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Eligibility Criteria and Application Instructions For Certified Rangeland Manager

You may be eligible for Certified Rangeland Manager status if you have completed the minimum educational and experience requirements as described below:

Education

A bachelor's degree or higher in range management or a bachelor's degree or higher in another related subject which included completion of coursework in the following topics:

1. rangeland ecology AND rangeland vegetation management
2. rangeland plant physiology
3. rangeland animal management
4. rangeland policy and planning, AND the economics of sustainable rangeland productivity
5. rangeland measurements

Experience

1. Five years (60 months full-time equivalent) of qualifying professional experience.
2. Qualifying experience begins after completion of minimum educational requirements.
3. All qualifying experience must be directly related to range and/or rangeland management and include demonstration of the application of rangeland management principles. Experience in a California rangeland type is required.
4. Qualifying experience is defined as the performance of activities demonstrating professional competence in the science, art, and practice of managing and using for human benefit the natural resources that occur on and in association with rangeland and range, and more particularly classified as:
 - (a) Rangeland vegetation management, which includes the management of vegetation composition and productivity, animal habitat, re-vegetation, and the control of undesirable plants.

- (b) Rangeland animal management, which includes the management of wild and domestic herbivores, including development of grazing systems, and practices for managing and controlling livestock on range.
 - (c) Rangeland ecology, which includes the protection of natural vegetation, ecosystem restoration and rehabilitation, and research into ecosystem and landscape processes.
 - (d) Rangeland policy and planning, which includes the development of rangeland and range management plans, and analysis and interpretation of laws and policies pertaining to rangeland and range management; and economics as it relates to the management of rangelands for sustainability, including productivity.
 - (e) Rangeland measurements, which includes rangeland resource assessment and analysis of range condition.
5. Education toward a higher degree may be substituted for up to 2 years (24 months) of experience.

Other combinations of education and experience may, at the discretion of the Certification Panel, be accepted as equivalent to the requirements listed above.

Application Materials

To apply for Certified Rangeland Manager, please submit a check for application fees (see below) and the following to the Secretary in digital format (via email or CD). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Completed application form.
2. Certified (or copies of certified) college or university transcripts providing evidence of completed course work.
3. Three letters of reference by professional rangeland managers attesting to your qualifications. At least one letter must be from a Certified Rangeland Manager.

The Certification Panel may, at its discretion, request additional supporting information. Certification does not constitute a guarantee by the California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management that the applicant meets any certain standard of competence or possesses any specific knowledge.

Application Fees

Payable to the California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management. \$50.00 for members of the California-Pacific Section, \$100.00 for non-members. Application fee for change of status from ARM to CRM: \$25.00 for Section member, \$50.00 for non-member.

Application Deadlines

Please contact the Executive Secretary of the Panel on Certification for information on application deadlines for review by the panel and in time to qualify for the next exam.

Exam Scheduling

Qualified applicants will be eligible to take the Certified Rangeland Manager Exam, administered by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Professional Foresters Registration. The exam is given at locations scheduled by the Board in October and, with adequate number of applicants, April.