

Rule 61J1-7.001 is the rule that explains how a Florida appraiser will display their appraiser designation and license number. Recently the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board (FREAB) amended the rule. The intent was to give appraisers a designation with reduced characters that will fit into the limited space provided by electronic appraisal forms and some software programs. We know this change, which became effective on July 17, 2011, has created some confusion. Here is an explanation of what is required.

**Question 1:** "What is the exact way for a Florida appraiser to print their certification and license number?"

**Answer:**

There are two ways to write your designation and number; a long version and a short version.

The long version is:

- (a) "State-registered trainee appraiser" followed by the license number (RI#####)
- (b) "State-licensed real estate appraiser" followed by the license number (RH####)
- (c) "State-certified residential real estate appraiser" followed by the license number (RD####)
- (d) "State-certified general real estate appraiser" followed by the license number (RZ####)

The short version is:

"Trainee RI####"  
"Licensed RH####"  
"Cert Res RD####"  
"Cert Gen RZ####."

You may also place your license number (RI####, RH###, RD####, or RZ####) beneath the designation. Using a certified residential license as an example, it will appear as:

"State-certified residential real estate appraiser"  
"RD####"

Please keep in mind:

- The use of the number sign "#" in the text of the rule is just an example. Your actual license number may have more or less numbers and you will use what is on your license card.
- The letters that appear before the actual numbers are being used because it is consistent with the way your license number appears on the Appraisal Subcommittee's National Registry.
- The hyphen is included in the text of S. 475.622, Florida Statutes.

**Question 2:** Can it be abbreviated?

**Answer:** The only abbreviation stated in the rule is the short version shown above. Rule 61J1-7.001(3) says "(3) No other designation or abbreviation thereof shall be used. The above designations and abbreviations may be used without regard to capitalization or punctuation."