

The Emeritus AG Status

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The ICAPGenSM Commission offers Emeritus AG[®] status. This honorary status was approved on 25 October 2002 and revised by the ICAPGen Commission on 21 March 2019. The Commission recognizes that the Accreditation Program is about forty years old, and we have many distinguished Accredited Genealogist[®] researchers retiring from professional research. Many of the retiring AG professionals have expressed a desire to continue being associated with the credential. In addition, ICAPGen wants to have continuing association with these individuals and honor them for their achievements.

An Emeritus AG[®] is best described as someone who is retired from professional genealogical activities. With this new status, the retired professional might continue to lecture, write, or research on a volunteer basis and use the nomenclature, *Emeritus AG* or *Emeritus Accredited Genealogist*. The following describes what an Emeritus AG is and is not:

1. The Emeritus AG status is not a credential. It is an honorary designation recognizing retired individuals as having been accredited in the past.
2. The Emeritus AG research will not be required to renew since this is not a credential.
3. The Emeritus AG status cannot be used by researchers involved in professional genealogical activities to avoid credential renewals or the payment of annual fees.
4. The Emeritus AG researchers may continue to use the nomenclature *Emeritus AG* or *Emeritus Accredited Genealogist* indefinitely, unless notified otherwise.
5. The emeritus status will be withdrawn for retirement violations.
6. The Emeritus AG researchers will have their names displayed on the ICAPGen website indicating their retired status, and with no contact information listed.
7. The Emeritus AG researchers are encouraged to:
 - a. Volunteer and share their vast knowledge with other AG researchers
 - b. Assist those aspiring to become accredited
 - c. Assist the genealogical community as a whole.
8. The Emeritus AG will be offered to those *Accredited Genealogist* professionals who retire in good standing with a current accreditation. If accreditation is allowed to lapse prior to retirement, the emeritus status will not be available. This designation has been created to honor those who have remained accredited continuously for at least 10 years prior to requesting emeritus status. The annual fees must also be current.