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APPRAISER QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

March 31, 2008

Ms. Virginia Gibbs
Chairperson
Appraisal Subcommittee
2000 K Street, NW Suite 310

Dear Ms. Gibbs:

The Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) of The Appraisal Foundation has received an inquiry asking if an exception could be made to the 24-month limitation in which an individual's state license or certification examination results are valid. The individual in question is being placed in active military duty and will not be able to complete his experience requirement.

The AQB unconditionally supports those individuals serving our country and strongly encourages allowing exceptions to time-sensitive requirements as a result of an individual's service in active military duty.

However, it is the position of the AQB that we are responsible for *establishing* requirements, not for determining acceptable exceptions to them. The AQB feels strongly that it is the responsibility of those who enforce adherence to the requirements to determine if and when an exception is warranted. In this case, that responsibility would fall under the purview of the Appraisal Subcommittee, which is charged with determining whether the individual state appraiser regulatory agencies are complying with the *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria*.

The AQB respectfully requests the ASC to consider allowing an exception to the 24-month limitation on examination results for individuals serving our country in active military duty. The Board believes that the extension of time should be commensurate with the time of deployment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Magdalene Vasquez, Qualifications Administrator with The Appraisal Foundation, by calling (202) 624-3074 or via e-mail at magdalene@appraisalfoundation.org.

Best regards,

Gary Taylor
Chair
Appraiser Qualifications Board

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