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## Via Email

Amy Hall, Board Director Real Estate Appraiser Licensure and Certification Board Professional Licensing Agency Indiana Government Center South, Room WO72 402 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204 <u>AHall1@pla.in.gov</u>

RE: ASC Compliance Review of Indiana's Appraiser Regulatory Program

Dear Amy Hall:

The Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) staff conducted an ASC Compliance Review (Review) of the Indiana appraiser regulatory program (Appraiser Program) on April 25-27, 2023, to determine the Appraiser Program's compliance with Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended.<sup>1</sup>

The ASC considered the preliminary results of the Review and the State's response to those results. The Appraiser Program is given an ASC Finding of "Not Satisfactory." The final ASC Compliance Review Report (Report) of the Indiana Appraiser Program is attached.

The ASC identified the following area(s) of non-compliance:

- States must have funding and staffing sufficient to carry out their Title XI-related duties;<sup>2</sup>
- States must report all disciplinary action taken against an appraiser to the ASC;<sup>3</sup>
- States must ensure that staff authorization information provided to the ASC is updated and accurate;<sup>4</sup>
- States must obtain and maintain sufficient relevant documentation pertaining to an application for issuance, upgrade or renewal of a credential so as to enable understanding of the facts and determinations in the matter and the reasons for those determinations;<sup>5</sup>
- States must verify that all claimed qualifying and continuing education courses are acceptable under AQB Criteria;<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 12 U.S.C. §§ 3331-3356.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 1 B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3347; 12 U.S.C. § 3338; Policy Statement 3 A, D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 3 A, C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 4 A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 4 B, C.

- States must establish a reliable process to audit affidavits for continuing education in the case of a renewal being processed after the credential's expiration date, but within the State's allowed grace period for a late renewal;<sup>7</sup>
- States must ensure that appraiser education courses are consistent with AQB Criteria;<sup>8</sup>
- States must ensure that appraiser education courses are consistent with AQB Criteria;<sup>9</sup> and
- States must maintain sufficient documentation to support that approved appraiser courses conform to AQB Criteria.<sup>10</sup>

ASC staff will confirm appropriate corrective actions have been taken during the next Review. Indiana will be moved to a one-year Review Cycle.

This letter and the attached Report are public records and available on the ASC website. Please contact us if you have any questions about this Report.

Sincerely,

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Zixta Q. Martinez ASC Chair

Attachment cc: Wayne Johnson, Chair, via email to AHall1@pla.in.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 4 C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 6 A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 6 A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 6 A.

## **ASC Finding Descriptions**

ASC Finding	Rating Criteria	Review Cycle*
Excellent	<ul> <li>State meets all Title XI mandates and complies with requirements of ASC Policy Statements</li> <li>State maintains a strong regulatory Program</li> <li>Very low risk of Program failure</li> </ul>	2-year
Good	<ul> <li>State meets the majority of Title XI mandates and complies with the majority of ASC Policy Statement requirements</li> <li>Deficiencies are minor in nature</li> <li>State is adequately addressing deficiencies identified and correcting them in the normal course of business</li> <li>State maintains an effective regulatory Program</li> <li>Low risk of Program failure</li> </ul>	2-year
Needs Improvement	<ul> <li>State does not meet all Title XI mandates and does not comply with all requirements of ASC Policy Statements</li> <li>Deficiencies are material but manageable and if not corrected in a timely manner pose a potential risk to the Program</li> <li>State may have a history of repeated deficiencies but is showing progress toward correcting deficiencies</li> <li>State regulatory Program needs improvement</li> <li>Moderate risk of Program failure</li> </ul>	2-year with additional monitoring
Not Satisfactory	<ul> <li>State does not meet all Title XI mandates and does not comply with all requirements of ASC Policy Statements</li> <li>Deficiencies present a significant risk and if not corrected in a timely manner pose a well-defined risk to the Program</li> <li>State may have a history of repeated deficiencies and requires more supervision to ensure corrective actions are progressing</li> <li>State regulatory Program has substantial deficiencies</li> <li>Substantial risk of Program failure</li> </ul>	1-year
Poor	<ul> <li>State does not meet Title XI mandates and does not comply with requirements of ASC Policy Statements</li> <li>Deficiencies are significant and severe, require immediate attention and if not corrected represent critical flaws in the Program</li> <li>State may have a history of repeated deficiencies and may show a lack of willingness or ability to correct deficiencies</li> <li>High risk of Program failure</li> </ul>	Continuous monitoring

\*Program history or nature of deficiency may warrant a more accelerated Review Cycle.

\*\*An ASC Finding of "Poor" may result in significant consequences to the State. See Policy Statement 5, Reciprocity; see also Policy Statement 12, Interim Sanctions.



