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URA

Uniform Act

Program Guide and Application



The Professional Standard of Excellence

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Welcome to the IRWA's URA Certification Program!

Earning the IRWA's URA Certification is both a journey and a destination. For experienced and skilled right of way professionals like yourself, your Certification validates your skills and demonstrates your proficiency in your chosen discipline. The IRWA URA Certification Program is a structured process designed to provide you with the knowledge and tools that will help you advance in your profession.

Stay Ahead of the Curve

Today's marketplace is crowded and complex, and individuals and businesses that don't stay ahead of the curve often risk being left behind. To develop a solid, competitive advantage—and to remain ahead of that curve—you can rely on IRWA Certification to prepare you and your company for whatever lies ahead.

The Only Name That Counts

IRWA stands for the highest standard of excellence. As such, IRWA Certification is a rigorous process that will work to differentiate you from other professionals. Our high standards have enabled us to create a distinction that is universally respected by customers, businesses and colleagues across most disciplines.

The Right Stuff

Companies with employees that are IRWA certified report impressive results. Certification can often win business in competitive situations. Perhaps that's because customers prefer doing business with IRWA -certified staff rather than those without the stamp of Certification. Certified professionals often make better employees. They tend to exhibit higher productivity, reduced learning curves, increased technical competencies, lower error rate, and a higher level of job satisfaction.

Individual Benefits

In addition to gaining new skills, enhancing your knowledge base and adding to your list of credentials, employees can expect to attain a wide range of workplace benefits. These may be in the form of peer recognition or demonstrated financially through a promotion, pay raise or additional perks.

Benefits to Employer

Employers who support continuing education for their staff can expect significant benefits! They will be rewarded with higher employee retention, increased productivity and a boost in employee morale and confidence. Retaining experienced staff is an enormous competitive advantage for any employer.

Overview: How the Program Works and Purpose of this Guidebook

This handbook is designed to serve as a reference tool to help simplify the various requirements. Many of the forms you will need along the way are included. Some can be used directly from the handbook and are linked to the pages included in this Handbook Webpage.

To get started, we encourage you to read the requirements outlined in this program guidebook and application packet. If your experience appears to qualify, submit your candidacy application to IRWA Headquarters. If you are uncertain about any of this process, please contact your local Professional Development Committee Chair (PDC Chair). They can answer any questions you have as you progress through the program. Once you have completed your application, simply submit it to your PDC Chair.

We congratulate you on your decision to pursue the URA Certification.



Glossary of Terms

CAPSTONE EXAM: Final Examination, available in single discipline or comprehensive

CEU: Continuing Education Unit, used in recertification

IEC: International Executive Committee

IPDC: International Professional Development Committee

IRWA: International Right of Way Association

PDC CHAIR: Professional Development Committee Chair (Chapter Level)

QEU: Qualifying Education Unit, used in initial certification

URA: Uniform Act

R/W: Right of Way

USD: U.S. Dollars

HQ: International Right of Way Association Headquarters Office



International Right of Way Association Code of Ethics

RECOGNIZING the responsibility of our profession to the people and business of our country, and believing that we should encourage and foster high ethical standards in our profession, we do hereby adopt the following CODE OF ETHICS for our constant guidance and inspiration predicated upon the basic principles of truth, justice and fair play.

To show faith in the worthiness of our profession by industry, honesty and courtesy, in order to merit a reputation for high quality of service and fair dealing.

To add to the knowledge of our profession by constant study and to share the lessons of our experience with our fellow members.

To build an ever increasing confidence and good will with the public and our employers by poise, self-restraint and constructive cooperation.

To ascertain and weigh all of the facts relative to real properties in making an appraisal thereof, using the best and most approved methods of determining the just and fair market value.

To conduct ourselves in the most ethical and competent manner when testifying as an expert witness in court as to the market value of the real properties, thus meriting confidence in our knowledge and integrity.

To accept our full share of responsibility in constructive public service to community, state and nation.

