



7 STEPS TO A LICENSED RESIDENTIAL APPRAISER

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Take the Required Courses at Champions Appraisal School®

Appraiser Trainee Program (87 hrs)

Courses must be completed before submitting application for approval as an appraiser trainee to TALCB.

- **Basic Appraisal Principles** (30 hrs AQE)
- **Basic Appraisal Procedures** (30 hrs AQE)
- **15-Hour National USPAP Course — Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice** (15 hrs AQE)
This course must be completed within 24 months of filing your TALCB application. Must pass 74% or higher.
- **Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations** (8 hrs)
- **Texas Appraising for the Supervisor and Trainee** (4 hrs AQE)

It is recommended students purchase and bring an HP 17B or HP 12C calculator with them to class.

Appraiser License Options

If you are currently an appraiser trainee and want to upgrade your license, we offer the courses you'll need.

- **Trainee to Licensed Residential Appraiser** — 162 hrs of AQE courses (87 hours + 75 additional hrs + Exam Prep)
- **Trainee to Certified Residential Appraiser** — 207 hrs of AQE courses (87 hours + 120 additional hrs)
- **Trainee to Certified General Appraiser** — 304 hrs of AQE courses (87 hours + 225 additional hrs)

If you are currently a licensed residential appraiser or a certified residential appraiser, please visit the website to view the steps and hours needed to upgrade your license.

Courses can be completed during 1000 hour accrual experience.

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Submit 87 Hours of Education and Appraiser Trainee Application to TALCB

- Submit all education hours and your appraisal trainee application to TALCB.
- Once you have completed the Appraiser Trainee Program's 87 hours, you must submit your education and Application for Approval to TALCB in the "My License" system on TALCB's website at www.talcb.texas.gov.
- Select "Register HERE to set up a user ID and password" and follow the steps to create an account. Once you have created an account, you will apply for a new license. The application fee for an appraiser trainee license is \$250 (plus a \$8 online fee).
- An appraiser trainee applicant must have a sponsoring certified appraiser. The application must be completed and signed by the appraiser trainee applicant AND by each sponsoring certified appraiser.

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Complete Your 1,000 Hours of Experience Over a Minimum of a 6-Month Period

The TALCB requires that you legally complete 1,000 hours of experience supported by written reports prior to receiving your license. This generally equates to 250–300 residential appraisals. You must be sponsored and supervised by a Certified Appraiser. **1500** hours over a minimum of a 12 month period are required to upgrade to a certified residential appraiser license and **3000** hours over a minimum of 18 months are required to upgrade to a certified general appraiser license. <https://www.talcb.texas.gov/potential-license-holder/appraiser-trainee>

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Complete Your Qualifying Education

As you undertake your experience hours as an appraisal trainee, you will also complete the required qualifying education courses. To become a licensed residential appraiser, you'll **complete the 75-Hour Licensed Residential Appraiser courses**: Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use, Residential Valuation: Site Valuation and Cost Approach, Residential Valuation: Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach, and Residential Valuation: Report Writing and Case Studies.

See Appraiser License Upgrades on following page for licensing options. If you are currently a licensed residential appraiser or a certified residential appraiser, please visit the website to view the steps and hours needed to upgrade your license. Courses can be completed during your 1000 hour accrual experience.

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Submit Your Licensed Residential Appraiser Application to TALCB

Submit completed application, experience log, signed affidavit, and a \$410 application fee (\$400 + \$10 online fee) to TALCB. Note: You must be at least 18 years of age before filing your application.

Take the Exam Prep Class | Your Key to Passing the National Exam.

Choose a date from the [ChampionsLive](#) Appraisal Prep schedule and complete the course to prepare for the state exam.

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Take the National Exam at Pearson VUE

- Your exam will consist of 125 multiple choice questions and you will have 4 hours to complete the exam.
- The cost of the exam is \$55 payable to Pearson VUE. Upon passing the exam, TALCB will charge an \$80 federal registration fee.
- You can make an appointment by calling 800-997-1248 or visiting pearsonvue.com/tx/appraisers.

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Congratulations! A licensed residential appraiser is licensed by TALCB and has met the educational, experiential, and testing requirements for licensing. The scope of work includes appraisal of non-complex residential 1-4 unit properties with a transactional value less than \$1,000,000. Licensed residential appraisers also have the authority to complete complex federally-related transactions (FRTs) and non-FRT transactions with a value less than \$400,000.



