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Dear ABCFP Member:

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1. EXAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

The 2008 RFT and RPF registration exams will be held on October 3, 2008 in various locations throughout BC. For general information on the exam, visit the Registration Exam page of the website.

[Registration Exam](#)

The exam application deadline is tomorrow, August 15, 2008. Late applications will not be accepted. If you are required to write the exam this year and do not apply to by August 15th please contact the registration department as soon as possible.

Registration Department
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2. CHANGES MADE TO SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS

A revised self-assessment process is currently being reviewed by the Continuing Competency Committee and by October 1st of this year the ABCFP will have a simplified self-assessment process. Here are some highlights of the proposed changes:

1. Applicable members will answer a series of questions to determine if they do practise professional forestry or technology.
2. If applicable members do not practise professional forestry or technology **at all**, they do not need to complete a self-assessment but must make a declaration that they do not engage in professional practice.
3. If applicable members do practise professional forestry or technology, they must complete a self-assessment and make a declaration, as before.
4. The self-assessment will be composed of two tables: Table 1 has competency related questions and Table 2 is a professional development plan.

Watch future issues of **The Increment** for more details. For more information, contact:

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3. RPF OPTIONAL TAKE-HOME EXAM

The take-home option is only available to those writing the RPF registration exam. If you choose to write the take-home exam, you will only be required to answer seven of the 14 questions during the sit-down exam. If you do not choose to write the take-home exam, you will be required to write 10 of the 14 questions during the sit-down exam.

The RPF optional take-home exam questions are available on the Take-Home Option page of our website. The exam is due on **September 5, 2008. Late submissions will not be accepted.**

[Take-Home Option](#)

Please contact the registration department if you have questions about the registration exams.

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4. MEETING WITH MINISTER BELL

The council executive and Sharon Glover, CEO, met with the Minister of Forests and Range in his Vancouver office on August 1st. The meeting was a very positive one. The Minister and the ABCFP delegation discussed a number of issues including the association's recent meetings with private landowners, our in-progress paper on tenure reform, the ABCFP presentation to the Forestry Roundtable, which will take place on September 11th, as well as the issue of recruitment.

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5. ABCFP WORKSHOPS

- **2008 POLICY REVIEW SEMINARS** will be held in Kamloops and Greater Vancouver on September 4th and 5th and in Prince George and Nanaimo on September 11th and 12th. The 2008 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide is now available for purchase or free download on the Policy Seminar page of the website.

[Policy Seminar](#)

- **PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND OBLIGATIONS WORKSHOPS** will be held in Burnaby on August 27th and 28th and Port McNeill on September 8th and 9th. Visit the Workshops page of the website to register. For more information, contact Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations (brobinson@abcfp.ca).

[Workshops](#)

- **WRITING THE BEST EXAM POSSIBLE WORKSHOP Extra Prince George session added on September 10th**. Workshops will be held in
 - Village of Queen Charlotte on August 28th
 - Kamloops on September 3rd
 - Port McNeill on September 4th
 - Campbell River on September 5th
 - Terrace on September 9th
 - Prince George on September 10th – morning and afternoon sessions available
 - Chilliwack on September 15th
 - Castlegar on September 17th

Registration is available by mail, fax or online on the Workshops page of the website. If you are currently registered for the afternoon session in Prince George and would like to switch to the morning session, please contact Amanda Brittain, director of communications, at abrittain@abcfp.ca.

[Workshops](#)

- **FALL WORKSHOPS PREVIEW** – The fall workshops will be held in the following communities this fall. The topic will be professional reliance. Watch future issues of **The Increment** for more details.

