

Appraisal Requirements

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The following applies to every residential appraisal submitted to CMLS Financial Ltd.

Appraiser(s)	Appraisers must have one of the following designations: • Canadian National Association of Real Estate Appraisers (CNAREA) DAR
	Appraisal Institute of Canada (AIC): AACI or CRA
General	All appraisals must be completed in accordance with the standards acceptable practices of the Appraisal Institute of Canada or Canadian National Association of Real Estate Appraisers
	 Appraisal reports are to be sent by the appraiser directly to the Underwriter. Client is to be CMLS Alternative Solutions and for mortgage financing purposes. All rooms in the home must be viewed and confirmation is to be noted in the appraisal report. Confirm there are no adverse external factors which may affect the marketability of the property. The cost approach is required on all reports, except for condominium/strata properties. If a portion of the Subject Property is being used for a business, the appraiser is to provide the LFA used for business purposes. Secondary units in the subject property (if any): Confirm they are self-contained and comply with municipal standards. Include economic rents.
Comparable(s)	 For condos: One comparable (minimum) must be outside the subject complex. Should reflect arms-length transactions and must have closed within 90 days of the effective date of the appraisal. Must have closed and be available from MLS: Provide MLS photos & listing, along with a location map of the comps. Include supporting details if the net adjustments exceed 10% of the original sale price of the comparable.
Condominiums	Appraiser to comment on:
	 If the complex is professionally or self-managed and, if applicable, age restrictions and percentage commercial. If the building is subject to any special assessment, details should be included in the comments. If the complex is a condo conversion, including the conversion date.
Photographs	The appraisal must contain current, clear, and well-framed colour photographs of the following:
	 Front and rear of the subject property, along with a street scene, and outbuilding (if any) Interior photos of all rooms, including the basement provided, examples of physical deterioration (if present), and recent updates (if any).



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Special Instructions	If an appraiser is denied access to any part of the property, they must make note of it in the report. New Construction – the property should be 100% compete when indicating the completed value. Structural Integrity – if evident additional comments and pictures are required (foundation cracks, water seepage/staining, etc.). Deferred Maintenance – if known, please provide estimated scope of work. Pictures are required.
Acreages / Rural Properties (Working Farms not Acceptable)	 Appraiser to confirm the property has four season access, is accessible from a publicly maintained road, has adequate sewage, water, and utilities. Derive value based on the house and maximum 5 acres with no outbuildings. Water source: If type is Well: type of well is required (i.e., drilled, artesian, cistern, etc.) If type is Lake Intake*: please indicate if there is an Ultraviolet (UV) Filtration System in place *If water source is lake intake or cistern, please indicate if it is common for the area and how it impacts marketability.
Disclosure	 Incomplete appraisals will not be accepted. Any form of confirmable misrepresentation will lead to terminations of approved status, the filing of a REDX incident report and reporting to the appropriate association (AIC and/or CNAREA).