

# USPAP Requirements

Within the first recertification period, CAA certificate holders must complete the 15-hour Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) course and attend the 7-hour USPAP course. Completion of the 15-hour USPAP course requires 15 hours of class time and a passing grade on the exam. After completion of the first recertification period, CAA holders must attend a 7-hour USPAP course during an even numbered year every recertification period.

The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice was first developed in the 1980's by a committee of 8 US organizations and the Appraisal Institute of Canada in response to the Savings & Loan Crisis, as well as a need for appraisal standards in order to bolster trust and accountability from the public. The 8 US organizations went on to form one unified group called [The Appraisal Foundation](#) in 1987. The Appraisal Foundation is a private group and not a government agency. They do not enforce USPAP.

The Appraisal Foundation includes 4 boards:

- The Appraiser Qualification Board (AQB)
- The Appraisal Standards Board (ASB)
- The Appraisal Practices Board (APB)
- Board of Trustees

The Federal Government went on to identify USPAP as the generally recognized standards for all professional appraisers. The [Appraisal Subcommittee](#) (ASC) was created in 1989 as part of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery & Enforcement Act of 1989. The ASC supervises state appraiser regulatory agencies.

Because county assessors appraise for tax purposes, they are governed by the South Dakota Department of Revenue. Private real estate appraisers are governed by the South Dakota Department of Labor. For more information about private (fee) appraiser certification, click [here](#).