

Supplemental Policy: RPF and RFT Registration Exams

(Approved by council March 31, 2005)

On March 31, 2005, council accepted recommendations from the board of examiners (board) relating to the registration exams.

The first recommendation was to continue providing an optional take-home portion of the RPF registration exam.

The second recommendation was to make the passing grade for any registration exam; or portion thereof; 60 per cent. This means a person who chose to write the RPF take-home exam must get 60 per cent on that exam as well as 60 per cent on the RPF sit-down exam in order to pass.

There is no change for forest technologists who must continue to earn 60 per cent on both Part A and Part B of the RFT registration exam. Those exempt from writing Part B will only need to achieve 60 per cent on Part A in order to pass.

Finally, the board and council have decided that from the 2005 exams onward, any person who fails one part of an exam (RPF or RFT) and passes the other need only rewrite the part which they failed, in subsequent attempts. For example, a person who writes and fails the take-home portion and writes and passes the sit-down portion of the RPF registration exam would only have to write the take-home portion on a subsequent attempt. Similarly a person who writes and passes the take-home portion and fails the sit-down portion, would only have to write the sit-down portion on a subsequent attempt.

The one exception to this general rule is that if a person fails the take-home portion and passes the sit-down portion, he/she can choose to write the full sit-down portion on a subsequent attempt.

This policy will remain in effect for as long as the formats for the current exams remain as they are now. If there are any changes to the format of either the RPF or RFT registration exams, this policy may no longer apply. The board and council will inform exam candidates of any changes, should they occur, well in advance of their exam date.