To strive to attain and to express a sincerity of character that shall enrich our human contacts, ever aiming toward that ideal -- "The Practice of the Golden Rule."



Uniform Act Application Process and Fee Schedule

URA Certification Application Process

- Member in good standing with the IRWA
- Read through program brochure and description
- Declare Candidacy to IRWA Headquarters
- Complete Experience, IRWA Coursework and Examination requirements
- Complete application and submit, with payment to local Chapter's PDC Chair
- PDC Chair will review and if approved, will forward to Headquarters
- Notification will be sent by Headquarters of receipt/approval of application

URA Certification Fee Schedule

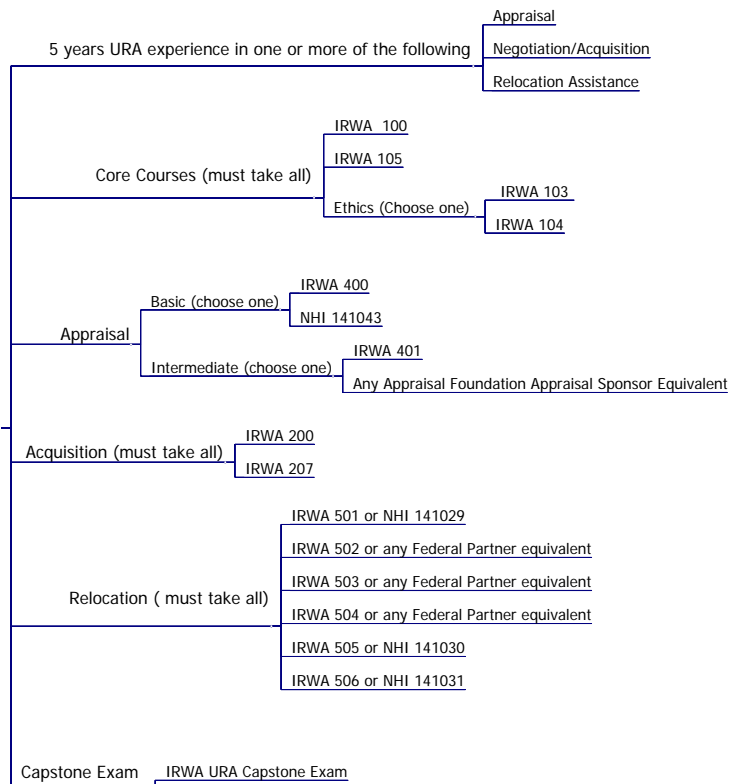
- **URA Certification Application Fee**
 - Candidacy Declaration - \$50 USD
 - Program Application - \$175 USD
- **URA Certification Inactive Status Processing Fee**
 - \$20 USD
- **URA Certification Inactive Status Maintenance Fee**
 - \$50 USD annually
- **URA Certification Inactive Status Reinstatement Fee**
 - \$100 USD
- **URA Recertification Application Fee**
 - \$100 USD
- **URA Certification Reinstatement Fee/Lapsed Status**
 - \$175 USD
- **Capstone Exam Fee**
 - \$50 USD
- **Course Challenge Request Fee**

Fee is determined based upon a \$50 USD fee per day of class

 - C-100 \$200 USD
 - C-200 \$100 USD
 - C-400 \$100 USD

URA Certification Program At a Glance

URA Program At a Glance





International Right of Way URA Certification Program

What is the URA Certification?

The URA Certification is a multidisciplinary professional certification granted to IRWA members who have achieved professional status through experience, education and examination in the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA).

Earning the URA Certification demonstrates an unparalleled achievement in both understanding the URA itself and the demonstration of its successful and significant application of its provisions.

What are the prerequisites for the URA Certification?

Any IRWA member in good standing involved in appraisal, negotiation/acquisition or relocation services under the requirements of the Uniform Act (URA) is eligible to become a candidate for this program. In order to obtain the certification, the applicant must have a minimum of 5 years of verifiable ROW professional experience within the last 5 years, meet the educational requirements and complete the Capstone exam.

