



“PPA Certified” is now “Certified Professional Photographer”!

You may not have been aware, but PPA no longer is the agency that oversees the Certification process. The Professional Photographic Certification Commission is the agency which handles the certification process. Although located at PPA headquarters and supported in part by PPA, the PPCC is a separate entity created exclusively to monitor and maintain the certification of professional photographers.

The designation “PPA Certified” no longer exists. The designation given to those who have passed all the requirements for certification through the PPCC is Certified Professional Photographer (CPP).

One must not necessarily be a member of PPA in order to be certified. In fact, many photographers have been certified who are not members of PPA. However, if you are a PPA member, the credentialing fee can be paid annually with your PPA membership dues at a discount. (In other words, if you belong to PPA, it’s cheaper!)

The Professional Photographic Certification Commission follows the standards for certification established by Institute of Credentialing Excellence (ICE). ICE sets the guidelines for creating the written test for certification, ensuring the questions are relevant to professional photography today. ICE also provides support and information for maintaining the certification process to the PPCC.

The Professional Photographic Certification Commission meets on a regular basis to insure that the certification process is always current and reflects the new advances in our profession of photography.