

## IAAO Designations

A high level of mass appraisal skill is required to produce fair and accurate tax assessments. In addition, single property appraisal skills are required for defending assessments before tribunals and review boards. The IAAO program of professional designations was designed to increase the professional competence of assessment personnel through education.

Assessment Administration Specialist (AAS)

Certified Assessment Evaluator (CAE)

Cadastral Mapping Specialist (CMS)

Personal Property Specialist (PPS)

Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES)



To access IAAO Professional Designation requirements and candidacy forms go to:

[www.iaao.org/professionaldesignation/](http://www.iaao.org/professionaldesignation/)

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# North Carolina Candidates Club



## History

The North Carolina Candidates Club began from Joe Hunt's vision of increasing the professionalism and respect for those working in the assessment field. His idea was that increasing the number of assessment employees with professional designations would give the entire career field more respect. To accomplish this, Joe Hunt developed the Candidates Club to promote designations and encourage more people to complete the requirements for a designation. Later IAAO began promoting the concept of Candidate Clubs as a way of increasing the number of designations.

Many assessment professionals have benefited from help provided by the Candidates Clubs.



## Purpose

The Candidates Club's primary purposes are to:

- ✚ Provide assistance for the individual endeavoring to obtain a designation
- ✚ Encourage those working in the assessment field to work toward receiving a designation
- ✚ Honor newly designated club members for their achievement.

## Objectives

The IAAO's professional designation program's objective is:

- ✚ To raise the standards of the assessment profession
- ✚ To attain recognition of the assessment profession by government authorities and the public
- ✚ Recognition for the designated member as a qualified, fair and competent assessment expert.

## Assistance

Any IAAO designation requires much study and effort. Those working on a designation in the Candidates Club have access to mentors that have already been through the process of receiving a designation. These professionals are available to answer questions and share information about the designation process.

Potential designees can also meet together for group study to prepare for projects and examinations.

Class fees may be sponsored.

**You are not alone on your journey.  
The Candidates Club is here to help.**

### ONLINE

To view Candidates Club information, membership roster, and scholarship program criteria, please visit the [UNC School of Government web site.](#)