



Who can be a member?

Any person that has an interest in assessment may become a member. Membership categories include:

Regular Member
Candidate
Designate
Licensed
Honourary Member

A Regular Member may be an individual with a general interest in assessment who is not directly involved in assessment appraising but wishes to be connected with the profession and the Association, and to receive some of the services.

How can I join?

Please contact the SAAA or visit our website for a membership application form.

Membership Benefits

- Protection of credentials under Provincial Legislation
- Transferability of credentials between participating Canadian provinces
- Association roster, which includes a complete listing of members and their contact information.
- Regular newsletter that keeps members up to date on legislative changes, appeals and Court of Appeal decisions
- Opportunity to attend annual workshops at a discounted rate
- Continuing Professional Development (Recertification) program
- Code of Ethics
- Timely information on career opportunities
- Opportunity to network with colleagues



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Mission Statement

We protect the public interest by:

- Regulating and improving the practices of assessment professionals in Saskatchewan;
- Providing and encouraging professional development for our members; and
- Promoting the highest forms of ethical conduct and professional practice.

We strive to earn the public's trust through accountability for our actions and the continuous pursuit of assessment excellence.

Who we are

The Saskatchewan Assessment Appraisers' Association (SAAA) is a professional Association of Saskatchewan-based property assessment professionals. It has origins dating back to 1939 when the first organization, the Saskatchewan Professional Property Valuers' Association was established. The SAAA was legislated as a self-governing body under The Assessment Appraisers Act in November, 2002. The SAAA is an affiliate member of the Interprovincial Professional Property Assessors of Canada (IPPAC) and the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO).

Our members consist primarily of professional appraisers who either hold licenses to practice assessment or are striving towards obtaining their accreditation. The Licensed Assessment Appraiser of Saskatchewan (LAAS) designation is recognized as a license required to practice assessment in Saskatchewan.

What we do

Assessment appraisers' estimate assessed value on all types of property including residential, commercial, industrial, oil/gas pipelines, mines and farmland. Our members are responsible for 805,000 properties totalling over \$160 billion in property value in 774 municipalities in Saskatchewan. Every person who owns property in Saskatchewan is impacted by the assessment placed on it by one of our members. Assessment appraisers must consistently work to ensure that property assessments are determined equitably pursuant to provincial legislation.

Our members work for the federal government, Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA), municipalities, private consulting and assessment firms. They work in various valuation, management and administration positions. Courts of law also recognize assessment appraisers as experts and reinforce that the assessor is the "backbone of local tax administration" (*Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in Regina (City) v. Laing Property Corp., 1994*)

What level of education do assessment appraisers hold?

Assessment appraisers require post-secondary education and experience before they may be a designated assessment appraiser eligible for licensing.

To be licensed, a member must hold an appraisal designation along with 4 years' experience in mass appraisal. All of our members must adhere to a Code of Ethics and (with the exception of our Regular Members) participate in the continuing professional development program.

Many of our members have degrees in Agriculture, Administration, or Commerce and are members of other related associations such as the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, the Appraisal Institute of Canada and the International Association of Assessing Officers.

