

**The American Fisheries Society ,
APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

For applicants who completed their B.S./B.A. (or equivalent) degree on or after July 1, 2002

All applications must be submitted electronically via email with the applicants name and "Certification Application" in the subject line to Gail Goldberg, ggoldberg@fisheries.org
 Mail payment and signed copy of declaration page to:
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY-CERTIFICATION
 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110
 Bethesda, Maryland 20814-2199
 If you have any questions, please contact (301) 897-8616X201 or ggoldberg@fisheries.org.
 Thank you for participating in the AFS Professional Certification Program!

Name:	ENST Student		
Title:			
Mailing Address:	University of Maryland		
Phone:		Fax:	
Email:			
Name, as it should appear in your certificate:			

- APPLICATION FOR: _____ **Certified Fisheries Professional (FP-C)**
(First time applicants for Certified Fisheries Professional designation)
- _____ **Certified Fisheries Professional (FP-C ESTABLISHED)**
(First time applicants for Certified Fisheries Professional designation, applying as established fisheries professionals)
- _____ **Certified Fisheries Professional, Renewing (FP-C-RENEW)**
(Previously certified Fisheries Professional applicants, renewing professional certification)
- _____ **Certified Fisheries Professional (FP-A to FP-C)**
(Previously certified Associate Fisheries Professionals upgrading to Certified Fisheries Professional designation)
- ~~_____ **Associate Fisheries Professional (FP-A)**
(First time applicants for Associate Fisheries Professional designation)~~
- _____ **Will accept certification as either Certified Fisheries Professional or Associate Fisheries Professional, as granted by the Board after review. (First time applicants uncertain as to category because of professional and qualifying experience) (EITHER)**

FP-C – Email an Application for Certification (all sections), a completed Professional Development Form and attach scanned official academic transcripts.
 Mail the Application fee in U.S. funds. Fee is \$100 for AFS members and \$200 for nonmembers.

FP-C ESTABLISHED – Email an Application for Certification (omit section II), a completed Professional Development Form and attach scanned documentation of the highest degree you have earned.
 Mail the Application fee in U.S. funds. Fee is \$100 for AFS members and \$200 for nonmembers.

FP-C RENEW – Email this page, and a completed Professional Development Form.
 Mail the Application fee in U.S. funds. Fee is \$50 for AFS members and \$100 for nonmembers. If an applicant does not renew by December 31st of the year their certification expires, there is a penalty of \$10 per year since the certification lapsed.

FP-A to FP-C – Email an Application for Certification (omit section II), and a completed Professional Development Form. Please document any degree obtained after original FP-A Application.
 Mail the Application fee in U.S. funds. Fee is \$50 for AFS members and \$100 for nonmembers.

FP-A – Email an Application for Certification (omit sections III and IV), and attach scanned official academic transcripts. Professional Development Form is not required.
 Mail the Application Fee in U.S. funds. Fee is \$50 for AFS members and \$100 for nonmembers.

EITHER – Email an Application for Certification (all sections), a completed Professional Development Form and attach SCAN of official academic transcripts.
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Section I: EDUCATION

Institutions	Dates Attended	Degree*	Date Degree Awarded	Majors	Minors
<i>University of Maryland</i>		<i>Environmental Science and Technology (B.S.)</i>			

Title of Master's Thesis:

Title of Doctoral Dissertation:

*If degree not obtained, indicate number of hours toward degree. _____

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Section II: MINIMUM COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

This form is valid for individuals who obtained their B.A. /B.S (or equivalent) on or after July 1, 2002. Please include only the minimum number of hours needed for each area. Read the Program Description and FAQ for descriptions of required coursework, available at www.fisheries.org. Course grades must be 'C-' or better to be acceptable, no pass/fail courses. Attach a scan of official transcripts (must include legend). If coursework is deficient in any area, request the Guidelines for Satisfying Coursework Deficiencies from AFS headquarters. Individuals applying as 'FP-C Established' do not complete this section.

Subject Area	School	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hrs ¹
A. Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. Four (4) courses, Two of which must be directly related to fisheries sciences and at least one must cover principles of fisheries science and management.		ENST214	Intro Fish + Wildlife	3
		ENST314	Fisheries Sustainability and Management	3
		ENST453	Watershed Science: Balance, Open Channel Flow, and Near Surface Hydrology	3
		BSCI375	Biological Oceanography	3
B. Other Biological Sciences courses, which when added to the above courses must total 30 semester hours.		BSCI105	Biology 1	4
		BSCI106	Biology 2	4
		ENST360	Ecosystem Ecology	4
		BSCI467	Freshwater Biology	4
		ENST373	Nat. History of Chesapeake Bay	3
TOTAL of A + B				31
C. Physical Sciences courses. Must total 15 semester hours.		CHEM131/132	Chemistry I	4
		CHEM231/232	Organic Chemistry I	4
		PHYS121	Physics	4
		ENST200	Soil Science	4
TOTAL of C				16
D. Mathematics and Statistics courses, which must include one calculus and one statistic or two statistics courses. Must total 6 semester hours.		MATH140 or 220	Calculus I	4 or 3
		BIDM301	Biometrics	3
TOTAL of D				6 or 7
E. Communications courses. Must total 9 semester hours.		ENGL101	Academic Writing	3
		ENGL39X	Technical Writing	3
		COMM107	Oral Communication	3
Total of E				9
F. Human Dimensions courses. Must total 6 semester hours		ENST404	Natural Resources + Environmental Ethics	3
		AREC240	Economics + Environment	4
Total of F				7

