

FAQs

Valuation of Sustainable Buildings Professional Development Program (5/7/15)

Participants who complete courses in the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings Professional Development Program* may represent that they have completed the program's curriculum and passed the examinations. Participants may not represent themselves as having a specialization, certification, competency, or expertise based solely on the successful completion of the program. The program provider does not assume any duty to the public for the services provided by program participants, or any other person or entity.

Q. Which courses are in the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* Professional Development Program?

A. The courses below make up the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* Professional Development Program. Additional courses will be developed and added to the program as relevant information develops on green buildings. This ensures that you are up-to-date with the most current information available.

- [Introduction to Green Buildings: Principles & Concepts](#)
- [Case Studies in Appraising Green Residential Buildings](#)
- [Case Studies in Appraising Green Commercial Buildings](#)
- [Residential and Commercial Valuation of Solar](#)

Q. Must I be an Appraisal Institute Designated member to attend the courses in the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* Professional Development Program?

A. Anyone may take the courses in the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* program.

Q. I am an SRA and I only do residential appraising. Do I need to take *Case Studies in Appraising Green Commercial Buildings* to be placed on the Registry?

A. No. The *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* Registry is divided into two sections: [Residential](#) and [Commercial](#). If you successfully take and pass the courses in the program that are only residential in nature, your name will be placed in the residential section. If you take courses that are both residential and commercial, your name will be placed in both the residential and commercial sections.

Q. When additional courses are added to the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* Program, do I need to take them to stay on the Registry?

A. From time to time, the Education Committee of the Appraisal Institute will assess if additional courses need to be added to the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* program. If one or more courses are added to the program, you will be notified in advance. When the course or courses become available, an asterisk will be placed by your name on the Registry to reflect that while you have taken and passed the first courses in the program, you haven't taken the courses recently added to the program. Once you have taken and passed the additional required course(s), the asterisk will be removed.

Q. Which courses must I attend and pass the exam to be placed on the [Residential section of the Registry](#)? Which courses must I attend and pass the exam to be placed on the [Commercial section of the Registry](#)?

A. Please see the chart below. **Note.** As more information on valuing green buildings becomes available, additional required courses will be added to the program. If you are currently on one or both of the Registries, you will need to take the courses that are added to the program within one year after the course has been released. An asterisk will be placed by your name with a note indicating you have one year to successfully complete the new course. After you have successfully completed the course, the asterisk will be removed.

Valuation of Sustainable Buildings: Residential Series	Valuation of Sustainable Buildings: Commercial Series
<i>Introduction to Green Buildings: Principles & Concepts*</i>	<i>Introduction to Green Buildings: Principles & Concepts*</i>
<i>Case Studies in Appraising Green Residential Buildings</i>	<i>Case Studies in Appraising Green Residential Buildings</i>
<i>Residential & Commercial Valuation of Solar**</i>	<i>Case Studies in Appraising Green Commercial Buildings</i>
	<i>Residential & Commercial Valuation of Solar**</i>

*If you took one of the following seminars - *Valuation of Green Residential Properties* OR *An Introduction to Valuing Commercial Green Buildings* – you may challenge the exam for *Introduction to Green Buildings: Principles & Concepts*.

** Course was added February 2013.

Q. Several years ago, I took two seminars called *An Introduction to Valuing Commercial Green Buildings* and *Valuation of Green Residential Properties*. Are these seminars part of the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings Professional Development Program*?

A. If you took either *Valuation of Green Residential Properties* or *An Introduction to Valuing Commercial Green Buildings*, you may challenge the *Introduction to Green Buildings'* exam. If you pass the exam, the seminar may be substituted for the *Introduction to Green Buildings: Principles & Concepts'* course. We recommend, though, that you take the *Introduction to Green Buildings: Principles & Concepts* course because it is more up-to-date and contains information that was not included in these early seminars.

Q. What is the Valuation of Sustainable Buildings Professional Development's Registry?

A. The *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* Professional Development Program's Registry is located on the Appraisal Institute's Web site ([Residential Registry](#) and [Commercial Registry](#)). It lists the names of Designated Members, Candidates, Practicing Affiliates, Affiliates, or other individuals not in one such category who have successfully completed (attended and passed the examinations) the courses in the residential and/or commercial sections of the *Valuation of Sustainable Buildings* Program (see chart above). Placement on the Registry shows potential clients and employers that these individuals have obtained knowledge on this specialized topic.

Q. In addition to real estate appraisers, who else would find value in taking one or more of the courses in this program?

A. Lenders, underwriters, public officials, architects, attorneys, property tax assessors, builders, Realtors.

Q. If I am a Designated member and I want my name placed on the Registry, may I challenge the exams without attending the courses?

A. No. You must attend the courses and pass the exams.

Q. Are the courses in this program approved by GBCI (Green Building Certification Institute <http://www.gbci.org/homepage.aspx>) for continuing education credit?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the Appraisal Institute's *More Green Resources* Web page, and how do I gain access?

A. From one convenient Web page, *registered participants* of any of the Appraisal Institute's Green professional development courses may tap a variety of Green Resources. Topics are expanded regularly and include legislation, national and state government sites and programs, databases, design, and solar energy. This free benefit is available *only to class participants*. Appraisal Institute Designated members receive indefinite access; all other class participants are granted two-year admittance. The Web address to this helpful resource is provided with the course materials. The Green Resources online list <http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/education-resources/green-building-resources/more-green-resources/> will be updated regularly; we encourage course participants to check it frequently for new links.

Q. Is this program approved for qualifying education (QE) credit?

A. No. Because the content in this program is advanced, it is only approved for continuing education (CE) credit. The courses in the program have been approved for state CE (<http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/education-resources/state-appraisal-regulatory-agencies/>) and AI CE.

Q. Are the courses in this program approved as advanced education options earning the highest point values for AI CE credit?

A. Yes. AI CE credit for Designated Members, Candidates for Designation, and Practicing Affiliates will receive the following points:

Introduction to Green Buildings: Principles & Concepts

- Attend only = 75 points
- Attend and pass the exam = 125 points

Case Studies in Appraising Green Residential Buildings

- Attend only = 75 points
- Attend and pass the exam = 125 points

Case Studies in Appraising Green Commercial Buildings

- Attend only = 145 points
- Attend and pass the exam = 200 points

Residential & Commercial Valuation of Solar

- Attend only = 145 points
- Attend and pass the exam = 200 points