APPRAISER QUALIFYING EDUCATION

CHAMPIONS SCHOOL OF REAL ESTATE® WILL HELP YOU SUCCESSFULLY PREPARE FOR A CAREER IN THE APPRAISAL INDUSTRY

Our students receive the highest-quality education available in a variety of convenient study formats. Our comprehensive education is created and taught by award-winning instructors and ensures you receive the most accurate and up-to-date information!



QUALIFYING EDUCATION (QE)

	Hours	Delivery	Price*
87-Hour Appraiser Supervisor Trainee Program This program is the first step in your appraisal career. After completing these courses, you can begin your apprenticeship as an appraisal trainee, gaining hands-on experience under an sponsoring appraiser. These three courses are prerequisites for the licensing program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-2027 15-Hour National USPAP Course (15 hrs) • Real Estate Appraisal: Principles (30 hrs) • Real Estate Appraisal: Practices and Procedures (30 hrs) • Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations (8 hrs) • Texas Appraising for the Supervisor and Trainee (4 hrs) 	87 Total		\$1450 \$1100 SAVE \$350
162-Hour Licensed Residential Appraiser Program The complete program to get you started as a Licensed Residential Appraiser. This program includes the 87-Hour Trainee courses and also includes the below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use (15 hrs) • Residential Valuation: Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach (30 hrs) • Residential Valuation: Site Valuation and Cost Approach (15 hrs) • Residential Valuation: Report Writing and Case Studies (15 hrs) • Appraisal Exam Prep (2-Day Course) 	162 Total		\$2700 \$1950 SAVE \$750
207 Certified Residential Appraiser Program In addition to the 162 course hours for the appraisal residential license, 45 additional hours of qualifying education courses are required to become a certified residential appraiser. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Valuation: Advanced Applications and Case Studies (15 hrs) • Statistical Analysis and Real Estate Finance (15 hrs) • Residential Valuation: Looking Forward (15 hrs) 	207 Total		\$3649 \$2429 SAVE \$1220

APPRAISAL UPGRADE LICENSE PROGRAM OPTIONS

	Hours	Delivery	Price*
75-Hour Licensed Residential Appraiser Upgrade The additional 75-Hour Licensed Residential Appraiser hours plus Exam Prep.	<u>+87</u> 162 Total		\$1250 \$950 SAVE \$300
45-Hour Certified Residential Appraiser Upgrade The additional 45-Hours needed for the Certified Residential Appraiser License.	<u>+45</u> 207 Total		\$949 \$599 SAVE \$350

Course Delivery Options

- Virtual Classroom
- Online Correspondence

Learn more about delivery methods at ChampionsSchool.com

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)

	Hours	Delivery	Price*
28-Hour CE Renewal Program Renew your license every two years to maintain an active appraisal license. This program has all the education you need to renew your Texas appraiser license. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National USPAP Update Course (7 hrs) • Residential Valuation: Advanced Applications and Case Studies (14 Hrs) • Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations (7 Hrs) 	28		\$658 \$550 SAVE \$108



APPRAISER QUALIFYING EDUCATION

We offer every course you need to become a licensed residential appraiser in Texas

Prepare for a career in Texas real estate appraisal with a complete education program designed to help you succeed as an appraisal professional. Our courses will take you from learning basic principles of the business to having hands-on appraisal experience. We provide every course you will need in order to meet the Texas appraiser license requirements set forth by the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board (TALCB). To register for your class today, contact your local campus at 800-969-2599 and speak with a career counselor or visit us at www.ChampionsSchool.com/appraisal/tx/.

15-HOUR CE PROGRAM UNIFORM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL PRACTICE

\$315

In this course, you will engage in real-life simulations that promote understanding of professional standards, the code of ethics, and your obligations under the law. You will receive the latest edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional

Appraisal Practice (USPAP) to keep for your use. Also included are copies of the Federal Financial Institutions Standards and the latest Appraisal Standards Board Advisory Opinions. This course must be completed within 24 months of filing your TALCB application.

CHAMPIONS LIVE	
Jan 26 - 27	Mon/Tue
Mar 23 - 24	Mon/Tue
May 13 - 14	Wed/Thu
Jul 8 - 9	Wed/Thu
Sep 2 - 3	Wed/Thu
Oct 28 - 29	Wed/Thu
8:30 AM - 4:45 PM	

APPRAISAL EXAM PREP

The essential preparation tool for the state exam!

\$199

This course will prepare aspiring appraisers for the state exam. The material has over 150

questions to challenge the appraiser in preparation for the exam. No one should attempt the Texas appraisal exam without taking this course first.

