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Licensing Requirements and Application Checklist Certified General Appraiser by Examination

License Requirements for Certified General Appraiser by Examination

Below are the minimum requirements you must meet in order to be licensed in the state of Montana.

1. Be of good moral character – [MCA [37-54-202](#)(1)(a)]
2. Basic Appraisal principles - 30 hours – [Appraiser Qualifications Board Criteria](#)
3. Basic Appraisal procedures - 30 hours
4. The 15-hour National USPAP course - 15 hours
5. General Appraiser Market Analysis and highest and best use – 30 hours
6. Statistics, Modeling and Finance – 15 hours
7. General Appraiser Sales Comparison Approach – 30 hours
8. General Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach – 30 hours
9. General Appraiser Income Approach – 60 hours
10. General Appraiser Report Writing and Case Studies – 30 hours
11. Appraisal Subject Matter Electives – 30 hours (May include hours over minimum shown above in other modules)
12. Must hold a Bachelor's degree, or higher, in any field from an accredited college or university
13. Must have 3,000 hours of appraisal experience obtained over a period of NOT less than 18 months. 1500 hours must be in non-residential appraisal work. While the hours may be cumulative, the required number of months must accrue before an individual can be certified
14. Successfully pass the AQB-approved Certified General Real Property Appraiser Examination – [ARM [24.207.501](#)]
15. Submit fingerprints for the purpose of a fingerprint and background check – [MCA [37-54-202](#)(3)]

Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Application for Certified General Appraiser by Examination

The following documents and additional forms are required in addition to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application. Others, such as transcripts, may need to be sent to the board directly from the source.

- Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional license of any type
- Fingerprint Background Check
- Noncriminal Justice Applicants Rights form
- Experience log showing necessary hours
- Education log and course certificates
- Official transcript sent directly to the board from the college or university



- If you answered yes to discipline questions, include a detailed explanation on the event(s) and documentation from the source (licensing board, federal agencies/programs, or civil/criminal court proceedings such as initiating/charging documents, final disposition/judgement documents, etc.).

Application Fee(s) for Certified General Appraiser by Examination

The following fee(s) must be submitted with your application. Online applicants can pay using a credit card or e-check. If you submit a paper application you must submit a check. Do not mail cash.

- \$515 application fee
- \$300 upgrade application fee

You can apply for a license online at <https://ebiz.mt.gov/POL/> or download a paper application from the website. Online application is recommended.

Please include a valid e-mail address with your application. E-mail is the department's primary form of communication.

If you have any questions about the application process or the licensing requirements please contact the Department of Labor and Industry Professional Licensing Bureau using the contact information at the top of this checklist.