

Iowa Department of Revenue
Property Tax Division
Hoover State Office Building

Instructions for preparing to take the written deputy assessor examination

Qualifications for Certification

To be eligible for appointment to a deputy assessor position, you are required to score 70 percent or higher on the examination and be certified as eligible for appointment.

Examination Results

You will be notified of the results of your examination within two weeks from the date of the examination. The certification is valid for two years from the date it is granted.

Examination Procedures

The examination will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the date and at the location specified. You may enter the building at 8 a.m. You must bring a photo I.D. to gain entrance to the examination site. Only the applicant will be allowed to enter the building.

All necessary materials will be furnished by the Department of Revenue. No materials may be brought in or removed from the examination site. You may use a small electronic calculator if its use does not disturb others taking the examination.

Examination Content

The examination consists of 100 multiple-choice questions. After initial instructions are given, you will have three hours to complete the examination.

The questions cover the following areas:

- appraisal theory and methods
- appraisal and mathematical problems
- assessment laws and administration

Study Materials

In preparing for the examination, the following materials will be helpful:

Iowa Code sections pertaining to the assessment of property

Including but not limited to chapters 404, 421.17, 425, 425A, 426A, 427, 427A, 427B, 428, 435, and 441.

These can be reviewed in most public libraries or at your county courthouse.

They can also be found online at www.legis.state.ia.us

Iowa Real Property Appraisal Manual

This manual describes procedures to be followed in appraising real estate in Iowa.

The manual may be examined in the office of the Property Tax Division in Des Moines or in the office of the local assessor.

The manual can also be found online at www.state.ia.us/tax

Appraisal books such as:

“The Appraisal of Real Estate”

“The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal”

“Farm Appraisal and Valuation”

“Assessing and the Appraisal Process”