Rules of
Department of Economic Development
Division 245—Real Estate Appraisers
Chapter 9—Competency and Scope of Practice Standards

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PURPOSE: This rule sets the scope of practice standards for the development and communication of real estate appraisals by state-certified general real estate appraisers, state-certified residential real estate appraisers, and state-licensed real estate appraisers.

(1) Prior to accepting an assignment or entering into an agreement to perform any assignment, an appraiser shall properly identify the problem to be addressed and have the knowledge and experience to complete the assignment competently; or alternatively, must:
   (A) Disclose the lack of knowledge and/or experience to the client before accepting the assignment;
   (B) Take all steps necessary or appropriate to complete the assignment competently; and
   (C) Describe the lack of knowledge and/or experience and the steps taken to complete the assignment competently in the report.

(2) If an appraiser discovers during the course of an appraisal assignment that he or she lacks the required knowledge or experience to complete the assignment competently, at the point of such discovery, the appraiser shall notify the client and comply with subsections (1)(B) and (1)(C) of this rule.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements and allowances of sections (1) and (2) of this rule, state-certified and state-licensed real estate appraisers shall limit their practice to the development and communication of real estate appraisals as follows:
   (A) State-certified general real estate appraisers may perform appraisals on all types of real estate regardless of complexity or transaction value and may perform appraisal consulting, if, and only if, performed in compliance with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the appraisal assignment;
   (B) State-certified residential real estate appraisers may perform appraisals on residential real estate of one to four (1–4) residential units without regard to transaction value or complexity and may perform appraisal consulting in the area of residential real estate, if, and only if, performed in compliance with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the appraisal assignment.

(4) A state-licensed or state-certified real estate appraiser shall be exempt from the provisions of section (3) of this rule if providing valuation services in a setting for which licensure or certification would not be required under section 339.501.5, RSMo. In all other instances, a real estate appraiser must comply fully with sections (1), (2) and (3) of this rule. Sections (1), (2) and (3) shall not be interpreted so as to except a real estate appraiser from compliance with the other sections.

(5) Prior to July 1, 2007, the provisions of section (3) of this rule shall not apply to any person that was certified or licensed as a real estate appraiser before the effective date of this rule.
