The Institute of Registered Valuers

MEMBERSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE
Pre-requisites

Valuers wishing to apply for membership of the Institute require a number of pre-requisites. The following are suggested options (others will be considered by the Institute):

- **A gemmological qualification**
  - Gem-A Diploma (www.gem-a.com/education.aspx).
  - GIA GG (www.gia.edu/education/).
  - Birmingham City University Gemmology & Jewellery Studies BSc(Hons).
  - Gem-A Foundation Certificate.
  - Other gemmological association qualification to FGA standard/level – details of syllabus require.
  - Other individual GIA gemmological based qualifications.
  - Course participation only (e.g. HRD Antwerp, SSEF Basel).

  NB: the qualification/course must include some kind of practical hands-on identification.

- **A diamond grading/assessing training certificate**
  - Gem-A Diamond Diploma.
  - GIA Diamonds Graduate.
  - Birmingham City University Gemmology & Jewellery Studies BSc(Hons).
  - Assessing Mounted Diamonds course by Dr Richard Taylor FIRV (through the NAJ - Assessing Mounted Diamonds (naj.co.uk)).
  - Five-day practical diamond grading course offered by Gem-A (counts towards their Diamond Diploma).
  - Five-day practical diamond grading course offered by GIA (counts towards their Diamonds Graduate qualification).
  - Other qualifications to similar standard/level – details of syllabus required.
  - Course participation only (e.g. HRD Antwerp, SSEF Basel).

  NB: the qualification/training must include some kind of practical hands-on grading/assessment.

Applicants must have:

- **A valuation qualification**
  - FoAP – the NAJ's JET Foundations of Appraisal Practice course, complete the assignments and gain a pass (minimum) in each and complete the three-day practical course.
  - CAT – the NAJ's Institute of Registered Valuers Certificate of Appraisal Theory, complete the seven assignments, and pass the CAT exam (*this course is no longer available*).
  - Birmingham City University Gemmology & Jewellery Studies BSc(Hons) with a Pass in the Valuations Science module plus successful completion of the BCU IRV Pathway (required assignments from FoAP covering aspects of valuation methodology not covered by the degree course).
  - Other international valuation organisations' valuation qualifications – complete course and pass exam (must be relevant and applicable to UK market).

- **A minimum of five years experience in the jewellery trade/industry**
  - Applicant's experience to be judged on an individual basis – the Institute will assess the applicant's relevant up-to-date skills, knowledge and experience.

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