

## The 2011 Registration Exam: Building a Forest Professional Workforce

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE WHO WROTE AND PASSED THE 2011 registration exams.**

The sit-down exams were held on Friday October 7, 2011, in 27 locations throughout BC. A total of 81 people wrote the sit-down registration exams – 27 RFT candidates and 54 RPF candidates. A further 44 RPF candidates wrote the RPF take-home exam in January and February of 2011.

Each year, coordinating of the entire multiple exam locations is a big task. Three very dedicated ABCFP staff makes it happen by coordinating all the aspects required to set up exams in many different locations across the province. At each location we are very fortunate to have excellent volunteer invigilators, who do a wonderful job of ensuring the exam is written according to the ABCFP exam rules.

After the exams are written, the invigilators then collect the exams and ensure that they are promptly delivered to the ABCFP office for marking. The exams are then marked by a dedicated group of volunteers from the board of examiners (BOE). The BOE understands that exam writing is stressful for most people. With that in mind, they make a special effort to ensure that every exam is fairly assessed.

This year we have two excellent valedictorians who achieved the highest marks on their respective examinations. The highest mark on the 2011 RFT registration exam was earned by Robin Ester Strong, TFT, of Lillooet who scored 90%. The top mark on the RPF registration exam was 90% and was scored by Marley Dana Chewter, RPF, of Fort St. James. Congratulations to this year's valedictorians.

The names of the 2011 successful examinees are available on page 25. Congratulations to these successful exam writers. These new RPFs and RFTs will be welcomed into the profession at the Inductees' Recognition Luncheon at Everything to Everyone: The Art of Forestry, the ABCFP's annual conference and 64<sup>th</sup> AGM. This year, the conference is being held in Victoria from February 22-24, 2012.

### Registration Exam Statistics

#### 2011 RFT Exam

A total of 27 candidates wrote the RFT registration exams in October and 23 of those candidates passed the exam for an average pass rate of 85%. The pass rate for the 19 candidates, who wrote the RFT exam in the new format was 100%. The pass rate for the 8 people who wrote only the part B exam was 50%. No candidate wrote Part A only or Parts A and B. This year no one applied for or wrote the RFT special exam that is available in November for those candidates who cannot make the October exam date due to circumstances beyond their control.

RFT Registration Exam Results				
RFT	# of Writers	Average	2011 Pass	2010 Pass
Part A Only	0	n/a	n/a	60%
Part B Only	8	54%	50%	53%
Both A and B	0	n/a	n/a	59%
New Format	19	75%	100%	n/a
<b>Overall</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>85%</b>	<b>57%</b>

#### 2011 RPF Exam

This year the take home exam has become a mandatory requirement for all Foresters-in-Training. Applicants must achieve a mark of at least 60% on each of these exams in order to pass. The overall pass rate for both the RPF exams (take-home and sit-down) in 2011 was 76%. Of the 98 sit-down and take-home exams that were marked, 74 passed and 24 failed. The pass rate for the 44 candidates who wrote the take-home exam in January-February 2011 was 66% (29 candidates passed and 15 failed). The pass rate for the 54 candidates who wrote the sit-down exam in October 2011 was 83% (45 candidates passed and 9 failed). This year no one applied for or wrote the RPF special exam that is available in November for those candidates who cannot make the October exam date due to circumstances beyond their control.

On behalf of the ABCFP and the profession, I would like to express our gratitude, and a huge thank you for a job well done to all of the volunteers who have worked so hard to ensure that the exam process is conducted in a fair and efficient manner.

RPF Registration Exam Results				
RPF	# of Writers	Average	2011 Pass	2010 Pass
SIT-DOWN EXAM	54	65.4%	83%	83%
TAKE-HOME EXAM	44	64.6%	66%	75%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>98</b>		<b>76%</b>	<b>78%</b>

## 2011 RFT Exam Successful Examinees

Paul Erik Rasmus Andersen, TFT\*  
Ryan Christopher Marcel Arsenault, TFT\*  
Stefan Oliver Borge, TFT\*  
Jared Christian Bremner, RFT  
Alexander Dean Burkinshaw, RFT  
Wesley Don Cutting, RFT  
Johnson Kelly Ginger, RFT  
Kinya Hibi, RFT  
Jonas Calvin Joe, RFT  
Ryan Parker Jones, RFT  
Jeremy Stephen Lafontaine, RFT  
Shawn Miller, RFT  
Tyler Bevan Owen, RFT  
Michael Pigott, RFT  
Alexandre Saumure, RFT  
Tyler Donald Clayton Schon, RFT  
Krzysztof Stec, RFT  
Karl Robert Steinicke, RFT  
Robin Strong, TFT\*  
Dean Toll, RFT  
Lukasz Wichrowski, RFT  
Jordan Kyler Winch, RFT  
Ira Wyton, RFT

## 2011 RPF Exam Successful Examinees

Reece John Allingham, RPF  
Brettan Tyler Barnard, RPF  
Marley Dana Chewter, RPF  
Francesco Cortini, RPF  
Aaron James Eddy, RPF  
Nicola D. Farrer, RPF  
Wesley Warren Fietz, FIT\*  
Krysta Giles-Hansen, RPF  
Erin Irene Havard, RPF  
Laurie James Hirtle, RPF  
Chad Lawrence David Iverson, RPF  
Andrew Peter Kenyon, RPF  
Lisa Katherine Lenarduzzi, FIT\*  
Melinda Jade Morben, RPF  
Tove Marie Pashkowski, RPF  
Andrew Peacosh, RPF  
Michael Andre Rossiter, FIT\*  
Karen Schening, RPF  
Warren Bill Sidwell, RPF  
Katherine Leigh Stalker, RPF

Note: This list represents candidates who have completed all registration exam requirements and will be inducted at the next annual forestry conference.

\*Has work experience remaining to complete. Section 7.0. of the Registration Policy, allows a candidate to write within 6 months of completing articling/work experience requirement as at the date of the exam. Must meet this requirement before he/she may apply for RPF/RFT status.