 hours
Residential Report Writing and Case Studies	15 hours
Statistics, Modeling, and Finance	15 hours
Advanced Residential Applications and Case Studies	15 hours
Appraisal Subject Matter Electives (may include hours over minimum shown above in other modules)	12 hours
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>200 hours</b>
<b><i>Certified General Appraiser Classification Required Core Curriculum - effective January 1, 2026</i></b>	
Basic Appraisal Principles	30 hours
Basic Appraisal Procedures	30 hours
<b>Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations</b>	<b>8 hours</b>
15-Hour National USPAP Course (or its equivalent)	15 hours
General Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use	30 hours
Statistics, Modeling and Finance	15 hours
General Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach	30 hours
General Sales Comparison Approach	30 hours
General Appraiser Income Approach	60 hours
General Report Writing and Case Studies	30 hours
Appraisal Subject Matter Electives (may include hours over minimum shown above in other modules)	22 hours
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>300 hours</b>