

“I have always been very goal oriented, and I pursued my IAAO designations to help me grow personally and professionally. Achieving the designations gave me more confidence, a higher level of credibility with the public and other professionals, and helped me pursue career options that otherwise would not have been available to me.”

—Amy Rasmussen,  
RES, AAS, and former  
IAAO president

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# IAAO PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

*Symbols of knowledge,  
experience, and competence  
recognized around the globe*



**IAAO**

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
of **ASSESSING OFFICERS**

*Valuing the World*

## MISSION

The **International Association of Assessing Officers** is a global community of diverse mass appraisal professionals advancing fair and equitable property appraisal, assessment administration and property tax policy through professional development, research, standards, and technical assistance.

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## Who should earn an IAAO designation?

Any professional who aspires to advance their career in appraising, mapping, property assessment and property tax policy at any level—in government or in the private sector—should have an IAAO designation.

## Why pursue an IAAO designation?

A designation can elevate your career. Designees can earn an increase in salary and responsibility. A designation instantly establishes your qualifications and credibility and is a universal, portable measure of your capabilities recognized around the world. Designees report gaining confidence in their abilities and the respect of their peers and those they serve. Earning a designation is a rewarding experience, demonstrating that you have attained the highest level of professionalism.

## What is required?

To earn an IAAO Designation, one must meet the qualifications of and complete the requirements for the particular designation pursued. Each designation has experiential, educational, demonstration project, and examination requirements.

**If you must defend your work, an IAAO Designation instantly establishes your qualifications and credibility.**

### CAE—Certified Assessment Evaluator



This designation is IAAO's flagship designation, denoting the highest level of education and experience in residential and commercial real-property appraisal, assessment administration, and tax policy. The CAE is for anyone who holds, or aims to hold, a senior position in their office.

### RES—Residential Evaluation Specialist



This designation recognizes professionalism and competency in valuing residential real property for tax purposes. The RES is designed for those who are well-practiced in appraising a wide range of residential property for their office.

### MAS—Mass Appraisal Specialist



This designation demonstrates both the valuation and technical skills necessary for today's more advanced mass appraisal practices. The MAS represents professionalism and competency in a wide range of matters covering mass appraisal theories, techniques, and application.

### AAS—Assessment Administration Specialist



This designation denotes expertise in administering various functions for property tax purposes. The AAS suits those who have experience working in an assessment office, especially with administrative or tax policy matters.

### CMS—Cadastral Mapping Specialist



This designation symbolizes professionalism and competency in the cadastral mapping techniques that support proper valuation of property for tax purposes, property tax administration, and property tax policy. Those who produce maps and other graphic images in support of their offices' property appraisal and assessment administration functions should possess the CMS.

### PPS—Personal Property Specialist



This designation signifies advanced expertise in the valuation of personal property for tax purposes. The PPS is held by those who wish to stand out for their unique expertise in assessing personal property.

## COURSES REQUIRED FOR DESIGNATIONS

	Course 101	Course 102	Course 112	Course 201*	Course 300	Course 311	Course 331	Course 332	Course 333	Course 400	Course 402	Course 500	Course 600	Course 601	Workshop 151**	Workshop 171
CAE	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓					✓	✓
RES	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									✓	✓
AAS	✓	✓			A	A	A	A	A	✓	✓				✓	✓
CMS	✓												✓	✓	✓	✓
PPS	✓	✓										✓			✓	✓
MAS	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓

**Notes:** For AAS, only one of the "A" courses is required. Not all required education may be listed. Project and exam requirements apply. Inquire for details.

\* Only required if a case study exam is chosen over the demonstration report option.

\*\* Can substitute TAF 15 Hr National USPAP from any approved provider.

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# READY TO GET STARTED?

Local coordinators as well as IAAO headquarters offer courses and workshops to satisfy designation requirements.

See the IAAO Learn Portal at [learn.iaao.org](http://learn.iaao.org) for scheduled classes and self-study online offerings. Email [education@iaao.org](mailto:education@iaao.org) for more information.



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