

# ACCREDITED RURAL APPRAISER (ARA) – FAST TRACK REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST



1. Complete and pass the following appraisal courses:

**Please note: All course work must be successfully completed at least 30 days prior to sitting for the accrediting exam.**

- [ASFMRA Best in Business Ethics course](#)
  - [Integrated Approaches to Value \(A360 or A304\)](#) – required as of January 1, 2024
  - If applying as a current AACI, you must also successfully complete the 15 Hour USPAP Course.
2. Provide evidence of certification as a Certified General Appraiser under the certification laws and regulations of any state, if the applicant of the designation works within the United States.
  3. For ARA, five years of experience in the discipline applicable to the ARA designation for which the member is applying in rural appraisal. For the discipline of Appraisal, experience must include rural appraisal of at least 600 hours of the 1,600 hours during each of three years within the past five years. No more than 100 hours of the 600 hours can be from rural residential appraising or reviewing. The individual shall have completed the requirements and objectives which are set out in each discipline and Standards of Professional Practice as outlined in the corresponding procedures.
  4. For the purpose of determining work experience, each applicant will be asked to submit six appraisal reports from their log. The applicant will be informed as to which three reports must be submitted. The applicant will be asked to choose three additional appraisal reports, one from each of the past three years, to submit.
  5. Be a current ASFMRA member prior to submitting an application for accreditation.
  6. Be an active member in good standing holding a designation from an organization that requires passing a demonstration report.
  7. [Email](#) an [ARA Fast Track application](#). An invoice for the application fee will be sent when we receive the applicant's application.
  8. Pass the final ARA Accrediting exam.

The Application Deadline is January 15 if you want to sit for the exam at Education Week or May 15 if you want to sit for the exam at Annual Conference. You must have all requirements completed by this date, with the exception of your education.

## Contents of Accreditation Exam

Written examination is proctored and given twice year and takes approximately 12 hours to complete. The written examination includes:

1. Case Study Problems
2. Multiple Choice
3. True-False

## The Awarding of the Designation

The newly accredited are notified that they can use their designation upon receipt of the letter and press release stating that they have passed. A special awards ceremony is held during the annual meeting to recognize those members that have received their designation throughout the year. At that point in time, they will receive their certificate and lapel pin.

## **Requirements to Maintain Designation**

To maintain designation, member must maintain Accredited membership and abide by all membership requirements. Please contact the ASFMRA for more detailed information on the Continuing Education Program.

Accredited members of the ASFMRA must participate in the ASFMRA Continuing Education program. A minimum of sixty (60) hours of approved programs must be submitted for each three-year period.

Members who receive their designation are automatically considered current in the continuing education program for the next three years and must accumulate 60 hours of education to be current in their next cycle. Members must be in compliance with Ethics requirements. Currently, members must complete the Ethics course once every 6 years.

For More Information:

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To submit your application send it to [accreditation@asfmra.org](mailto:accreditation@asfmra.org)

For more information and list of due date go to: <https://www.asfmra.org/accreditations/accredited-rural-appraiser/accreditations-ara-fast-track>