



The IADA Appraiser Certification Program

What is this program?

The IADA Appraiser Certification Program is the new standard for the appraisal industry. This is the only certification with the full backing of the Independent Auto Damage Appraisers Association. Not just a certificate for completing a certain number of courses, this program judges if an appraiser has the professionalism, experience, mastery, and dedication to be counted among the most skilled appraisal professionals in the world.

Three certification levels are available. At level one, the Professional Certification shows that an appraiser is an experienced and educated professional who is committed to excellence. Holders of the level two Expert Certification show the world that they are industry veterans ready to handle anything the job throws at them. And finally, the level three Master Certification recognizes a Master Appraiser – an elite, highly skilled professional who has mastered his craft through true dedication.

Applicants are judged on three standards:

- Experience – Applicants must prove a minimum of field experience, demonstrating their professionalism and dedication.
 - For the Pro Certification, at least 5 years of appraisal experience.
 - For the Expert Certification, at least 10 years of appraisal experience.
 - For Master Certification, at least 15 years of appraisal experience.
- Education – Applicants must prove a minimum amount of continuing industry education, showing their commitment to maintain the highest standards of excellence and remain at the top of their field.
 - Pro – 10 training courses, such as I-Car, or one outside certification such as Vale National or ASE.
 - Expert – 20 total hours of training courses OR 10 completed I-Car classes and one additional outside certification.
 - Master – I-Car Platinum certification (30 hours minimum) and one additional outside certification (ASE, Vale, etc)
- Skill – All applicants must submit a series of actual appraisals for thorough analysis by our review board.
 - Two standard auto appraisals – including one total loss and one repairable estimate.
 - A total of two non-standard appraisals within the following categories: Truck/Heavy Equipment, Motorcycle, RV/Camper. These must include one total loss and one repairable estimate.
 - One Actual Cash Value appraisal, for any vehicle type, for a vehicle originally appraised by the applicant.

What do I need?

For all certification levels, applicants must:

- Fill out and submit the application found on IADA.org, with necessary documentation as described below.
- Submit a resume showing all appraisal experience, with references to employers or colleagues
- Submit a series of appraisals for review
 - Two standard auto appraisals – including one total loss and one repairable estimate.
 - A total of two non-standard appraisals within the following categories: Truck/Heavy Equipment, Motorcycle, RV/Camper. These must include one total loss and one repairable estimate.
 - One Actual Cash Value appraisal, for any vehicle type, for a vehicle originally appraised by the applicant.
- Submit a \$25.00 fee for review and certificate.

There are additional requirements for each level. Note that applicants can qualify for level 2 certification immediately, but must hold a level 2 certificate for at least 1 year before applying for a master certificate.

Level one – Professional Certification

- 5 years field appraisal experience – demonstrate on resume, with references
- At least one of the following:
 - 10 I-Car courses or similar training (submit course list/completion certificates from institution)
 - Outside estimating/appraisal certification such as ASE or Vale National
 - Written endorsement or apprenticeship by IADA certified appraiser
- Approval of submitted estimates by review board

Level two – Expert Certification

- 10 years field appraisal experience
- 20 total hours of training courses, or 10 I-Car classes and one additional outside certification (written endorsement by an IADA level 2 or higher appraiser counts as one outside certification)
- Approval of submitted estimates by review board
- Interview with review board

Level three – Master Certification

- 15 years of field appraisal experience
- At LEAST two of the following:
 - I-Car Platinum Certification for Auto Physical Damage Appraiser
 - ASE Collision Repair Certification
 - Vale National Appraiser/Estimator Certification
 - Other outside certification
 - Written endorsement by an IADA certified Master Appraiser
- Interview/examination by review board