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Under current law, all persons employed by the assessor to make valuation decisions must obtain a license from the State Board of Assessors within three years of the date of employment. Different levels of licensure exist for different classes of property:

- Certified Minnesota Assessor (CMA);
- Certified Minnesota Assessor Specialist (CMAS);
- Accredited Minnesota Assessor (AMA); and
- Senior Accredited Minnesota Assessor (SAMA).

Only AMA or SAMA licensed assessors (or licensed assessors who have completed two income-producing property appraisal courses) may value income-producing property. All county assessors must obtain the SAMA license.

Current law also requires that all persons who value property for property tax purposes must obtain an AMA license by the later of July 1, 2019 or four years from when the person received a CMA license. HF 1085 repeals this requirement, but would leave all other current licensure requirements intact.