PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS STANDARDS

Archeology and Historical Preservation:
Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines


The following requirements are those used by the National Park Service, and have been previously published in the Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR Part 61. The qualifications define minimum education and experience required to perform identification, evaluation, registration, and treatment activities. In some cases, additional areas or levels of expertise may be needed, depending on the complexity of the task and the nature of the historical properties involved. In the following definitions, a year of full-time professional experience need not consist of a continuous year of full-time work but may be made up of discontinuous periods of full-time or part-time work adding up to the equivalent of a year of full-time experience.

History

The minimum professional qualifications in history are a graduate degree in history or closely related field; or a bachelor's degree in history or closely related field plus one of the following:

1. At least two years of full-time experience in research, writing, teaching, interpretation, or other demonstrable professional activity with an academic institution, historical organization or agency, museum, or other professional institution; or

2. Substantial contribution through research and publication to the body of scholarly knowledge in the field of history.

Archeology

The minimum professional qualifications in archeology are a graduate degree in archeology, anthropology, or closely related field plus:

1. At least one year of full-time professional experience or equivalent specialized training in archeological research, administration or management;

2. At least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archeology; and

3. Demonstrated ability to carry research to completion.

In addition to these minimum qualifications, a professional in prehistoric archeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archeological resources of the prehistoric period. A professional in historical archeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archeological resources of the historical period.
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Architectural History

The minimum professional qualifications in architectural history are a graduate degree in architectural history, art history, historical preservation or closely related field, with coursework in American architectural history; or a bachelor's degree in architectural history, art history, historical preservation or closely related field plus one of the following:

1. At least two years of full-time experience in research, writing, or teaching in American architectural history or restoration architecture with an academic institution, historical organization or agency, museum, or other professional institution; or

2. Substantial contribution through research and publication to the body of scholarly knowledge in the field of American architectural history.

Architecture

The minimum professional qualifications in architecture are a professional degree in architecture plus at least two years of full-time experience in architecture; or a State license to practice architecture.

Historical Architecture

The minimum professional qualifications historical in architecture [in historical architecture] are a professional degree in architecture or a State license to practice architecture, plus one of the following:

1. At least one year of graduate study in architectural preservation, American architectural history, preservation planning, or closely related field; or

2. At least one year of full-time professional experience on historical preservation projects.

Such graduate study or experience shall include detailed investigations of historical structures, preparation of historical structures research reports, and preparation of plans and specifications for preservation projects.

California State Personnel Board Specification
State Historian Series Specification (Established June 7, 1979)
Excerpt

State Historian II

Definition of Level

This is the full journey level class. Under direction, incumbents perform the more difficult or varied work in performing basic historical research and cultural resource management activities; may act in a lead capacity; may train and direct subordinates staff; may train other personnel (including personnel in other State, Federal and local agencies) in historical research methods and cultural resource management techniques; may select and evaluate the performance of grant projects; may budget, administer, and expend Federal and State funds; and do other related work.
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Minimum Qualifications

Equivalent to graduation from college with major course work in history, historical sites research, cultural resources management, architectural history, or a closely related field in which historical methods and techniques are employed. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis for up to two years.)

In addition, either

1. Three years of experience in research, cultural resources management, or museum work in connection with historical reports, projects, buildings, or museums; or

2. Three years of experience in the teaching of California history at the high school or college level.

(Graduate work in history, historical sites research, cultural resources management, architectural history or a closely related field, in which historical methods and techniques are employed, may be substituted for not more than one year of the required experience on a year-for-year basis.)

Associate State Archeologist

Definition of Level

This is the full journey level. Under general direction, incumbents perform the more difficult or varied work of archeological investigation and cultural resource management; incumbents direct and coordinate major archeological excavation projects; provide research data and advice; prepare and submit project budget requests; prepare scientific publications; may act in a lead capacity; may train departmental staff as well as other personnel (including personnel in other State, Federal and local agencies) in archeological methods and cultural resource management techniques; may budget and administer Federal and State funds; represent the Department in cultural resource matters at meetings with governmental entities, educational institutions, and other groups; and do other related work.

Minimum Qualifications

Equivalent to graduation from college with major course work in archeology or anthropology. (A graduate degree in archeology or anthropology, may be substituted for up to one year of the required general experience and one year of required experience equivalent to Range B.)

In addition, either

1. Three years of increasingly responsible professional experience in research, writing, or project supervision in archeological investigation or cultural resource management and protection programs; or

2. Three years of experience in the teaching of California history at the high school or college level.