

15A NCAC 10H .1506 ALLIGATOR CONTROL AGENT CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

(a) The following definitions shall apply in this Section:

- (1) "Alligator control agent" or "ACA" means a licensed WCA that holds a current and valid alligator control agent certification issued by the Commission.
- (2) "Alligator control agent certification" or "ACA certification" means a certification issued by the Commission that authorizes a WCA to engage in alligator damage control or alligator removal activities with a Commission-issued depredation permit.

(b) It shall be unlawful to engage in alligator damage control or alligator removal activities for compensation without first obtaining an ACA certification from the Commission.

(c) Only individuals with a valid WCA license shall be eligible for ACA certification.

(d) WCAs meeting the following requirements shall qualify for ACA certification:

- (1) completion of a Commission-approved ACA training course that reviews the following:
 - (A) alligator rules;
 - (B) procedures for alligator data collection activities; and
 - (C) safe, humane alligator capture, handling, and transporting techniques.
- (2) a passing score on the ACA written examination as specified in Paragraph (f) of this Rule.
- (3) possession of equipment to safely and humanely capture and relocate alligators, including ropes, cables, snares, poles, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag reader, and an alligator transport device, as verified through inspection by the Commission.

(e) WCAs may register for a Commission-approved ACA training course at www.ncwildlife.org/wca

(f) WCAs shall score a minimum of 80 percent on the ACA examination provided by the Commission. WCAs failing to obtain a passing score on the examination shall receive one opportunity to re-take the examination and receive a passing score without being required to retake the ACA training course.

(g) An ACA certification shall not be transferable between individuals.

(h) All equipment used in captive facilities or on captive alligators shall not be used for ACA operations.

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