

CHAPTER 3
GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS

193F—3.1(543D) Types of appraiser certificates. Rescinded IAB 5/20/09, effective 6/24/09.

193F—3.2(543D) Examinations. Examinations for certified residential real property appraisers and certified general real property appraisers shall be AQB-endorsed and administered by the board or its authorized representative as often as the board deems necessary, but not less than one time per year.

3.2(1) Disclosure of confidential information. Members of the board shall not disclose a final examination score to any person other than the person who took the examination. Persons who take the examination may consent to the publication of their names on a list of passing candidates.

Other information relating to the examination results, including the specific grades by subject matter, shall be given only to the person who took the examination, except that the board may:

a. Disclose the specific grades by subject matter to the regulatory authority of any other state or foreign country in connection with the candidate's application for a reciprocal certificate or license from the other state or foreign country, but only if requested by the candidate.

b. Disclose the specific grades by subject matter to educational institutions, professional organizations, or others who have a legitimate interest in the information provided in conjunction with the scores.

3.2(2) The board shall enter into a contractual relationship with a qualified testing service to develop and administer AQB-approved examinations and shall maintain control over the examination process.

3.2(3) and 3.2(4) Rescinded IAB 5/20/09, effective 6/24/09.

3.2(5) If an applicant who has passed an examination does not obtain the related appraiser credential within 24 months of passing the examination, that examination result loses its validity to support issuing an appraiser credential. To regain eligibility for the credential, the applicant must retake and pass the examination. This requirement applies to individuals obtaining an initial certified credential or upgrading from a lower-level credential to either the certified residential or certified general classification. Commencing January 1, 2008, the only examinations acceptable to the board are those prepared and graded using the AQB-adopted 2008 criteria. Applicants shall not be initially certified or upgraded on or after January 1, 2008, in reliance on examination results in connection with examinations completed prior to January 1, 2008. Applicants who successfully passed an examination prior to January 1, 2008, may only be certified or upgraded on or after January 1, 2008, if they are otherwise qualified and submit a completed application prior to January 1, 2008.

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193F—3.3(543D) Conduct of applicant.

3.3(1) Any individual who subverts or attempts to subvert the examination process may, at the discretion of the board, have the individual's examination scores declared invalid for the purpose of certification in Iowa, be barred from the appraisal certification examinations in Iowa, or be subject to the imposition of other sanctions that the board deems appropriate.

3.3(2) Conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the examination process includes, but is not limited to:

a. Conduct that violates the security of the examination materials, such as removing from the examination room any of the examination materials; reproducing or reconstructing any portion of the examination; aiding by any means in the reproduction or reconstruction of any portion of the examination; selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered examination.

b. Conduct that violates the standard of test administration, such as communicating with any other examination candidate during the administration of the examination; copying answers from another candidate or permitting one's answers to be copied by another candidate during the examination; referencing any books, notes, written or printed materials or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed.

c. Conduct that violates the examination process, such as falsifying or misrepresenting educational credentials or other information required for admission to the examination; impersonating an examination candidate or having an impersonator take the examination on one's behalf.

3.3(3) Any examination candidate who challenges a decision of the board under this rule may request a contested case hearing pursuant to 193—7.39(546,272C). The request for hearing shall be in writing, shall briefly describe the basis for the challenge, and shall be filed in the board's office within 30 days of the date of the board decision that is being challenged.

193F—3.4(543D) Application for certification. Applicants for certification or associate registration must successfully complete the appropriate examination.

3.4(1) All initial applications for certification or associate registration shall be made on forms provided by the board. The board may deny an application as described in Iowa Code sections 543D.12 and 543D.17. Specific examples of grounds for denial include knowingly making a false statement, submitting false information, refusing to provide complete information in response to a question in an application for certification, or participating in any form of fraud or misrepresentation; the revocation of another professional license; or a conviction, including a conviction based upon a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, of a crime which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a person developing real estate appraisals and communicating real estate appraisals to others. The board may also deny an application based on disciplinary action taken against an associate appraiser registration.

3.4(2) A certificate or associate registration shall contain the applicant's name, appraiser classification, Iowa certificate number and the signature of the board chairperson and vice chairperson.

3.4(3) An initial certificate shall not be issued until the applicant has demonstrated real property appraiser experience complying with Iowa Code section 543D.9 and rules 193F—5.2(543D) and 193F—6.2(543D).

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