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TEGOVA REV-RESI (Formerly TRV) Course Now Open for Applications

IPAV members with at least 6 years' residential valuation experience are invited to apply for the REV-RESI (Recognised European Residential Specialist) qualification. This internationally recognised designation demonstrates compliance with the European Valuation Standards (EVS/Blue Book) required for residential valuations for financial institutions.

Course Dates: 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th & 16th October 2026
Location: IPAV HQ, Dublin 2 (combination of on-site and online delivery)
Cost: €1,250 (includes lectures, Blue Book, notes, one year's TEGOVA membership, valuer listing and more)

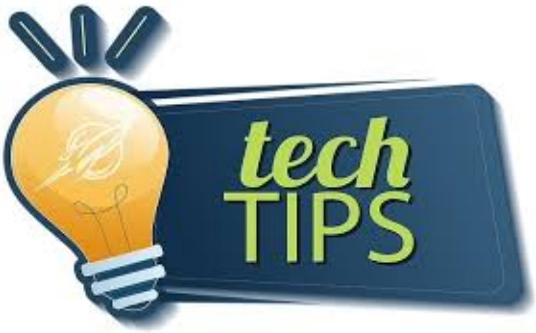
Applicants must submit a completed application form, evidence of experience, and two recent residential valuation reports. 100% attendance is required, and all applications are subject to TEGOVA approval.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-approved basis.

Awarding Member Association

Apply now: [Application form]
Email your application form to: jennifer@ipav.ie

August Tech Tip



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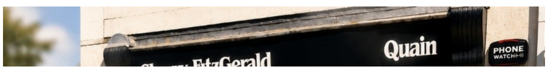
Prompt: *Summarise the last 7 days of my emails and rank them by importance.*
To connect your email: In Claude, go to Settings > Connectors, sign in with your Gmail or Microsoft 365 account, and allow access.
Keep in mind:

- **Privacy:** Claude needs permission to access your emails.
- **Availability:** Connectors may not be available for all accounts or regions.
- **Accuracy:** AI summaries may occasionally miss context or misjudge importance, so you should always check critical emails yourself.

Please note Free Claude is secure for everyday, general purpose tasks but is not suitable for highly confidential, proprietary or regulated data.

IPAV CEO - Out and About

IPAV CEO Genevieve McGuirk recently



joined members of the Longford Chamber of Commerce at the beautiful TORC Café for a Property Market Overview. The event sparked insightful discussion on the latest trends and challenges shaping the property sector, while also providing a great opportunity to catch up with IPAV member Fintan McGill and fellow Chamber members.

The sunshine made for the perfect backdrop as Genevieve visited the new Athlone offices of IPAV member Liam Quain. During the visit, they explored several potential venues for next year's IPAV Annual Conference. Planning is already underway, and we are excited to share more details in the months ahead.

YPN's AGM & BBQ - Thursday 20th August

On behalf of IPAV's Young Professionals Network, we are delighted to invite you to our upcoming AGM & BBQ.

The YPN's BBQ is a fun and relaxing evening with plenty of opportunity to network amongst property professionals, and both IPAV members and guests are very welcome to attend.

Date: Thursday, 20th August
Venue: IPAV, 129 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2

AGM: 5pm - 6pm AGM (IPAV members only)
BBQ: 6pm - 8pm (IPAV members & guests)

Please email Jakub@ipav.ie in advance to confirm your attendance, and please mention in your email if you are attending both the AGM & BBQ, AGM only, or BBQ only.

Online Certificate in Real Estate Administration – Final Weeks to Apply

Applications for the **Online Certificate in Real Estate Administration** are currently below expectations, and without additional registrations the course may not proceed.

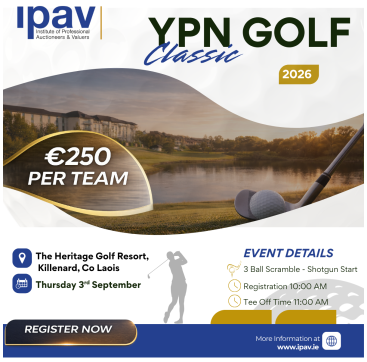
If you, a member of your team, or someone you know is interested in starting or advancing a career in property administration, we encourage you to apply before the **closing date of Thursday, 28th August**.

Please also share this opportunity with any administration staff or prospective entrants to the real estate sector.

Full course details are available here: [Certificate in Real Estate Administration.]

Graduates are also eligible to apply for **Affiliate Membership of IPAV**, offering continued professional development and a stronger connection with the Institute.

YPN's 2026 Golf Classic - Thursday 3rd September



YPN's annual golf classic is taking place on Thursday 3rd September at The Heritage, Killenard, Co. Laois.

To take part in this year's Golf Classic and enjoy a great day of competition, networking, and sport, gather your teammates and secure your spot using the link below.

The cost is €250 per team (3 players per team) and includes Green Fees, Breakfast Bap, 2-Course Meal at The Heritage Hotel and prizes.

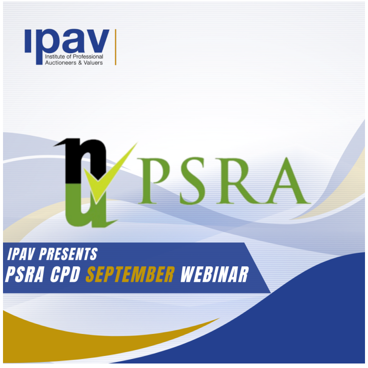
[Click here to register]

IPAV PSRA CPD Live Webinar - 11th September

IPAV's Autumn PSRA CPD Live Webinar is taking place on Friday 11th September.

