How to become a Certified Property Valuer in Australia

To become a property valuer in Australia, you need an accredited property degree and structured professional experience, typically taking 2 to 3 years. The process leads to professional accreditation, which is mandatory to value properties legally.

Follow these concrete steps to get started:

1. Complete an Accredited University Degree
You must graduate with an AQF Level 7 degree in property, valuation, or real estate. Accredited programs feature heavily in universities like RMIT, Deakin, University of Melbourne, and TAFE.

- Search and apply for local courses on the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) depending on your state.

2. Secure a Trainee or Assistant Valuer Role
Before becoming fully certified, you must complete two years of full-time supervised work experience.

- Look for Trainee Valuer or Assistant Valuer positions on major job boards like Seek or Indeed.
- Major valuation firms that frequently hire trainees include Herron Todd White and Acumentis.

3. Apply for Australian Property Institute (API) Certification
The Australian Property Institute (API) is the peak industry body. Once you complete your education and the required years of on-the-job training, you must apply for their Certified Practising Valuer (CPV) certification.

- This process generally requires a logbook of your supervised experience and a successful panel interview by the API Board of Examiners.

4. Obtain State Registration or Licensing
Each Australian state and territory has its own regulatory board. Once you hold your API certification, you will need to register with your local governing body (e.g., NSW Fair Trading, Queensland Department of Justice, or Consumer Affairs Victoria) to legally practice as a valuer in your region.