The Society for Ecological Restoration’s practitioner certification program encourages a high professional standard for practitioners who are designing, implementing, overseeing, and monitoring restoration projects throughout the world.

**PROGRAM GOALS/BENEFITS**
- Establish and validate the credentials for practitioners
- Encourage consistent, comprehensive “standards of practice”
- Increase public, client, employer, and peer confidence in ecological restoration practice and practitioners
- Fill an increasing demand for a skilled workforce
- Improve the quality of ecological restoration projects on the ground
- Facilitate the exchange of information and promote the advancement of proven techniques used in ecological restoration
- Define a clear pathway into, and provide a supportive environment within the restoration community

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**
- **KNOWLEDGE BASE:** A combination of academic credentials (or equivalence) in Biological Science, Physical Science, Resource Management and Conservation, Quantitative Science, and Ecological Restoration categories (provide transcripts).
- **EXPERIENCE:** At least five years of full-time professional level experience performing restoration project work (provide a resume/CV and project descriptions).
- **REFERENCES:** Three references to demonstrate the applicant is held in high esteem and has exhibited proficiency in ecological restoration
- **FOUNDATIONS OF THE PROFESSION:** Knowledge and understanding of the fundamental concepts of ecological restoration through the e-learning course
- **POLICY COMPLIANCE:** Agreement to adhere to the SER Code of Ethics and the SER Disciplinary Policy.
- **APPLICATION FEE:** See fee table

**TYPES OF CERTIFICATION**
- **Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioners (CERPs):** Senior level practitioner who meets the knowledge requirements AND has 5 years of full time restoration experience
- **Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioners-in-Training (CERPITs):** Practitioners who meet either the knowledge requirements OR the experience requirement but not both

Certification is valid for 5 years from the date of approval and is renewable with continuing education credits.

**CERP AND CERPIT APPLICATIONS**
Applications for and are accepted online during two application windows:
- February through April
- August through October

Application checklists, reference letter guidelines, and application tutorials are available at www.ser.org/certification.

Certification is based on knowledge, experience, references, compliance with ethics and disciplinary policies, and understanding of the foundations of the profession.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

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