September 30 - Kamloops	October 21 - Campbell River
October 6 - Prince Rupert	October 22 - Nanaimo
October 7 - Terrace	October 22 - Quesnel
October 8 - Dawson Creek	October 23 - Victoria
October 8 - Smithers	October 27 - Castlegar
October 9 - Chetwynd	October 27 - Revelstoke
October 9 - Houston	October 28 - Nelson
October 10 - Fort St. John	October 28 - Salmon Arm
October 14 - Prince George	October 29 - Cranbrook
October 15 - Fort St. James	October 29 - Vernon
October 16 - Vanderhoof	October 30 - Merritt
October 17 - Burns Lake	November 4 - Powell River
October 20 - Port McNeill	November 4 - Chilliwack
October 20 - 100 Mile House	November 12 - webcast from Vancouver
October 21 - Williams Lake	November 13 - Burnaby

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6. BYLAWS BALLOT COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Council has approved in principle a number of changes to the ABCFP bylaws. These changes range from minor housekeeping revisions to more significant amendments. Members must ratify these changes in a bylaw ballot which will take place from September 2 to October 2, 2008. Members will be given the opportunity to vote on each bylaw separately. In order to ratify the changes, each bylaw must earn two-thirds (66%) of the votes. Information on the changes to each bylaw is now available on the Bylaw Package page of the website.

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7. UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We have about 300 missing or incorrect e-mail addresses in our database. Take a moment to update your e-mail address and remind your colleagues to do the same.

[Update Your Contact Info](#)

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8. ABCFP SEEKS A NEW LAY COUNCILLOR

Dr. Pamela Wright's term as lay councillor comes to an end on March 1, 2009 and the ABCFP has started the search for her successor. The position is listed with the Province's Board Resourcing and Development Office and a position posting is on our website.

[Lay Councillor Posting](#)

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9. WHAT'S NEW ON THE DISCUSSION FORUM

The Discussion Forum is your place to ask questions and discuss issues; however, it is not all business! Check out the Water Cooler board to post in the classified section or learn about some of the volunteer work fellow members are doing. For example, council member Ian Emery, RFT, is shaving his head to raise funds for cancer.

Join the online ABCFP Discussion Forum by August 18th and you could win free registration to the 2008 ABCFP Policy Review Seminar of your choice complete with the 2008 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide. Also, each month between June and August one lucky discussion forum member will win an ABCFP logo wear prize pack.

[Discussion Forum](#)

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10. MEMBER MEETING ON HAIDA GWAI

All members on Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands are invited to a members' meeting on August 28th at 5:30 pm. Come learn about what the ABCFP is doing and ask questions about pressing issues. The meeting will be held in the District Office at 1229 Cemetary Road, Village of Queen Charlotte. A light supper will be served. Please RSVP to Brenda Martin, communications coordinator and editor (bmartin@abcfp.ca).

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11. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2009 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC

Make 2009 the year to recognize forests in your town and nominate your community to be the 2009 Forest Capital of BC. This designation is an excellent way to get everyone involved in a year-long celebration of the important contributions forests make to your community. Every community in BC is eligible to be nominated. Visit the Forest Capital of BC page of the website for a nomination package and tips for making your bid a success.

Nomination Deadline: November 14, 2008. The winning community will be announced in December 2008 and carry the Forest Capital title from January 1st until December 31st, 2009.

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12. MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE ANNUAL FORESTRY TEAM IN ACTION FEATURE

What have you been up to for the past year? Are you working on interesting projects, conducting research or finding innovative ways to get the job done? If so, share your story with your fellow forest professionals by making a submission to the annual Forestry Team in Action Feature in the November/December issue of **BC Forest Professional** (BCFP). Read the Contributor Guidelines to find out how to make a submission to this

feature.

[Contributor Guidelines](#) 

You can also check out last year's feature in the November/December 2007 issue of BCFP.

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The submission deadline is **September 2, 2008**.

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13. ONLINE JOB BOARD – A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE

If your firm is looking for qualified and experienced professional foresters or forest technologists, be sure to post your position on the ABCFP Online Job Board or in **BC Forest Professional** magazine. Two-month online listings are only \$300 and are posted by the next business day. Visit the Post a Job Opportunity page on our website to post your listing online.

[Post a Job Opportunity](#)

There are currently 12 career listings on the Job Seekers page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

For more information, contact:
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14. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

If you have questions or comments about the items mentioned in this e-newsletter or other communications activities, please contact:

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