

Jewelry Appraisers with REAL Credentials – What to look for and what to ask

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Things to directly ask the appraiser before you hire them:

#1. Ask them to slowly spell their full legal name, as you write it down on a piece of paper.

Then you Bing, Goggle their name and see what instantly pops up about them being a Registered, Accredited and/or Certified Jewelry Appraiser and/or USPAP Compliant Appraiser from a well known and well established Jewelry Appraisal Organization and/or Society.

#2. Are You and Your Work Products USPAP Compliant to current USPAP standards?

#3. Do you have a Certified Diamond “Color Master” Set of REAL Diamonds?
5, 7 or 9-Stone Set of Master Diamonds graded by GIA or AGSL

#4. Do you have an AGA Certified Gemological Laboratory or Equivalent?

#5. Are you **Certified**, **Accredited** and/or **Registered** as a Professional Appraiser by any of the recognized and well respected Jewelry Appraisal Organizations and/or Societies?
(See List & Hyper-Links to those Appraisal Organizations and/or Societies)

#6. When was the last time you had and passed a Color Vision test by your Appraisal Organization?

#7. Do you list and personally sign off on each of the above items within EACH & EVERY Appraisal?

#8. May I see the various Documentations on the above mentioned items listed?

If they say NO to any of these then keep looking for a Professionally Qualified and Fully Credentialed Appraiser of Gems & Jewelry.

It is that simple and that straight forward.

However you will quickly find that the vast majority (Estimated at above 90%) of people who claim to be jewelry appraisers don't have any of the above listed items mentioned.

My last personal audit (2014) only showed that there were just slightly over Two Hundred (200) Jewelry Appraisers in the entire USA that meet and/or exceed ALL of these standards.

That is why it is critical that you ask these very direct and pointed questions before you hire anyone to appraise your jewelry.

On the Following pages you will find a list and hyperlinks to help you locate a Professionally Trained and Formally Educated Appraiser of Gems & Jewelry.

Even then you must ask them the above questions as well, just to make sure.

These are the Major Known and Respected Organizations and are listed in Alphabetical Order ONLY

Currently there is no Master List or Master Web Site that lists all of the professionally trained and formally educated Jewelry Appraisers so you can directly compare them against one another to find the one best qualified jewelry appraiser in your area.

Therefore you still have to do some legwork and investigating as to who is best suited for you

AAA - Appraisers Association of America

<https://www.appraisersassociation.org/>

<https://www.appraisersassociation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=741&nodeID=1>

AGA - Accredited Gemologists Association

<https://accreditedgemologists.org/>

<https://accreditedgemologists.org/members2.php>

<https://accreditedgemologists.org/resources.php>

AGS - American Gem Society

<https://www.americangemsociety.org/>

<https://www.americangemsociety.org/search/custom.asp?id=4711>

<https://www.americangemsociety.org/page/appraising>

AIS - Appraisers International Society

<https://www.aisociety.com/>

ASA - American Society of Appraisers

<http://www.appraisers.org/>

<http://www.appraisers.org/find-an-appraiser>

ISA - International Society of Appraisers

<https://www.isa-appraisers.org/>

<https://www.isa-appraisers.org/find-an-appraiser>

NAJA - National Association of Jewelry Appraisers

<http://www.najaappraisers.com/>

http://www.najaappraisers.com/html/find_an_appraiser.php

APPA - Advanced Personal Property Appraisers

APPA – Currently No Searchable Database for their Appraisers

Appraiser Under Oath

<http://www.appraiserunderoath.com/index01.php>

MVP - Registered Master Valuer Program

MVP – Currently No Searchable Database for their Appraisers

<https://mastervaluer.com/>

Don't be shocked or surprised when you find out that well over 90% of the people who claim to be a Jewelry Appraiser HAS ZERO Credentials in Valuation Science.

One the following pages you will find the results of my Two (2) Combined Personal Audits of the various Professional Appraisal Organizations and/or Societies and their Verifiable Credentialed Professional Appraisers of Gems & Jewelry by State, By Organization or Society and Combined as a whole

There's not that many of us

How Many Professional, Fully-Credentialed, Jewelry Appraisers are there?

The Cold Harsh Facts!!!

Professional Jewelry Appraisers of North America (USA) Only as of November 2014

State	Grand Total	AAA	AGS	AiS	APPA No Data Base	ASA	ISA	NAJA	RMVP No Data Base
For the US	(554)	(12)	(402)	(17)		(60)	(20)	(48)	
Alabama	11	0	10	0		0	0	1	
Alaska	3	0	3	0		0	0	0	
Arizona	11	0	7	1		3	0	0	
Arkansas	12	0	12	0		1	0	1	
California	64	1	39	1		15	4	5	
Colorado	7	0	3	1		2	0	1	
Connecticut	17	0	13	0		3	0	1	
Delaware	2	0	2	0		0	0	0	
D.C.	1	0	0	0		0	0	1	
Florida	25	1	17	1		3	0	3	
Georgia	7	1	4	0		1	0	2	
Hawaii	5	0	4	0		0	0	1	
Idaho	1	0	1	0		0	0	0	
Illinois	11	0	6	0		1	4	0	
Indiana	10	0	8	0		0	2	1	
Iowa	7	0	7	0		0	0	0	
Kansas	3	0	3	0		0	0	0	
Kentucky	8	0	6	1		0	0	1	
Louisiana	7	0	7	0		0	0	0	
Maine	4	0	3	0		0	0	1	
Maryland	6	1	4	0		1	0	3	
Massachusetts	7	0	5	1		1	0	1	
Michigan	11	0	8	0		3	0	1	
Minnesota	26	0	23	3		0	0	0	
Mississippi	6	0	5	0		0	1	0	
Missouri	7	0	7	0		0	0	0	
Montana	2	0	2	0		0	0	0	
Nebraska	2	0	2	0		0	0	0	
Nevada	13	0	10	1		1	2	1	
New Hampshire	5	0	4	0		0	1	0	
New Jersey	12	0	8	1		0	1	1	
New Mexico	9	0	5	2		2	0	1	
North Dakota	1	0	1	0		0	0	0	
North Carolina	18	0	15	0		0	1	2	

State	Grand Total	AAA	AGS	AiS	APPA	ASA	ISA	NAJA	RMVP
New York	31	8	14	2		6	2	0	
Oklahoma	5	0	4	0		1	0	0	
Ohio	30	0	27	0		0	1	2	
Oregon	12	0	11	1		1	0	0	
Pennsylvania	32	0	23	1		4	1	4	
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
South Carolina	3	0	3	0		0	0	0	
South Dakota	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Tennessee	7	0	4	0		0	0	3	
Texas	22	0	13	0		5	0	4	
Utah	1	0	1	0		0	0	0	
Vermont	1	0	1	0		0	0	0	
Virginia	24	0	17	0		4	0	4	1
Washington	24	0	20	0		2	0	2	1
West Virginia	5	0	5	0		0	0	0	
Wisconsin	8	0	8	0		0	0	0	
Wyoming	1	0	1	0		0	0	0	

As you can plainly see there are but a handful of Truly Professional Appraisers of Gems & Jewelry that actually have Verifiable Credentials from Nationally and/or Internationally Known and Respected Appraisal Organizations / Societies.

Everyone else.....Well they aren't, It's that simple and those are the Cold Harsh Facts!!!