

Final Regulations Governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators

**18 VAC 145-30-40. Qualification for examination.**

A. In order to qualify for the examination, an applicant shall provide three written references that comply with subsection B and satisfy one of the following criteria:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a wetland science, biology, biological engineering, civil and environmental engineering, ecology, soil science, geology, hydrology or any similar biological, physical, natural science or environmental engineering curriculum that has been approved by the board; have successfully completed a course of instruction, in state and federal wetland delineation methods, that has been approved by the Board; and have at least four years of experience in wetland delineation, which meets the requirements of 18 VAC 145-30-50.1 or 18 VAC 145-30-50.2, under the supervision of a certified professional wetland delineator, the quality of which demonstrates to the Board that the applicant is competent to practice as a certified professional wetland delineator; or
2. Have a record of at least six years of experience in wetland delineation, which meets the requirements of 18 VAC 145-30-50.1 or 18 VAC 145-30-50.2, under the supervision of a certified professional wetland delineator, the quality of which demonstrates to the Board that the applicant is competent to practice as a certified professional wetland delineator; or

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3. Have a record of at least four years of experience in wetland science research or as a teacher of wetlands curriculum in an accredited institution of higher education, which meets the requirements of 18 VAC 145-30-50.3, the quality of which demonstrates to the Board that the applicant is competent to practice as a certified professional wetland delineator.

B. Every applicant shall provide three written references, on a form provided by the board, from wetland professionals with at least one from a certified professional wetland delineator. Individuals who provide references shall not be related to the applicant and shall have known the applicant for at least one year. Individuals who provide references may not also verify experience, including research or teaching experience.

C. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection A and B, the requirement for a reference from and supervision by a certified professional wetland delineator shall be waived provided a complete application is received by the board on or before ~~June 30,~~ 2006 July 13, 2010.

*I certify that this regulation is full, true and correctly dated.*

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*Mark N. Courtney, Executive Director*

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*Date*

*Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation/Board for Professional Soil Scientists and Wetland Professionals*