

Application for Evaluation
by North American Banding Council
at Assistant and Bander Levels

Before applying for evaluation you should be aware of the Expectations of the North American Banding Council, familiar with the material in the NABC manuals and the first 40 pages of Pyle (1997), and have relevant practical experience.

Once accepted for an evaluation session you should try to complete the written exam in advance of the evaluation session described below. You may apply for evaluation at the Assistant or Bander level. Those meeting evaluation criteria less than at Bander level minimum and above Assistant minimum will be certified at the Assistant level at the discretion of the Evaluation Trainers. Any certified trainer (even one who has trained you) may administer the closed book written examination. A list of certified trainers is available on our web site (<http://www.nabanding.net/list-of-trainers> lists alphabetically). It is your responsibility to find a certified trainer to proctor your exam. If you cannot arrange to take the written exam prior to arriving at the evaluation session then you will need to make arrangements in advance with the session organizer to take the exam during the evaluation session.

During the evaluation session two or more certified NABC trainers, who have not participated significantly in your training, will evaluate you and provide you with a report card summarizing the results of the evaluation. Their decision will be final. If you pass you will receive a certificate. Certification does not replace the federal banding permit nor any additional permits necessary in your state or province, nor does it guarantee you will be granted such permits. Certification does indicate to the Banding Offices, and others, that you have attained a significant standard of knowledge and skill.

Complete, and return the application to the contact address for the session of your choice along with a check or money order

Evaluation Site _____

Evaluation Session Date _____

Certification level applying for: _____

Name _____

Address (Street) _____

Address (City, State or Province) _____

Code (zip or postal) _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

I am requesting admission to an evaluation of knowledge and competency working with (mark one) Landbirds [☐]; Waterfowl [☐]; Shorebirds [☐]; Raptors [☐]; Hummingbirds [☐]; Seabirds [☐]

I normally use the following capture method[s]:

and normally band in (State or Province) _____

Please indicate what types of auxiliary markers you use, if any.

I have worked with the following licensed banders (these names will be compared to the trainers participating in the evaluation to insure you are not tested by a person who has trained you):

I have read "Expectations for the Bander Level of Certification" by the North American Banding Council and believe I am sufficiently prepared to be evaluated on my banding knowledge and skills.

Signed _____

Dated _____

If you have arranged to take the written exam before the session, submit the contact information for the NABC-certified trainer who has agreed to proctor the written exam prior to the evaluation session date. Once you are accepted for an evaluation session organizers will arrange for NABC to provide the designated trainer with instructions and a copy of the current written exam.

Trainer's Name _____

Trainer's Address (Street) _____

Trainer's Address (City, State or Province) _____

Trainer's Code (zip or postal) _____

Trainer's E-mail _____

Trainer's Phone _____

Include, with your application, a check or money order (payable to North American Banding Council) in the amount of \$US 35.00. The NABC will use these funds to cover administrative costs of certification and maintaining a database of certified trainers. IF you are not accepted your fees will be returned. NABC EVALUATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE to any candidate who is ACCEPTED for evaluation.

Evaluation sessions are put on by local organizers dedicated to the principles of the NABC. Their time is largely donated. They are permitted to charge an additional fee to offset operational expenses. It will be indicated in the session information if they are charging an additional fee.