Full attendance provides licenced agents with the necessary 5 PSRA CPD hours for 2026, the cost is €75.00 per person, and registration is available at the below link:

Click here to register



The Challenges of Block Management are Growing - Are You Prepared?

INVEST IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
ELEVATE YOUR SERVICE.

SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY
SPACES ARE LIMITED

Enhance your expertise in block management with IPAV's Block Management Seminar,

This one-day seminar will provide delegates with the opportunity to:
✔ Gain practical knowledge of effective block management
✔ Explore current industry developments and regulatory considerations
✔ Learn from experienced industry professionals
✔ Network with peers across the property sector

📅 **Date:** 16 September 2026
📍 **Venue:** IPAV Headquarters, Dublin
💶 **Fee**: €225 per person

Places are limited. To reserve your place or to learn more, please contact jennifer@ipav.ie.

Updated BER Advertising Guidelines

Following the introduction of the new simplified BER rating scale on 24 May 2026, SEAI has updated its advertising guidelines.

The guidance covers both properties with BER certificates issued under the new rating scale and those with existing certificates under the previous system, which remain valid. As both types of certificates will be in use for several years, estate agents should ensure they follow the correct guidance for each property.

The updated guidelines and advertising artwork are available to download from the **SEAI website**.

BER Advertising Guidelines

New Top-Up Route for Green Cert Graduates

IPAV in partnership with

IPAV, in partnership with ICOS and TU Dublin Tallaght, is launching a new **Special Purpose Award** that provides a pathway to obtaining a **PSRA A Licence qualification** for Teagasc Level 6 Green Cert graduates working in ICOS member agricultural marts.

The programme runs over one semester, combining a work-based Professional Practice module with two online lecture days.

📅 **Start Date:** 24 October 2026
💰 **Fee:** €2,750
⏰ **Application Deadline:** 11 October 2026

Apply now: **Application form**
Email your application form to: **jennifer@ipav.ie**

RTB - Important reminder on rent setting notices

RTB Bord um Thionóntachtaí Cónaithe Residential Tenancies Board

Since 1st March 2026, landlords must give a rent setting notice to their tenant **and** to the Residential Tenancies Board at the start of a tenancy. This notice explains how the rent was set in line with national rent control rules.

The RTB has created a **step-by-step guide to rent setting notices** on its Website.

Learn more about National Rent Control Rules and how to stay compliant at **rtb.ie**

AI Training Now Available to TEGOVA Members

To support greater AI literacy across the valuation profession, TEGOVA has partnered with the U.S. Appraisal Institute to offer members access to the seven-hour online seminar, *AI on AI: Ethical and Practical Use of Generative AI in Real Estate Appraisal*, at a special discounted rate of **US $99**.

The seminar has been available through the TEGOVA website since **1 July**, alongside a feature in the *European Valuer Journal* highlighting its practical value. To make registration even easier, the TEGOVA Board has added a dedicated link to the homepage, providing direct access to registration and payment.

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[Please click here to access:]

All Places Now Allocated - Higher Certificate in Business in Real Estate, Valuation, Sale & Management

We are delighted to report all places for this year's Higher Certificate in Business in Real Estate, Valuation, Sale & Management have been allocated, the class is at full capacity, and we thank any members who encouraged staff members to apply. It is hugely encouraging to see a continuing interest and commitment to our profession, and we wish all students the very best with their studies.

Understanding the New Rules on Ending Residential Tenancies – Online Workshop

An online 90-minute workshop presented by **Gerard Nicholas Murphy B.L.** will provide a detailed overview of the new rules governing the termination of tenancies under the Residential Tenancies Act. The session will focus on terminating a tenancy within the first six months and where a landlord intends to sell the property, explaining the requirements for serving a valid Notice of Termination and how to avoid unnecessary delays.

The workshop will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday, 1 September 2026 (11.00 am – 12.30 pm)** or **Tuesday, 8 September 2026 (2.00 pm – 3.30 pm)**.
The fee is **€123 (including VAT)** per session.

To reserve a place, email gmurphy@lawlibrary.ie

Changes to the template Letter of Engagement for the Sale of Property PSRA/S43 Form B1

An tÚdarás Rialála Seirbhísí Maoine
Property Services Regulatory Authority

The PSRA has updated its Letter of Engagement for the Sale of Property (Form B1) to support the Government's goal of reducing the conveyancing process to eight weeks.

Effective for all new clients from 16 July 2026, the revised template requires agents to advise

vendors to engage a solicitor as early as possible and to begin gathering key pre-sale conveyancing documents at the outset of the sales process.

The updated template, including a new Schedule III listing the required pre-sale documentation, will be available on the PSRA website. **www.psr.ie**

Existing Letters of Engagement do not need to be replaced. The PSRA has also completed a wider review of all Letter of Engagement templates, with further updated templates due to be published on 12 August 2026.

IPAV In the Media & Press Releases

IPAV in the Media:

16th Jul 2026, Hannah Cahill, Leinster Express. **Property prices in Laois climbs faster than other regions**

IPAV Press Releases:

Monday 13th July 2026 **REINTRODUCTION OF BILL TO SPEED UP BUYING AND SELLLING OF PROPERTIES – POSITIVE STEP FOR CONSUMERS – IPAV**

Wednesday 15th July 2026 **HOUSE PRICE INCREASES SLOWING AS BUYERS DISPLAY CAUTION – IPAV**

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