How do you pursue the URA Certification?

The application process is easy:

- Obtain a URA Application form [online](#)
- Complete experience, coursework and exam requirements
- Submit completion Application form, along with designation fee, to PDC Chair
- Wait for approval notification from IRWA Headquarters

What happens after the URA Certification is earned?

The URA Certification will expand employment opportunities, increase salary potential, boost chances for career advancement and demonstrate professional commitment.

Employers benefit from the URA Certification too. Most employers recognize the roles that professional development and continuing education play and encourage their staff to pursue such things. The URA Certification helps employers to identify and reward employees with proven initiative, dedication and knowledge. It helps to create a strong professional foundation and training ladder. The URA Certification enhances employee skills through multidiscipline training and examination. It also assures continuous educational updates through recertification.

Please contact Credentialing Staff for any questions about the Certification program. 310.538.0233 X 138 or X 123 [or education@irwaonline.org](mailto:education@irwaonline.org)



International Right of Way URA Certification Program **Right of Way Professional Experience, Course and Exam Requirements**

Candidate must have a minimum of 5 years of relevant Right of Way professional experience within the last 5 years in one or more of the following:

Appraisal Experience:

Principal practice in professional appraisal services, including:

1. Experience in the appraisal of partial takings involving severance or consequential damages and working knowledge of eminent domain law and procedures; or,
2. Full time professional services making economic studies and feasibility analyses when such services involve interpretation of real estate valuation principles.

Negotiation/Acquisition Experience:

Principal practice in professional negotiation or acquisition services, provided that compensation is received on a fee or salary basis rather than a brokerage basis involving a commission. Such service must involve:

1. Interpretation of real estate valuation principles
2. Semi-legal or paralegal work in preparation or review of documents
3. Understanding of real property law, interpretation of maps and construction plans, and documentation of the transaction

Negotiations must be for the acquisition or disposal of an interest in real property, including licenses, leases and settlement of property damage claims.

Relocation Assistance Experience:

Principal practice in professional relocation assistance services including experience in:

1. Relocating and re-establishing persons, businesses, farm operations and nonprofit organizations
2. Making replacement housing computations when such services involve an interpretation of real estate valuation principles
3. Conducting studies and analyses for the development of a relocation program plan



IRWA Coursework Requirements

To obtain the URA Certification, the candidate must successfully complete the predetermined QEU's of IRWA core and elective coursework.

Challenging a Course

The candidate may, if he or she has sufficient professional experience and knowledge in a certain discipline, challenge a core course. To challenge a core course, the candidate must submit the Course Challenge Request form, along with the challenge fee, and pass the course exam. If the candidate does not pass the exam, the candidate **may not** challenge the course again and must attend the class and successfully pass the exam to receive credit.

The following core courses may be challenged:

- C-100
- C-200
- C-400

Examination Requirements

The candidate must fulfill the Capstone examination requirement for the URA Certification.

An approved candidate can take the Capstone examination anytime within their 5 year candidacy period.

To take the exam, candidates must fill out and submit the Exam Request form and the exam fee(s)



International Right of Way URA Certification Program

URA Recertification

Members holding the URA Certification *must* recertify every 5 years. To recertify, a member must accumulate the required credit within a period of no more than 5 years from the date of receipt of the Certification or from the date of the previous recertification.*

** Failure to recertify will result in the loss of the member's certification.*

Recertification Requirements

75 CEUs must be earned through attending courses or seminars approved for credit by the International Professional Development Committee (IPDC). 24 of these required CEUs must be earned through IRWA course attendance course attendance as a participant or facilitator. This includes the 8 CEUs earned through meeting the Ethics Course Requirement and 16 CEUs earned in Appraisal, Negotiation/Acquisition or Relocation Assistance.

URA Certified members may receive up to 24 CEUs of recertification credit for attending IRWA's Annual International Educational Conference. Up to 15 hours may be earned by attending IRWA's Federal Agency Update (FAU).

