

## How Do I Become an Appraiser Trainee in Illinois

Entry into the real estate appraisal profession is dependent upon securing an approved supervisor who will mentor you. While there is no experience requirement and all you need is the equivalent of a high school diploma, the difficulty is in finding a mentor who will co-sign all of your appraisal assignments.

All trainee applicants must complete:

- **Basic Appraisal Principles** – 30 hours
- **Basic Appraisal Procedures** – 30 hours
- **15-Hour National USPAP Course** (or its equivalent)

...within five years of initial application to become an **Associate Real Estate Trainee Appraiser**.

Also, as a prerequisite to being issued, applicants need to complete the **AQB Supervisor-Trainee Course**.

Once you've proven that you meet the educational criteria, and cleared the background check, you'll be issued your (557 prefix) Associate Real Estate Trainee Appraiser license.

Your mentor must have completed the **AQB Supervisor-Trainee Course** prior to being approved to be a supervisor.

Each of you must complete and submit the **SUP-2015** form to formalize the supervisory relationship. Without it, your experience as a trainee will not count. Associate Real Estate Trainee Appraisers cannot practice without an approved supervisor.

Supervisors must be cleared to supervise by the Division.

Supervisors are limited to no more than three (3) Associate Real Estate Trainee Appraisers at one time. Once a trainee successfully upgrades to a Certified level, they will be removed from formal supervision.

Trainees are not limited to any specific number of approved supervisors.

We do not maintain any master list of approved supervisors. However, more than 700 appraisers have completed the **AQB Supervisor-Trainee Course**.

Of course, the **SUP-2015** form can be used by either party to sever the trainee-supervisor relationship. Keep in mind that this is **NOT** an employment contract.