

Wetlands Scientist, Certified

Use special knowledge of hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and wetland hydrology to delineate wetland boundaries and prepare wetland maps, classify wetlands, prepare wetland function value assessments, design and implement wetland mitigation, monitor wetlands functions and values, and prepare associated reports.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 310-A:75-96
Administrative Rules: Chapter Soil 100-500

Certification Requirements

- Must have satisfactory evidence of good professional character
- Successfully pass an examination which includes references to wetland characteristics in New England
- Meet one of the following educational requirements:
 1. Be a graduate of an accredited college curriculum with a baccalaureate or an Associate's degree, including successful completion of a minimum of 24 semester hours in any of the following environmental sciences: botany, soil science, hydrology, wetland science, biology, forestry, wildlife, ecology, water resources, plant science, agronomy, geology, or earth science, and have one or more years experience in the practice of wetland science; or
 2. Have a minimum of 12 combined credit or non-credit semester hours in any of the environmental sciences listed above, and have three or more years experience in the practice of wetland science
- Have experience in the field of wetland science, gained through one of the following:
 1. Teaching wetland science courses or performing research in wetland science at an accredited college, university, or institution offering an approved wetland science or wetland ecology curriculum; or
 2. Actual field experience gained in an acceptable apprenticeship program; or
 3. Actual field mapping experience, defined as the delineation of wetland boundaries and the preparation of wetland maps in accordance with standards for the identification of wetlands adopted by the Department of Environmental Services or the United States Army Corps of Engineers or its successor
- Educational training shall not be considered as experience; summer employment shall be considered experience.

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Board of Natural Scientists
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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Examination

Written and field examinations required. Field examinations are held in June and September.

Continuing Education

24 hours of continuing education are required for renewal

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Reciprocity

Not permitted

Active Licenses

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Related Training

Water, Wetlands, and Marine Resources Management

Fees

Written exam	\$125.00
Field exam.	\$200.00
Biennial renewal	\$120.00
Certification as Wetlands Scientist	\$125.00
Certificate as apprentice	\$75.00
Replacement certificate	\$50.00

Certificates expire on the last day of the certificate holder's month of birth in the second year following year of issuance

O*Net Codes

19-1031.01 Soil and Water Conservationists

Additional Information Sources

Association of State Wetlands Managers
<www.aswm.org>