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	Final Report Issue Date: November 22, 2024						
Indiana Appraiser Regulatory Prog				1	1		
Indiana Real Estate Appraiser Lice Certification Board (Board)	nsure	and		PM: K. Klamet	ASC Compliance Review Date: April 25-2	Review Period: May 2021 - April 2023	
Umbrella Agency: Indiana Professional Licensing Age				ncy (IPLA)	Number of State Credentialed Appraiser	Review Cycle: One Year	
Applicable Federal Citations	Compliance (YES/NO) Areas of Concern (AC)			ASC Staff Observations	State Response Required/Recommended State Actions		General Comments
	YES	NO	AC				
Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Procedures:		x					
States must have funding and staffing sufficient to carry out their Title XI-related duties. (12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 1 B.)				Since the April 2019 Review, the State has undergone a reorganization. All State positions assigned to the Appraiser Program changed. As a result, the State's Program staff are not familiar with their Title XI responsibilities.	The State's August 31, 2023, correspondence did not include a response addressing this area of non- compliance.	The State must provide ASC staff with a written plan, within 90 days of the date of this report, on how the State will achieve and maintain the necessary resources to perform its Title XI-related duties.	Through off-site monitoring and during the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 1.
Temporary Practice:			х				
States must track all temporary practice permits using a permit log which includes the name of the applicant, date application received, date completed application received, date of issuance, and date of expiration, if any. (12 U.S.C. § 3351; Policy Statement 2 B.)				did not include the date the completed application was received.	On August 31, 2023, the State reported that the temporary practice permit log has been rectified. At the same time, the State provided a copy of the revised temporary practice permit log.	None	During the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 2.
National Registry:		х					
States must report all disciplinary action taken against an appraiser to the ASC. (12 U.S.C. § 3347; 12 U.S.C. § 3338; Policy Statement 3 A, D.)				The State did not report all disciplinary actions to the Appraiser Registry.	On August 31, 2023, the State reported that the disciplinary actions have been added to the Appraiser Registry. At the same time, the State provided a screen shot of the disciplinary actions entered.	The State must ensure that all disciplinary actions are reported to the Appraiser Registry in accordance with ASC Policy Statement 3 A, D.	Through off-site monitoring and during the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 3. This was an Area of Concern in the 2019 Compliance Review Report.
National Registry continued:		х					
States must ensure that the authorization information provided to the ASC is updated and accurate. (12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 3 A, C.)					On August 31, 2023, the State reported that all authorization information is up- to-date.	The State must ensure that authorizations to access the National Registry of Appraisers are current and accurate.	During the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 3.



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Umbrella Agency: Indiana Profes	sional I	icensi.	ng Ager	ncy (IPLA)	Number of State Credentialed Appraisers	mber of State Credentialed Appraisers on Appraiser Registry: 2,136 Review Cycle: One Year							
Applicable Federal Citations	Compliance (YES/NO) Areas of Concern (AC)									ASC Staff Observations	State Response	Required/Recommended State Actions	General Comments
	YES	NO	AC										
Application Process:		Х											
States must obtain and maintain sufficient relevant documentation pertaining to an application for issuance, upgrade or renewal of a credential so as to enable understanding of the facts and determinations in the matter and the reasons for those determinations. (12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 4 A.)				documentation to support that applicants' experience was reviewed and approved for USPAP compliance.	On August 31, 2023, the State reported all applicants' files were reviewed for USPAP compliance; however, documentation supporting those reviews could not be located. At the same time, the State provided a copy of an updated checklist, which includes a sign-off for Board members' review and approval/denial of an applicant's experience for USPAP compliance.	The State should ensure that all documentation to support its validation methods are available to ASC staff for future Compliance Reviews.	Through off-site monitoring and during the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 4.						
Application Process continued:		х											
States must verify that all claimed qualifying and continuing education courses are acceptable under AQB Criteria. (12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 4 B, C.)				without verifying whether the applicant had successfully completed all continuing education (CE) consistent with the Appraiser Qualifications Board's Real Property	On August 31, 2023, the State reported that they are implementing a new process to mandate approved CE sponsors to upload education documentation directly to a licensee's online file.		Through off-site monitoring and during the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 4.						
Application Process continued:		Х											
States must establish a reliable process to audit affidavits for continuing education in the case of a renewal being processed after the credential's expiration date, but within the State's allowed grace period for a late renewal. (12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 4 C.)				approval audit of CE affidavits to identify appraisers who fail to comply with Federal and State law.	On August 31, 2023, the State reported that they are implementing a new process to mandate approved CE sponsors to upload education documentation directly to a licensee's online file.	Within 90 days of the date of this Report, the State must conduct a 2022 post-approval CE audit of renewals processed after the credential's expiration date, but within the State's allowed grace period for late renewal, and identify appraisers who failed to comply with Federal and State law, and provide ASC staff with the results.	Through off-site monitoring and during the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 4. This was a finding in the 2019 Compliance Review Report.						
Reciprocity:	Х												
Education:		х		No compliance issues noted	None	None	None						
States must ensure that appraiser education courses are consistent with AQB Criteria. (12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 6 A.)				without ensuring the applicant had successfully completed CE courses consistent with the AQB Criteria for renewal.	On August 31, 2023, the State reported that they are implementing a new process to mandate approved CE sponsors to upload education documentation directly to a licensee's online file. In addition, the State reported that the applicants CE was audited to confirm successful completion.	The State must ensure that appraiser CE courses used for renewal are consistent with AQB Criteria and are successfully completed by the appraiser applicant.	During the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 6.						



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	YES	NO	AC				
Education continued:		Х					
States must ensure that appraiser education courses are consistent with AQB Criteria. (12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 6 A.)				The State accepted appraiser education courses without review and approval by the State or verification of Appraiser Qualifications Board's Course Approval Program (AQB CAP) approval for one education provider.	On August 31, 2023, the State reported that they are implementing a new process to mandate approved CE sponsors to upload education documentation directly to a licensee's online file.		Through off-site monitoring and during the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 6.
Education continued:		Х					
States must maintain sufficient documentation to support that approved appraiser courses conform to AQB Criteria. (12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy Statement 6 A.)				The State did not maintain documentation to support that courses conform to AQB Criteria.	On August 31, 2023, the State provided a copy of a new checklist created to audit and review CE courses to ensure compliance with the AQB Criteria.		Through off-site monitoring and during the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 6.
Enforcement:	Х						
				No compliance issues noted	None	None	None