

## REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LANDMAN APPLICATION

You are responsible for reading the current Certification Policies (pg. 46-57) found in the **AAPL Policy Manual**, as amended. A brief summary of the Certification Policies is listed below; however, in the event of a conflict between this summary and the Policies, the Policies shall prevail.

### SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, AND RULES

- I. In order to be qualified to become an RPL, you must:
  - 1) Have at least 5 total “Credit Years” comprised of Education and full-time experience as a Land Professional;
  - 2) Be primarily engaged in the performance of or actively seeking continued employment in “Landwork” as outlined below for at least the immediate past two years if applying with a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited university or college OR the immediate past four years if applying without a bachelor’s degree;
  - 3) Score at least a grade of 70 on each part of the AAPL administered RPL exam;
  - 4) Be an Active (not Associate) member of AAPL for at least 1 year.
  
- II. “Land Professional” shall mean a person who derives a portion of his or her income from performing Landwork.
  
- III. “Landwork” shall mean the actual performance or supervision of any one or more of the following functions as outlined in the **AAPL Bylaws**:
  - A. Negotiating for the acquisition or divestiture of Mineral rights or rights associated with Other Energy Sources.
  - B. Negotiating business agreements that provide for the exploration for and/or development of Minerals or Other Energy Sources.
  - C. Ascertaining ownership in Minerals or rights associated with Other Energy Sources, and related real property interests through the research of public and private records.
  - D. Reviewing the status of title, curing title defects, providing title due diligence, and otherwise reducing title risk associated with the ownership, acquisition or divestiture of Mineral rights or property associated with Minerals or rights associated with Other Energy Sources, but shall exclude administrative, division order or lease analyst functions.
  - E. Managing rights and/or obligations derived from ownership of interests in Minerals or rights associated with Other Energy Sources.
  - F. Unitizing or pooling of interests in Minerals or rights associated with Other Energy Sources.
  
- “Mineral(s)” shall be defined without limitation to include oil, gas, related hydrocarbons, coal, lignite, uranium and substances classified as base, industrial, precious or strategic minerals.  
“Other Energy Sources” shall be defined without limitation to include wind energy, geothermal energy and solar energy. For each year during which you primarily performed, on a full-time basis, Landwork you will be awarded one (1) “Credit Year”.
  
- IV. The following Education credits (up to a maximum of 5 Credit Years) are available for meeting certain educational requirements:
  - a. 2 Credit Years will be awarded for having earned a bachelor’s degree from a **regionally accredited university** or college.
  - b. 1 additional Credit Year will be awarded if the bachelor’s degree or advanced degree is awarded from a university or college degree program accredited by **AAPL**.
  - c. 1 additional Credit Year will be awarded for a degree from an ABA approved law school.
  - d. 1 additional Credit Year will be awarded for an advanced degree earned in business or certain other selected programs approved by AAPL.

# ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO BECOME AN RPL?

## APPLYING WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Complete this questionnaire to determine if you meet the MINIMUM qualifications to apply for RPL certification. Answer the following questions by marking each space with the appropriate number of credit years and then total your responses to see if you meet the requirements.

### 1. "Landwork" Experience

"Landwork" as defined in Article II of the AAPL Bylaws, which can be found online or in the Membership Directory, is the performance of Landwork as follows:

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B. Negotiating business agreements that provide for the exploration for and/or development of Minerals or Other Energy Sources.	_____
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E. Managing rights and/or obligations derived from ownership of interests in Minerals or rights associated with Other Energy Sources.	_____
F. Unitizing or pooling of interests in Minerals or rights associated with Other Energy Sources.	_____
Total Credit Years of Experience primarily engaged in "Landwork" = (Must include the immediate past 2 years.)	_____

### 2. Education

▶ A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university or college (Enter 2 Credit Years)	_____
▶ The bachelor's degree or advanced degree is awarded from a university or college degree program accredited by AAPL (Enter 1 Credit Year)	_____
▶ A degree from an ABA approved law school (Enter 1 Credit Year)	_____
▶ An advanced degree earned in business or certain other selected programs approved by AAPL (Enter 1 Credit Year)	_____
Total Education Credits (Maximum of 3)	_____
<b>Total Credit Years (Total 1 and 2)</b>	_____

If the total of 1 and 2 above is 5 Credit Years or greater and you are currently and have been for the immediate past 2 years, primarily engaged in "Landwork," you can proceed to the online **RPL application**.

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Total Credit Years of Experience primarily engaged in "Landwork" = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must include the immediate past 4 years and must total a minimum of 5 Credit Years.)

If the total above is 5 Credit Years or greater and you are currently and have been for the immediate past 4 years, primarily engaged in "Landwork," you can proceed to the online **RPL application**.