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POLICY NUMBER 2: RPF EXAMINATION GRADING

Examinations are scored by two Registered Professional Foresters in good standing retained as Expert Examiners. The Examiners independently grade each question for each applicant working off of copies of the original examination responses completed by applicants. The name of every applicant is kept confidential, as the applicant's number is the only identification provided on examination responses.

Applicant responses are graded utilizing an answer key developed concurrent with the drafting of the examination, as well as forestry texts, reference materials, and professional expertise. The Examiners may also encounter other appropriate responses by applicants that are not found in the answer key and these will be counted in an applicant's favor.

The Examiners then meet with the Executive Officer of Foresters Registration to report their scores for each applicant response and compare them for variation. When there are instances in which the Examiners' scoring of a response varies considerably, the Examiners' discuss their respective reasons for the score and make adjustments where necessary and appropriate. The Examiners' scores for each response are summed and averaged to determine the composite score for each response. The Examiners' composite scores for each of an applicant's responses are then summed and averaged to determine the overall examination score.