URA Inactive Status (Parked Status)

URA members can retain their right to the URA Certification during an inactive period, when they are not employed in or otherwise involved with the right of way profession. An URA Certified member may request the inactive status as follows:

1. Submit a letter, along with the processing fee requesting the URA Certification be held in an inactive status and acknowledge that during such period, the URA Certification may not be used*
2. During each year the URA is maintained in an inactive status, an annual fee shall be assessed for maintenance of the URA Certification. The annual fee shall entitle the member to receive the IRWA magazine.

** To apply for inactive status, certification must be current. Inactive status may not be applied for if recertification has expired.*



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URA Inactive Status (Reinstatement)

When the member is ready to re-establish their active status, the process is as follows:

1. Submit a letter requesting to re-establish the active status of the URA Certification, including a reinstatement fee.
2. Complete current recertification requirements for the URA Certification. (Recertification must be completed within what remains of the original URA 5 year period from the time the inactive status was entered into.)
3. Comply with any current recertification or other requirements as may be established by the IPDC

Applying for Award of Credit for a Non-IRWA Course

In order to be awarded recertification credit, the subject matter of a non-IRWA course must be consistent with current Right of Way principles and practices, and enhance the Right of Way disciplines of:

1. Appraisal,
2. Negotiation/Acquisition,
3. Relocation Assistance

Course content must cover a minimum of 70% of IRWA subject matter to be awarded URA Certification Program recertification credit.

Appeals

In the event that recertification credit is not granted for a non-IRWA course, you may consider the following appeal process:

1. Applicant forwards a Letter of Appeal to HQ within 30 days of receipt of notification
2. HQ will forward request form to the IPDC for full review
3. IPDC will review and then advise HQ of approval/disapproval
4. HQ will notify applicant of final decision



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Application



URA Certification Program Application Process and Helpful Hints

URA Certification Application Process

- Member in good standing with the IRWA
- Read through program brochure and description
- Declare Candidacy to IRWA Headquarters
- Complete Experience, IRWA Coursework and Examination requirements
- Complete application and submit, with payment to local Chapter's PDC Chair
- PDC Chair will review and if approved, will forward to Headquarters
- Notification will be sent by Headquarters of receipt/approval of application

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATION UNTIL ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.

ALL INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY PDC CHAIR WILL BE RETURNED TO CANDIDATE

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AT HEADQUARTERS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PDC CHAIR.

Applications will be processed in order of receipt.

Processing of completion applications **takes approximately 6 weeks**

Instructions for completing this application:

- Fill in COMPLETELY
- Be as accurate as possible with regard to dates
- Type or print clearly and legibly
- Be careful to not duplicate information
- Use extra sheets as necessary
- Attach supporting documentation where indicated
- Submit payment information
- Submit completed application to:

Chapter PDC Chair



URA Certification Program Declaration of Candidacy

Complete and return this declaration along with your non-*refundable* candidacy fee of \$50 to IRWA Headquarters.

- Check enclosed (made payable to IRWA) -or-
 Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Applicant Information

Name _____ Member # _____

Mailing Address _____ Chapter # _____

City, State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

By signature below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly reviewed the Professional Experience Summary Page, and have personally verified with my Chapter Professional Development Committee Chair that my work experience qualifies as appraisal, negotiation/acquisition or relocation under the URA.

I hereby certify that all of the information provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I will be in a violation of the Ethical Policy if I knowingly misrepresent myself.

Applicant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date ____/____/____

**For any questions regarding the Professional Experience Requirements,
contact your Chapter Professional Development Committee Chair**



URA Certification Program Completion Application Applicant Information Page

Complete and return this application along with your *non*-refundable application fee of \$175 and all requested supporting materials to your PDC Chair for review after all requirements have been completed.

Only complete applications will be processed. All incomplete applications will be returned to the PDC Chair.

