

Application for Evaluation by North American Banding Council at Trainer level

Before applying for evaluation you must already be certified at the Bander Level. You should be aware of the Expectations for Trainers of the North American Banding Council, and very familiar with the material in the NABC manuals and the first 40 pages of Pyle (1997). You also need to have relevant practical experience in teaching new banders. It is preferable that you have sought out opportunities to learn by working with other experienced banders or seeking educational experiences at one of the Regional Banding Association meetings or taking Banding courses.

Once accepted for an evaluation session you will need to complete the written exam in advance of the evaluation session described below UNLESS you have already achieved a grade of 90% or better on the written exam in the past 5 years. 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 trainers alphabetically. It is your responsibility to find a certified trainer to proctor your exam. You may not take the evaluation session without first passing the written exam. If you cannot arrange to take the written exam prior to arriving at the evaluation session then you will need to make arrangements with the session organizer to take it at the beginning of 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 as a Trainer entitles you to evaluate others. We hope that it will also increase your opportunities for passing on knowledge, skill and a high standard of ethics to other banders.

Indicate which Evaluation Session Site and Date you are applying for: _____

Be aware that the number of candidates accepted for the Evaluation will be limited.

Complete the following application:

Name _____

Address (Street) _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Code _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

is requesting admission to an evaluation of Training competence in working with (mark one) Landbirds [] Waterfowl [] Shorebirds [] Raptors [] Hummingbirds [].

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 trained 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 trained approximately _____ people to band in the last 5 years.
Two of those for which I acted as principal trainer are listed below:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone _____

Phone: _____

Date when Bander Level Evaluation passed _____

Written Examination mark _____%

Attach copy of first page of Bander Level report card if written mark \geq 90%

I have read "Expectations for the Trainer level of Certification" by the North American Banding Council and believe I am sufficiently prepared to be evaluated on my teaching and evaluation skills.

Signed _____

Dated _____

If you have NOT achieved a grade of > 90% on a written exam in the past 5 years then 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/Prov.) _____

Trainer's Code (zip or postal) _____

Trainer's E-mail

Trainer's Phone

Fax _____

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.

Send to the address indicated in the NABC web site announcement for the session of your choice.

Obligations of a Trainer

In becoming a Trainer, one agrees to further the goals of NABC by subscribing to it's policies and practices, to be an active bander willing and able to instruct individuals who wish to acquire competency in banding at the Assistant and Permittee levels, and to participate in the NABC process of evaluating and certifying banders.