CHAMPIONS LIVE	
Feb 7 - 8	Sat/Sun
April 11 - 12	Sat/Sun
Jun 6 - 7	Sat/Sun
Aug 1 - 2	Sat/Sun
Oct 3 - 4	Sat/Sun
8:30 AM - 4:45 PM	

CHAMPIONS LIVE					
Date	Days	Course	Course	AQE	ACE
Jan 19 - 21	Mon - Wed	Residential Valuation: Future Focus of Appraisal	00833-AQC	20	
Jan 22 - 23	Thu/Fri	Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use	00826-AQC	15	
Jan 26 - 27	Mon/Tue	2026-2027 15-Hour National USPAP	00834-AQC	15	
Feb 2 - 5	Mon - Thu	Real Estate Appraisal: Principles	00825-AQC	30	
Feb 7 - 8	Sat/Sun	Appraisal Exam Prep			
Feb 9 - 12	Mon - Thu	Real Estate Appraisal: Practices and Procedures	00824-AQC	30	
Feb 13	Fri	Appraising for the Supervisor and Trainee	00025-ATSA	4	
Feb 17	Tue	Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations		8	7
Feb 18 - 19	Wed/Thu	Advanced Applications and Case Studies	00831-AQC	15	
Feb 23 - 24	Mon/Tue	Statistical Analysis and RE Finance	00832-AQC	15	
Feb 25 - 26	Wed/Thu	Residential Valuation: Site Valuation and Cost Approach	00829-AQC	15	
Mar 2 - 5	Mon - Thu	Residential Valuation: Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach	00828-AQC	30	
Mar 9 - 11	Mon - Wed	Residential Valuation: Future Focus of Appraisal	00833-AQC	20	
Mar 17	Tue	Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations		8	7
Mar 18 - 19	Wed/Thu	Advanced Applications and Case Studies	00831-AQC	15	
Mar 21 - 22	Sat/Sun	Residential Valuation: Report Writing and Case Studies	00827-AQC	15	
Mar 23 - 24	Mon/Tue	2026-2027 15-Hour National USPAP	00834-AQC	15	
Mar 25 - 26	Wed/Thu	Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use	00826-AQC	15	
Mar 30 - Apr 2	Mon - Thu	Real Estate Appraisal: Principles	00825-AQC	30	
Apr 6 - 9	Mon - Thu	Real Estate Appraisal: Practices and Procedures	00824-AQC	30	
Apr 10	Fri	Appraising for the Supervisor and Trainee	00025-ATSA	4	
Apr 14	Tue	Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations		8	7
Apr 15 - 16	Wed/Thu	Advanced Applications and Case Studies	00831-AQC	15	
Apr 18 - 19	Sat/Sun	Residential Valuation: Report Writing and Case Studies	00827-AQC	15	
Apr 20 - 21	Mon/Tue	Residential Valuation: Site Valuation and Cost Approach	00829-AQC	15	
Apr 22 - 23	Wed/Thu	Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use	00826-AQC	15	
Apr 24	Fri	Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations		8	7
Apr 27 -30	Mon - Thu	Residential Valuation: Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach	00828-AQC	30	
May 4 - 6	Mon - Wed	Residential Valuation: Future Focus of Appraisal	00833-AQC	20	
May 19	Tue	Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations		8	7
May 11 - 12	Mon/Tue	Statistical Analysis and RE Finance	00832-AQC	15	
May 13 - 14	Wed/Thu	2026-2027 15-Hour National USPAP	00834-AQC	15	
May 20 - 21	Wed/Thu	Advanced Applications and Case Studies	00831-AQC	15	
May 26 - 29	Tue - Fri	Real Estate Appraisal: Principles	00825-AQC	30	
Jun 1 - 4	Mon - Thu	Real Estate Appraisal: Practices and Procedures	00824-AQC	30	
Jun 5	Fri	Appraising for the Supervisor and Trainee	00025-ATSA	4	
Jun 8 - 9	Mon/Tue	Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use	00826-AQC	15	
Jun 10 - 11	Wed/Thu	Residential Valuation: Report Writing and Case Studies	00827-AQC	15	
Jun 16	Tue	Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations		8	7
Jun 17 - 18	Wed/Thu	Advanced Applications and Case Studies	00831-AQC	15	
Jun 20 - 21	Sat/Sun	Residential Valuation: Site Valuation and Cost Approach	00829-AQC	15	
Jun 22 - 25	Mon - Thu	Residential Valuation: Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach	00828-AQC	30	
Jun 26	Fri	Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations		8	7
Jun 29 - Jul 1	Mon - Wed	Residential Valuation: Future Focus of Appraisal	00833-AQC	20	
Jul 6 - 7	Mon/Tue	Statistical Analysis and RE Finance	00832-AQC	15	
Jul 8 - 9	Wed/Thu	2026-2027 15-Hour National USPAP	00834-AQC	15	
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APPRAISER QUALIFYING EDUCATION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

87-Hour Trainee Program Courses

2026-2027 15-Hour National USPAP provides critical information regarding the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The course details ethical standards, explains how USPAP concepts apply to everyday situations, and drives home the importance of impartiality.

