

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LANDMAN APPLICATION

You are responsible for reading the current Certification Policies (pg. 34-44) 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 a RPL, you must:
 - 1) Have at least 5 total “Credit Years” comprised of Education and/or full-time experience as a Land Professional;
 - 2) Be primarily engaged, on a full-time basis, in the performance of “Landwork” as outlined below.
 - 3.5 years if applying WITH a bachelor’s degree,
 - or 5 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; and
 - 4) Be an ACTIVE (not Associate) member of AAPL for at least 1 year prior to submitting application.
- II. “Land Professional” shall mean a person who derives a significant portion of their income as a result of 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.
 - B. Negotiating business agreements that provide for the exploration for and/or development of minerals.
 - C. Determining ownership in minerals 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 ownership in minerals or the acquisition and divestiture of mineral properties, but shall not include division order or lease analyst functions.
 - E. Managing rights and/or obligations derived from ownership of interests in minerals.
 - F. Unitizing or pooling of interests in minerals.

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 3 “Credit Years”) are available for meeting certain educational requirements:
 - a. 1.5 “Credit Years” are awarded for a bachelor’s degree earned from a **regionally accredited university** or college;
 - b. 1.5 additional “Credit Years” are awarded If the bachelor’s degree above is with a concentration or major in Petroleum Land, Energy or Natural Resource Management from an **AAPL accredited university** or college;
 - c. 0.5 additional “Credit Year” will be awarded if you have earned a law degree from an ABA-approved law school;
 - d. 0.5 additional “Credit Year” will be awarded for an advanced degree earned in business or certain other select programs approved by AAPL.

ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO BECOME A RPL?

There are two scenarios that can apply when determining if you are eligible to obtain RPL certification:

- ▶ Applying without a 4-year Bachelor's Degree.
- ▶ Applying with a 4-year Bachelors, Graduate, and/or Law Degree.

APPLYING WITHOUT A 4-YEAR 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:

	#of yrs/mos
A. Negotiating for the acquisition or divestiture of mineral rights.	_____
B. Negotiating business agreements that provide for the exploration for and/or development of minerals.	_____
C. Determining ownership in minerals 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 ownership in minerals or the acquisition and divestiture of mineral properties but shall not include division order or lease analyst functions.	_____
E. Managing rights and/or obligations derived from ownership of interests in minerals.	_____
F. Unitizing or pooling of interests in minerals.	_____
Total Credit Years of Experience <u>primarily engaged</u> in "Landwork" = (Must include the immediate past 4 years and total a minimum of 5 credit years)	_____

If the Landwork Experience above totals 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**.

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Total Credit Years of Experience primarily engaged in "Landwork" = (Must include the immediate past 2 years and total a minimum of 3.5 credit years)	_____

2. Education

▶ A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university or college. (Enter 1.5 credit years)	_____
▶ If the bachelor's degree credited above is with a concentration or major in Petroleum Land, Energy or Natural Resource Management from an AAPL accredited university or college (Enter 1.5 credit year)	_____
▶ A degree from an ABA-approved law school. (Enter .5 credit year)	_____
▶ An advanced degree in business or certain other select programs approved by AAPL. (Enter .5 credit year)	_____
Total Education credits (Maximum of 3)	_____
Total credit years (Total 1 and 2)	_____

If the total of 1 and 2 above totals 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**.