



## **Canadian Accredited Jewellery Appraiser (CAJA)**

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**Please read the following requirements carefully to become an Apprentice-CAJA.**

## **Membership Dues:**

The applicant must pay annual membership dues of \$249.00 CAD + TAX. Membership dues are prorated for the first year.

## **Professional Credentials:**

### **Gemmological Credentials:**

The applicant must provide proof of enrollment or completion in one of the following Gemmological courses:

- [American Gem Society\\*](#)
- [Canadian Gemmological Association](#)
- [Gemmological Association of Australia](#)
- [Gemmological Association of Great Britain](#)
- [Gemmological Institute of America](#)
- [HRD Antwerp](#)
- [Montreal School of Gemmology](#)
- Other:

*\*The Certified Gemmologist Appraiser (AGS) designation is tied to the AGS member company and not the individual. As long as the applicant is working for an AGS recognized firm, they will be eligible.*

If diamond Grading was not part of the applicant's gemmological studies, the applicant must provide proof of completion in one of the following Diamond Grading courses:

- [Gemmological Institute of America](#)
- [Gemmological Institute of Great Britain](#)
- Other:

## **And/or**

### **Appraisal Credentials:**

The applicant must provide proof of enrollment or completion of one of the following appraisal courses:

- [American Gem Society](#)
- [American Society of Appraisers](#)

- [International Society of Appraisers](#)
- [Master Valuer Program](#)
- [Montreal School of Gemmology](#)
- [National Association of Jewelry Appraisers](#)
- [Professional Jewellery Appraiser](#)
- Other:

### **Jewellery Related Training and Work Experience:**

The applicant must describe any jewellery related work and/or education experience they have. If the applicant does not have any relevant experience, they must describe what type of jewellery related work and/or education they would like to pursue.

### **References:**

The applicant will be asked to provide three professional references from gemological colleagues. If you are new to the industry and are not able to fulfill the reference requirements, you may be granted a trial membership for one year or until the next membership renewal period provided a minimum of six months has passed since the application was submitted. Enter N/A into the reference fields. The CJA Office will follow up with you upon receipt of the membership application.

### **CJA Jewellery Appraisal Guidelines:**

The applicant must read and agree to adhere to the [CJA Jewellery Appraisal Guidelines](#).

### **Code of Ethics:**

The applicant must read and agree to adhere to the [CAJA Code of Ethics & Standards](#). Failure to adhere to the CAJA Code of Ethics & Standards could result in the CAJA designation being revoked.

### **Becoming a CAJA:**

The applicant must read the requirements to become a fully designated CAJA carefully. These are the criteria which an Apprentice-CAJA is striving to meet within five years.

### **Next Steps:**

If you are ready to apply, please complete the application form [HERE](#).

If you have questions about the Apprentice-CAJA requirements, please contact the CJA Office at [info@canadianjewellers.com](mailto:info@canadianjewellers.com).