- Check enclosed (made payable to IRWA) -or-
 Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Applicant Information

Name _____ Member # _____

Mailing Address _____ Chapter # _____

City, State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Agency or Company _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

**For any questions regarding the Professional Experience Requirements, contact your
Chapter Professional Development Committee Chair**



URA Certification Program Completion Application Professional Experience Page

This section must detail the applicant's required 5 years minimum of relevant Right of Way professional experience, within the last 5 years. Fill form in completely. Attach additional sheets as necessary. *Please note: Use a separate page for each employer and each job title.*

Company or Agency Details

From (mm/dd/yyyy) _____/_____/_____ To (mm/dd/yyyy) _____/_____/_____

Total Number of Months _____ Agency Title _____

Company or Agency Address _____

Street

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Position or Job Title _____

Description of Duties (Name specific projects under the URA and your duties on those projects. Resume can be attached as supporting document only)

Verification: (Current Supervisor or someone with personal knowledge of your work*)

*If you are self employed, a professional associate familiar with your work who is NOT a member of your immediate family.

Name _____

Title _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Email Address _____

I have examined the above statement and hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, it is true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____/_____/_____



URA Certification Program Completion Application Coursework Requirements

Coursework Checklist:

1. **Core Courses:** Complete the following and attach printout of course history or completion certificate

<input type="checkbox"/> C-100	Principles of Land Acquisition – 32 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> C-103 <i>or</i>	Ethics and the ROW Profession – 8 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> C-104	Standards of Practice for the ROW Professional – 8 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> C-105 <i>or</i>	The Uniform Relocation Act Executive Summary – 8 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> NHI 141045	Real Estate Acquisition Under the Uniform Act: An Overview – 6 QEU

2. **Basic Appraisal Courses:** Choose one of the following and attach copy of course history or completion certificate

<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-400	Principles of Real Estate Appraisal – 16 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> NHI 141043	Appraisal for Federal-Aid Highway Programs – 16 QEU

3. **Intermediate Appraisal Courses:** Choose one of the following and attach copy of course history or completion certificate

<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-401	The Appraisal of Partial Acquisitions – 40 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> An Appraisal Foundation Sponsor Equivalent	As Approved by IPDC

4. **Negotiation/Acquisition:** Complete all of the following and attach copy of course history or completion certificate

<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-200	Principles of Real Estate Negotiation – 16 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-207	Practical Negotiations for U.S. Federally Funded Land Acquisitions – 16 QEU



5. **Relocation Assistance:** Complete all of the following and attach copy of course history or completion certificate

<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-501 <i>or</i>	Residential Relocation Assistance – 16 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> NHI 141029	Basic Relocation under the Uniform Act – 24 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-502 <i>or</i>	Business Relocation – 16 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> any Federal Partner Equivalent	
<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-503 <i>or</i>	Mobile Home Relocation – 8 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> any Federal Partner Equivalent	
<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-504 <i>or</i>	Computing Replacement Housing Payments – 16 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> any Federal Partner Equivalent	
<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-505 <i>or</i>	Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance – 8 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> NHI 141030	Advanced Relocation under the Uniform Act – 24 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> IRWA C-506 <i>or</i>	Advanced Business Relocation Assistance – 16 QEU
<input type="checkbox"/> NHI 141031	Business Relocation under the Uniform Act – 24 QEU

**URA Certification Program
Completion Application
Examination Requirements**

Exam Checklist: Complete the following and attach pass letter

<input type="checkbox"/> URA Capstone Exam
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**URA Certification Program
Completion Application
International Right of Way Association
Code of Ethics
Applicant Signature Page**

Answer the following questions

Have you ever been convicted of fraud, misrepresentation or misappropriation of funds or property? *If yes, attach a detailed explanation.* Yes No

Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by any professional organization? *If yes, attach a detailed explanation.* Yes No

Signature

By signing below, I agree to abide by the IRWA Code of Ethics and to be subject to disciplinary action as adopted by the International Ethics Committee. All of the information provided by me is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If I made or at any time make statements with knowledge of the statements falseness, I understand that it shall be cause for denial or revocation of the designation.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Agency or Company Name _____