Real Estate Appraisal: Principles covers real property concepts and characteristics, legal considerations, value influences, real estate finance, appraisal ethics, and more. With theory, case studies, and examples, this is an essential first step toward mastery of basic appraisal principles.

Real Estate Appraisal: Practices and Procedures expands upon basic appraisal principles and covers appraisal development processes, property data analysis, building processes and construction terminology, the reconciliation process, and an overview of Fannie Mae forms.

Appraising for the Supervisor and Trainee covers many topics, from national appraisal regulatory bodies to the roles and duties of trainees and supervisory appraisers. With a comprehensive overview of appraisal ethics and best practices, this course is replete with crucial concepts.

75-Hour Licensed Residential Appraiser Upgrade Program

Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use delves into market fundamentals, including supply and demand analyses. This comprehensive study encompasses the application of market analysis in evaluating the four tests of highest and best use, also known as test constraints.

Residential Valuation: Site Valuation and Cost Approach covers a broad variety of concepts that build upon basic knowledge, including site analysis and land valuation methods, valuation of improvements, developing the cost approach, estimating depreciation, and reconciling final costs.

Residential Valuation: Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach encompasses a wide array of topics, including comparable sale selection, data analysis, market value and valuation principles, appraisal calculations, investment properties, and utilizing the "income approach."

Residential Valuation: Report Writing and Case Studies provides aspiring appraisers with a comprehensive overview of the report-writing process, an essential skill for anyone in the profession. This course covers USPAP compliance, report requirements, addenda and other forms, and more.

Appraisal Exam Prep streamlines the studying process for the National Licensed Residential Real Property exam, covering all essential material and providing online mock exams to aid in preparation. Your enrollment grants a year of free retakes, allowing you to retake the course until you feel fully prepared.

APPRAISER CONTINUING EDUCATION

Renew your license every two years to maintain an active license

\$550

Continuing education is not just a requirement from the Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, it is your chance to connect with other industry professionals, learn what is happening in the industry, and see where the industry is headed.

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8:30 AM - 4:45 PM	

28-HOUR CE PROGRAM	Day	Delivery
7-Hour National USPAP Update Course	Mon	■●
7-Hour Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations	Tue	■●
14-Hour Advanced Applications and Case Studies	Wed/Thu	■●

Note: the 4-Hour Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations course will be offered on select Fridays, go to www.ChampionsSchool.com/appraisal/ce/ for dates.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (ACE)		ACE Hours	Delivery	Price
Advanced Residential Applications and Case Studies	02272-ACE	14	■●	\$225
2026-2027 7-Hour National USPAP	00130-ANE	7	■●	\$209
Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulation		7	■●	\$209
Appraiser Trainee/Supervisory Appraiser Course	00025-ATSA	4	■●	\$105
Appraisal of Fast-Food Facilities	02396-ACE	7	●	\$149
Appraisal of Industrial and Flex Buildings	02360-ACE	7	●	\$149
Appraising 2-4-Unit Residences	02411-ACE	7	●	\$149
Appraising Today's Manufactured Homes	00021-AOTO	7	●	\$149
Complex Properties: The Odd Side of Appraisal	02397-ACE	7	●	\$149
Green Building Concepts for Appraisers	00020-AOTO	7	●	\$149
Ownership Variations and Valuations	02270-ACE	7	●	\$135
A Roadmap to Reporting on the New URAR	02273-ACE	4	■●	\$120
Commercial Land Valuation	02341-ACE	4	●	\$119
Expert Witness Testimony Basics for Appraisers	02423-ACE	4	●	\$119
Income Approach Case Studies for Commercial Appraisal	02398-ACE	4	●	\$119
Best Practices for Completing Bifurcated and Hybrid Appraisals	02361-ACE	3	●	\$89
New Construction Essentials: Luxury Homes	02335-ACE	3	●	\$89
Performing Estate Appraisals	02420-ACE	3	●	\$89