¹Semester hours = quarter hours x 2/3

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Section III: QUALIFYING FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE (In chronological order, current employment first)

Employer _____

Address _____

Period in this position: From: _____ To: _____
(Day, Month, Year) (Day, Month, Year)

Position title: _____

Description of specific duties and responsibilities as a fisheries professional
(Specifically list how the job met the criteria for qualifying experience as described in the Program Description, available at www.fisheries.org/afs/certification.html):

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Section III: QUALIFYING FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE (In chronological order, current employment first)

Employer _____

Address _____

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(Day, Month, Year) *(Day, Month, Year)*

Position title: _____

Description of specific duties and responsibilities as a fisheries professional

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Section IV: QUALIFYING, EXPERIENCE RELATED, PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Publications: Give complete citations -- author(s), year, title of paper, publication volume and number and pages. Cite no more than five of your most recent or significant publications.

Administrative reports: Give complete citations -- author(s), year, title, pages. Cite no more than five of your most recent or significant reports.

Oral reports or presentations: Give year and title, and identify the audience. Cite no more than five of your most recent or significant presentations.

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Section V: PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS AND GOALS

Affiliations in AFS (i.e., Division, Chapter, Section, Committee):

Affiliations in other professional, scientific, or honorary societies:

Services to AFS and other professional or scientific societies:

What are your goals as a fisheries professional?

Section VI: FISHERIES PROFESSIONAL CODE OF PRACTICES

DECLARATION: As a fisheries professional, I will strive to conform to the American Fisheries Society Standards of Professional Conduct and support and promote the North American Fisheries Policy. I further attest that the information provided in this application, together with all attached documents is true to the best of my knowledge. If any part of the information provided herein is false, I understand that my certification will be revoked.

Date Submitted: _____

Applicants Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

MAIL Application fee AND this page to:
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY FORM

The Professional Development Activity Form reflects professional development quality points (PDQPs) as listed on the following pages.

PDQPs: _____ Beginning Documentation Date
_____ Ending Documentation Date
_____ Category I & II
_____ Category III
_____ Category IV
_____ Category V
_____ TOTAL

FP-C – Professional Development Activity Form indicates a summary of Professional Development Quality Points for the previous 2 years. A total of 30 PDQPs over the previous 2 years are required. A minimum of 10 of these points, and a maximum of 20, must fall under categories I & II; a minimum of 10 of these points, and a maximum of 20 points, must fall under categories III, IV, and V.

FP-C ESTABLISHED – Professional Development Activity Form indicates a summary of Professional Development Quality Points. Applicants may choose to document points over a previous 2 year or 5 year time frame. For the 5 year time frame, a total of 100 PDQPs are required; a minimum of 35 of these points, and a maximum of 60, must fall under categories I & II; a maximum of 35 points may fall under each of the remaining categories (III, IV, and V). For the 2 year time frame 40 PDQPs are required; a minimum of 14 of these points, and a maximum of 24 must fall under categories I and II; a minimum of 16 points must fall under categories III IV and V, and a maximum of 26 points may fall under two categories of the 'III, IV, and V' group.

FP-C RENEW – Professional Development Activity Form indicates a summary of Professional Development Quality Points for the previous 5 years. A total of 100 points over the previous 5 years are required. A minimum of 35 of these points, and a maximum of 60, must fall under categories I & II. A maximum of 35 points may fall under each of the remaining categories (III, IV, and V).

FP-A to FP-C – Professional Development Activity Form indicates a summary of Professional Development Quality Points for the previous 2 years. A total of 30 PDQPs over the previous 2 years are required. A minimum of 10 of these points, and a maximum of 20, must fall under categories I & II; a minimum of 10 of these points, and a maximum of 20 points, must fall under categories III, IV, and V.

FP-A – First time FP-A applicants do not complete this form.

EITHER – Professional Development Activity Form indicates a summary of Professional Development Quality Points for the previous 2 years. A total of 30 PDQPs over the previous 2 years are required. A minimum of 10 of these points, and a maximum of 20, must fall under categories I & II; a minimum of 10 of these points, and a maximum of 20 points, must fall under categories III, IV, and V.

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DECLARATION: Having completed the Professional Development Activity Form, I hereby apply for professional status as a Certified Fisheries Professional. I attest that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application and any attached material is complete and true. If any part of the information provided herein is false, I understand that my certification will be revoked. As a fisheries professional, I will strive to conform to the American Fisheries Society Standards of Professional Conduct, and support and promote the North American Fisheries Policy.

Date Submitted: _____

Applicant Signature: _____
(Name typed here shall serve as signature. Not valid unless signed. If not signed, please explain in an attached letter.)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY FORM

Please use this chart as extra space for all professional development categories.

<i>Category</i> <i>Activity Description</i>	<i>Provider</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>PDQPs</i>

If you have questions or comments about the AFS Professional Certification Program, please contact Gail Goldberg at ggoldberg@fisheries.org or at 301-897-8616 x 201.