

# About the Appraisal Institute



Whether you're seeking the services of a qualified real estate appraiser, are interested in a consulting career or want to join the foremost membership organization for real property valuation professionals, you need to know about the Appraisal Institute.

For more than 75 years, the Appraisal Institute has been the world's leading organization of appraisal professionals and has promoted high standards of practice through its designation programs, education, peer review process, research and publications.



## Professionals Providing Real Estate Solutions®

Members form a network of *Professionals Providing Real Estate Solutions®* throughout the world. Because they have met rigorous educational and experience requirements, Designated Members are respected by courts, government agencies, lenders and corporations. Members can guide decisions to invest in, buy or sell property and answer questions about property value and suitability for various uses. They also may serve as consultants on valuation and usage issues, and appear as expert witnesses in legal proceedings.

Members agree to conduct professional activities in accordance with the Code of Professional Ethics, Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, or International Valuation Standards. The Appraisal Institute also administers a refined peer review process through which it enforces these principles.



## The Appraiser Education Leader

The Appraisal Institute offers an extensive curriculum of courses and seminars designed to expand skills and customer bases. These programs also help other industry professionals gain an understanding of real estate techniques.

The Appraisal Institute's Education Network of programs, offered around the world, are taught by experienced members. Some programs are available online, combining the flexibility of self-study with the enhancements of the digital medium. Information on education opportunities is available at [www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/default.asp](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/default.asp).



## The World's Leading Publisher of Appraisal Literature

The Appraisal Institute is the world's largest publisher of appraisal literature. *The Appraisal of Real Estate* has served generations of professionals as *THE* premier real estate valuation text. The Appraisal Institute continuously adds to its extensive list of publications that cover contemporary issues, industry advances and special-purpose properties.

The Appraisal Institute also publishes *The Appraisal Journal* and *Valuation Insights & Perspectives (VIP)* magazine. The *Journal* has served as the top forum for appraisal professionals.

*VIP* magazine focuses on innovative features and ideas to assist appraisers. The free Appraiser News Online e-newsletter keeps professionals abreast of industry trends and legislative and regulatory matters.

A list of titles is available on our Web site at:  
[www.appraisalinstitute.org/ecom/publications](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/ecom/publications).

## A Professional Resource

The Appraisal Institute serves as a professional resource through its Lum Library, InfoExchange and JobSearch services. With its extensive collection of books, journals and other resources and growing database connections, the Lum Library provides support for the research needs of members, as well as the profession-at-large.

In today's evolving marketplace, the Appraisal Institute's Appraisal Standards Committee keeps vigilant watch for domestic and international issues concerning ethics and standards, and addresses these issues through comments and guidance.

## A Global Influence

The Appraisal Institute recently expanded its education programs to Asia, Europe and the Middle East and has a growing international membership. The organization also continues involvement in regional and international federations, including the International Valuation Standards Committee (IVSC), the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI), the Union of Pan-American Valuation Organizations (UPAV), the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

## Membership Opportunities

Membership is open to appraisal practitioners and individuals from allied fields. Practicing appraisers may join as Associate Members and choose to work toward the MAI or SRA designations. Affiliate membership is open to individuals who are not performing work governed by the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice or International Valuation Standards, such as bankers, attorneys and government agency representatives. All members have access to a variety of services and benefits, as well as a network of peers.

Designated Members participate in a continuing education program. Currently, the Appraisal Institute confers the MAI and the SRA designations. Some members also may hold the SRPA designation.



**MAI:** Members holding this designation are experienced in the valuation and consultancy of commercial, industrial, residential and other property types, and advise clients on investment decisions.



**SRPA:** This designation is held by members experienced in the valuation and consultancy of commercial, industrial, residential and other property types.



**SRA:** This designation is held by members experienced in the valuation of residential real property.

## How to Join

The Appraisal Institute has the reputation, technology, education, and publications to help you build marketing advantages for your career. Join today and help diversify your business and boost your income. For more information, consult [www.appraisalinstitute.org/join](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/join).

## How to Find a Member

To find a member, go to [www.appraisalinstitute.org](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org) and look for the "Find an Appraiser" option. You can search for Designated and Associate Members throughout the world by name or location. Designated Member listings also are searchable by property type and business service. For more information about the Appraisal Institute, visit our Web site at [www.appraisalinstitute.org](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org).

*The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with nearly 23,000 members and 92 chapters throughout the world. Organized in 1932, its mission is to support and advance its members as the choice for real estate solutions and uphold professional credentials, standards of professional practice and ethics consistent with the public good. The Appraisal Institute advocates equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the appraisal profession and conducts its activities in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws. Members of the Appraisal Institute benefit from an array of professional education and advocacy programs, and may hold the prestigious MAI, SRPA and SRA designations.*

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