Printed Name & Signature of an Officer of that Agency or Company

Acknowledged before me on this day:

Notary Signature & Date _____

Notary Commission Expiration Date ____/____/____



URA Certification Program Completion Application Agreement Page

Applicant Name _____

In completing this application, I hereby consent to the following terms:

- 1 I subscribe to the aims and purposes and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the International Right of Way Association.
- 2 I hereby irrevocably waive any claim or right of action at law or in equity that I might have any time hereafter against the International Right of Way Association, its governing officers, committee members, or other officials, either as a group or as individuals, for any official act in connection with the business of the Designation Program and particularly as to its or their acts in admitting or failing to admit me to Designation status; or, disciplining me as a member for any reason whatsoever.
- 3 I hereby authorize the IRWA to verify all information contained herein and further to make all investigations in any manner it deems necessary.
- 4 I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge, and I agree and understand that any misstatements of material facts herein will cause forfeiture on my part of all rights to Designation status with no refund of my application fee(s).
- 5 Attached hereto is my application fee (payable to IRWA), per discipline.
- 6 If I become certified as a Certified Member of the IRWA, I agree that I will comply with any future requirements the International Executive Committee of the IRWA, or its appointed oversight committee, decides are appropriate for me to retain my registration as an Certified Member of the IRWA.

Applicants Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

For Chapter PDC Chair Use Only

PDC Chair Name _____ SR/WA # _____

Mailing Address _____ Chapter # _____

City, State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Date ____/____/____

PDC Chair Signature _____



URA Certification Program Course Challenge Exam Request Form

Challenging a Course: If the candidate feels that they have sufficient professional experience and knowledge in a certain discipline, they can challenge a core course by submitting this form, along with the challenge fee, and then successfully complete the exam for that course. If the candidate does not pass the exam, the candidate **may not** challenge the course again and must attend the class and successfully pass the exam to receive credit.

<input type="checkbox"/> C-100 Principles of Land Acquisitions	<input type="checkbox"/> C-200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation
<input type="checkbox"/> C-400 Principles of Real Estate Appraisal	

IMPORTANT NOTE: Successful challenge will fulfill part of the coursework requirements for the URA Certification. NO course education credit will be granted and course will not show in candidate's course history. See fee schedule to determine current challenge fee.

Name _____ Member # _____

Mailing Address _____ Chapter # _____

City, State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Signature _____

- Check Enclosed (made payable to IRWA)
- Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

Name as it appears on card _____

For Chapter PDC Chair Use Only

Proctor Name _____ SR/WA # _____

Mailing Address _____ Chapter # _____

City, State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

PDC Chair Signature _____



URA Certification Program Capstone Examination Request Form

I request to take the following Capstone Exam:

URA Capstone Exam

See fee schedule to determine current exam fee.

Name _____ Member # _____

Mailing Address _____ Chapter # _____

City, State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Signature _____

- Check Enclosed (made payable to IRWA)
- Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

Name as it appears on card _____

For Chapter PDC Chair Use Only

Proctor Name _____ SR/WA # _____

Mailing Address _____ Chapter # _____

City, State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

PDC Chair Signature _____



URA Certification Program Recertification

International Right of Way URA Recertification

Why do URA's need to recertify?

The International Right of Way Association believes that all professionals holding the URA Certification should continue their personal and professional development through a combination of continued work experience and continuing education. Therefore, the IRWA requires all URA Certified members to recertify every 5 years to maintain their professional certification.

What is required to recertify?

The URA recertification requirements consist of 75 CEUs earned through attendance or facilitation of courses or seminars that have been approved for credit by the IPDC. 24 of these required CEUs must be earned through IRWA course attendance course attendance as a participant or facilitator. This includes the 8 CEUs earned through meeting the Ethics Course requirement and 16 CEUs earned in Appraisal, Negotiation/Acquisition or Relocation Assistance.

