



International Institute of Minerals Appraisers

(A Non-Profit Professional Organization)

CERTIFIED MINERALS APPRAISER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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The Requirements set forth in this guidance are subject to change without notice by the Executive Committee. The requirements shall include Education, Experience, and a record of personal integrity as set forth in the following paragraphs. The interpretation and application of such requirements shall be within the sole discretion of the Executive Committee, which in its judgment may adopt and publish higher or additional requirements as needed and deemed necessary.

Educational Requirement: shall include:

1. A baccalaureate or higher degree in geology or engineering (mining, petroleum, or other natural resources);
2. A minimum of one (1) continuing education course in the appraisal of minerals, as recognized by the Executive Committee¹;
3. Provide proof of successful completion of a valuation standards compliance course, similar to the 15-hour Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP); or equivalent type of appraisal or valuation standards training.
4. In lieu of any of the forgoing, evidence submitted by the applicant and found satisfactory to the Executive Committee, or a committee of examiners duly appointed by it, in any field of minerals appraisal, shall be considered.

Experience Requirement:

Applicants must have a least five (5) years of progressively more responsible professional experience, following receipt of a baccalaureate degree, during which full competence has been demonstrated in the application of professional principles and methods to the execution of work involving:

1. Understanding the approaches to value and the appropriate methodology utilized by the market in appraising particular mineral rights and properties; or
2. Development, management, or regulation of mineral rights and properties; or
3. Teaching and market research of mineral property transactions and the concepts of fair market value at the university level.

¹ As continuing education offerings change annually, the relevant course(s) will be reviewed each year by the Executive Committee.

In fulfillment of this experience requirement, two years of experience credit shall be allowed for work performed during the completion of a master's degree, or three years of credit shall be allowed for work performed during the completion of a doctorate degree, provided the graduate training was primarily in some aspect of minerals appraisal. In no case shall the total experience credit for academic work, above the baccalaureate degree, exceed a total of three (3) years.

The applicant must furnish specific and explicit descriptions of the qualifying work experience. Qualifying work experience specifically does not include routine activities, where the elements of initiative, professional judgment, and decision-making are lacking, nor does it include activities that do not use appraisal methods to process and interpret market data. Where pertinent, the description should include a bibliography listing published or unpublished reports of substantive original investigations or appraisal reports based on market data.

Experience requirements for membership shall include a minimum of five years of appraisal of minerals experience after having satisfied the education requirements of the preceding paragraph. Applicants for membership shall affirm their adherence to applicable professional and ethical standards and shall provide acceptable references from at least three (3) minerals appraisers who have personal knowledge of the applicant's qualifications, integrity, and conduct, **at least one (1) of whom is a Certified Member of the Institute.**

Record of Personal Integrity:

All applicants for Certification are encouraged to be Associate Members for at least one year prior to application, to work with a mentor to complete and review the applicant's package for Certification prior to submission and become familiar with the Institute and its members.

Finally, as a means of building one's network and to become familiarized with the current Membership, the Executive Committee encourages Associates and applicants for Certification to attend IIMA-hosted events and other similar technical seminars and conferences such as SME, SPE, SEG, AIPG, NARO, or others. The presentation of papers or talks demonstrating the Applicant's understanding of minerals appraisal are highly encouraged and should be submitted for consideration in the application process.

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