

ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODECHAPTER 390-X-6
PRESCRIBED BURNING CERTIFICATION AND PRESCRIPTION

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390-X-6-.01 Training Required For Certification.

A training program has been established to meet the training requirements of the Alabama Prescribed Burning Act. In order to be certified, candidates must complete a training course sponsored or approved by the Alabama Forestry Commission and apply for certification within two years of completing the training course. This course will include discussion of fire behavior, burning methods, safety, planning, smoke screening and Alabama fire laws.

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390-X-6-.02 Equivalent Or Prior Training.

Training equivalent to the courses outlined and taught by qualified instructors will be accepted as meeting the training requirements. The determination as to the acceptability of any particular training will be made by the Alabama Forestry Commission or its designee.

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390-X-6-.03 Certification Process.

(1) **Application.** Submit an Application for Prescribed Burn Manager Certification (FC-18A) along with proof of training completed within the past two years and a non-refundable processing fee to:

Alabama Forestry Commission
Attn: Prescribe Burn Certification Program
P.O. Box 302550
Montgomery, AL 36130-2550

(2) **Certification Term.** Prescribed Burn Manager Certifications will have a five (5) year term, requiring renewal prior to the expiration of that term. Each certified prescribed burn manager (CPBM) must, over that five year period, earn six (6) hours of continuing education credit directly related to prescribed burning. A CPBM's five (5) year term will be defined from the date that he/she becomes certified until September 30 of the fifth year from that date. (Example: John Doe becomes certified on July 15, 2014. He will be required to earn six (6) continuing education credits prior to October 1, 2019.) Burn managers who do not meet this standard and apply for recertification pursuant to Rule 390-X-6-.04 will have their certifications expire.

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390-X-6-.04 Recertification Process.

Submit an Application for Prescribed Burn Manager Certification (FC-18B) proof of continuing education accomplishment, and a non-refundable processing fee to:

Alabama Forestry Commission
Attn: CPBM Program
P.O. Box 302550
Montgomery, AL 36130-2550

(a) In the event that a certified prescribed burn manager meets his/her continuing education requirement but fails to apply for recertification by his/her renewal date, he/she will be allowed a grace period of one (1) year to apply for recertification.

(b) Certifications that have not been renewed within one (1) year of the expiration date will be considered nonrenewable

and the burn manager must begin the process again by meeting the educational requirements for initial certification and reapplying for CPBM status.

(c) Continuing education credits must be earned before the certification expires to be applicable for recertification purposes. Any continuing education credits earned after a certification expires will not be considered for meeting the educational requirements for recertification.

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390-X-6-.05 Training And Certification Fees.

The State Forester shall annually set the fees to be charged by the Alabama Forestry Commission that year for training and certification of prescribed burn managers. Such fees shall not exceed the following:

\$300 For initial 32-hour CPBM training (including certification processing fee)

\$200 For 6-hour CPBM continuing education training (including recertification processing fee)

\$100 Certification or recertification processing fee (if CPBM training is not received through the Alabama Forestry Commission)

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390-X-6-.06 Minimum Standards For Prescribed Burning Plans.

(1) Personal Information to include:

(a) Name of property owner

(b) Owner's mailing address

- (c) Owner's phone number
- (d) Same information on individual preparing the plan and/or executing the burn
- (e) Prescribed burn manager certification number
- (2) Description of area to be burned to include:
 - (a) County
 - (b) Section, township, range
 - (c) Acres to be burned
 - (d) Type and size of overstory
 - (e) Type and size of understory
 - (f) Fuel type and amount
 - (g) Topography
- (3) Purpose of burn
- (4) Pre-burn information to include:
 - (a) Needed manpower and equipment
 - (b) Firing techniques to be used
 - (c) List of areas around site that could be adversely impacted by smoke from burn (as determined by the publication "A Smoke Screening System for Prescribed Fires in Alabama.")
 - (d) Special precautions taken
- (5) Range of desired weather information to include:
 - (a) Surface wind speed and direction
 - (b) Minimum and maximum relative humidity
 - (c) Maximum temperature
 - (d) Transport wind speed and direction
 - (e) Minimum mixing height
 - (f) Dispersion index
- (6) Starting time and completion of ignition

(7) Sketch of area to be burned

(8) Signature of Burn Manager, dated and notarized or witnessed

(9) Burn Permit Number

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