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## **CHAPTER 249 CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR ASSESSING CONTRACTS**

Prior to the enactment of Chapter 249, Laws of 2002, RSA 21-J:11 required that every person, firm, or corporation intending to engage in the business of making appraisals on behalf of a municipality for tax assessment purposes in this state, notify the commissioner of that intent in writing, submit the proposed contract or agreement, evidence of financial responsibility, and evidence of professional capability of personnel to be employed under the contract for examination and approval.

Chapter 249 simplifies this process. Firms are no longer required to obtain prior approval from the Department on contracts for assessing services except as noted below. The new law does require every person, firm, or corporation intending to engage in the business of making appraisals on behalf of a municipality for tax assessment purposes to notify the Commissioner of that intent. Notification shall be in writing and include a copy of the contract or agreement prior to beginning any assessment work. The new law also requires the submission of the names and qualifications of all personnel to be employed under the contract or agreement.

Pursuant to RSA 71-B, any contract or agreement for a reassessment or new assessment ordered by the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA), shall be submitted to the Commissioner for examination and approval prior to beginning any assessment work.

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