URA Certified members may receive up to 24 CEUs of recertification credit for paid attendance at IRWA's International Educational Conference and up to 15 CEUs at IRWA's Federal Agency Update (FAU).

IRWA Chapter seminars, meetings, regional forums and any non-IRWA program *must* be submitted to the IPDC for recertification credit approval. It is advisable that approval is obtained *before* the presentation or at the very least, before recertification is due.

Approval letters and proof attendance/completion must be kept in designee's records and *must only* be submitted to Headquarters as supporting documentation along with the recertification application.

The recertification deadline is 5 years from the initial certification and applications will be accepted by Headquarters up to 1 year before the due date.

URA Certified members taking an IRWA course for recertification credit are not required to take the course exam.* However, participants taking an IRWA course for Continuing Education or other type of credit for a third party, license renewal or other purposes may be required to take the course exam.

* Exams **must** be taken for any online course or seminar to obtain recertification credit.



URA Certification Program Recertification

Applying for Award of Credit for a Non-IRWA Course

In order to be awarded URA recertification credit, the subject matter of a non-IRWA course must be consistent with current Right of Way principles and practices, and enhance the Right of Way disciplines of:

- Appraisal,
- Negotiation/Acquisition,
- Relocation Assistance

Course content must cover a minimum of 70% of IRWA subject matter to be awarded URA Certification Program recertification credit.

Appeals

In the event that recertification credit is not granted for a non-IRWA course, you may consider the following appeal process:

- Applicant forwards a Letter of Appeal to HQ within 30 days of receipt of notification
- HQ will forward request form to the IPDC for full review
- IPDC will review and then advise HQ of approval/disapproval
- HQ will notify applicant of final decision



URA Certification Program Recertification Application Process and Helpful Hints

URA Certification Recertification Application Process

- Complete Continuing Education Requirements
- Complete recertification application
- Submit application, supporting documents and payment to IRWA Headquarters
- Notification will be sent by IRWA Headquarters of receipt/approval of application

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATION UNTIL ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE URA RECERTIFICATION HAVE BEEN MET. ALL INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PDC CHAIR.

Applications will be processed in order of receipt. Processing of recertification applications **takes approximately 6 weeks**

Instructions for filling in application:

- Fill in COMPLETELY
- Fill out a separate application for each discipline
- Be as accurate as possible with regard to dates
- Type or print clearly and legibly
- Be careful to not duplicate information
- Use extra sheets as necessary
- Attach supporting documents where indicated
- Attach appropriate fee and payment information
- Submit completed application to:

**Credentialing Staff
IRWA Headquarters
19750 S. Vermont Ave., Suite 220
Torrance, CA 90502-1144**



URA Certification Program Recertification Application Applicant Information Page

Please complete and return this application, along with any requested supporting documentation to IRWA Headquarters, care of Credentialing Staff.

Only complete applications will be processed. All incomplete applications will be returned to the PDC Chair. Processing of recertification applications takes approximately 6 weeks.

URA Recertification Applicant Information Page

Applicant Information

Name _____

Membership Number _____ Chapter _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Email Address _____

Agency or Company _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Email Address _____



URA Certification Program Recertification Application CEU Summary Page

Attach additional sheets as necessary. Provide documentation of approval and completion.

IRWA Courses attended or facilitated (attach copy of course history)

Course Number & Name	Date/Number of CEUs

Approved Non-IRWA Courses (attach documentation)

Course/Program Name/Organization	Date/Number of CEUs

Conference Education Session/Chapter Educational Seminars (fill in completely)

Event Name	Date/Number of CEUs

Total CEUs _____

I certify that the information presented above and the accompanying materials are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____

Recertification Fee of \$100

- Check Enclosed (made payable to IRWA)
- Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

Name as it appears on card _____



URA Certification Program Recertification Application

International Right of Way Association Code of Ethics Applicant Signature Page

Answer the following questions

Have you ever been convicted of fraud, misrepresentation or misappropriation of funds or property? Yes No
If yes, attach a detailed explanation.

Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by any professional organization? Yes No
If yes, attach a detailed explanation.

Signature

By signing below, I agree to abide by the IRWA Code of Ethics and to be subject to disciplinary action as adopted by the International Ethics Committee (IEC). All of the information provided by me is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If I made or at any time make statements with knowledge of the statements falseness, I understand that it shall be cause for denial or revocation of the designation.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Agency or Company Name _____

Printed Name & Signature of an Officer of that Agency or Company

Acknowledged before me on this day:

Notary Signature & Date _____

Notary Commission Expiration Date ____/____/____



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Applicant's Name _____		Chapter # _____	
Company or Agency Name _____			
Mailing Address _____			
Street	City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Business Phone (____) _____		Fax (____) _____	
Course Name _____			
Course Location _____		Course Date ____/____/____	
Facilitator Name _____			
#of CEU _____			

- A course outline showing the timeline spent for each specific topic and the completion certificate **MUST** accompany this application.
- Course material and final exam must **ONLY** be submitted upon request by the IPDC.

Course Subject Area

- Appraisal
- Negotiation/Acquisition
- Relocation Assistance

Is this course approved by or sponsored in part by any of the following: (if yes, please specify)

- Allied Association: _____
- University/College/Technical Institute: _____
- Appraisal Sponsor of the Appraisal Foundation: _____
- Company Training: _____
- Other: _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____



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Instructions:

1. Locate the subject area that course or seminar addresses (e.g., Appraisal, Law, etc.).
2. Place an x in the checkboxes provided to indicate all right of way related topics which are addressed in the course or seminar.
3. Provide a best estimate of the total number of hours spent addressing right of way topics.

APPRAISAL

- Appraisal and Value Concepts
- Appraisal Process
- Area Analysis
- Data Analysis
- Site and Building Analysis
- Highest and Best Use
- Site Valuation Sales Comparison Approach
- Income and Expense Analysis
- Reconciliation
- Appraisal Reports
- Just Compensation
- Partial Acquisition
- Easement Valuation
- Ethics and Standards of Professional

_____ Total hours spent addressing appraisal R/W topics

NEGOTIATION/ACQUISITION

- Historical Perspective
- Skills and Attitudes
- Communication Skills
- Negotiation Process
- Role of Power
- Bargaining Negotiations
- Building Trust
- Motivation and Problem Solving
- Funnel Technique
- Property Management
- Relocation Assistance
- Environmental Considerations
- Professional Ethics

_____ Total hours spent addressing communication/negotiations R/W topics

ENGINEERING

(AS IT RELATES TO URA)

- Computing/Calculations
- Computing/Calculations Problems
- General Engineering
- Legal Descriptions
- Legal Descriptions Problems
- Plan Reading
- Professional Ethics
- Topographical Features
- Units of Measurement

_____ Total hours spent addressing engineering R/W topics



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LAW

(AS IT RELATES TO URA)

- Definition of Real Property
- Property Descriptions
- Eminent Domain
- Police Power
- Estates in Land
- Types of Ownership
- Transfer of Title
- Contracts
- Deeds and Mortgages
- Appurtenant Rights
- Covenants, Conditions/Reservations
- Adverse Possession
- Recording Statutes
- Professional Ethics

_____ Total hours spent addressing law R/W topics

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

- Relocation Assistance Overview
- Comparable Replacement Dwelling
- Computations of Replacement Housing Payments for Owners and Tenants
- Mobile Homes
- Last Resort Housing
- Advisory Assistance
- Moving Entitlements
- Claim Filing and Appeals
- General Eligibility Requirements
- The Survey Method
- The Search Process
- The Movement of Personal Property
- Calculating Payments for Property not moved
- Substitute Equipment
- Storage Expenses and Eligibility
- Fixed Payments for Businesses
- Appeals Process
- Advisory Assistance to Business

_____ Total hours spent addressing relocation assistance R/W topics