

Status of RPA Qualifications in Various Political and Other Entities

Entity	Status of RPA	RPA required?	Meet RPA standards?	Comments
FEDERAL	must push to require			Do Feds have to meet state requirements?
Ashley Nat'I Forest (Utah)	RPA listed	y		Programmatic agreement for oil & gas development w Berry Petroleum on forest. Signed by Utah SHPO & ACHP
SAA Rock Art Interest Group	RPA listed	n	y	Proposed guidelines for gov't contracts. Not yet passed by SAA Board
UDA Forest Service	RPA listed	n	n	People would join for a year to show they qualified, then not renew. Recommends changing 36CFR61 to require RPA membership.
Federal Preservation Officer qualifications	not listed	n	n	Requirements do not necessarily meet RPA standards
Federal agencies general	not listed	n	n	RPA person contacted me with concerns re federal cultural resource program decision-making, Power structures hinder RPA-qualified archaeologists from promotion - left out.OPM uses dumbed-down archaeological qualification standards.
STATE, PROVINCE				SHPO staffing practices and responsibilities should be examined. Who is doing reviews?
Alabama	RPA listed	once		RPA certification removed
Alaska	not listed	n	n	At least not required in southeast Alaska
Arizona	not listed	n	y	Defers to Arizona State Museum as state permitting agency. Requirements generally match RPA standards.
California	RPA listed	varies	varies	Not state-required, but some counties require RPA or RPA standards
California CALTRANS	not listed	n	n	Different standards for different positions, Some meet RPA, some not.
Delaware	RPA listed	y	y	Delaware DOT requires at least 1 person on contractor staff = RPA. In RFPs.
Florida	ACRA and RPA listed	n	??	Sends people to ACRA and RPA list of professionals. "The Division encourages checking references and recent work history." Application for tenure-stream job at FSU requires RPA certification
Georgia	not listed	n	n	No RPA mention, but proactive re cemeteries
Minnesota	RPA listed	n	y	"Minnesota SHPO supports the objectives of that organization to establish universal standards of professional conduct"
New Brunswick	RPA listed	y		As of March 31, 2014, all Permit applicants must be a Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA). In regulations, not law.
Oregon	not listed	once	n	Used to require RPA membership, dropped it due to court challenge.
South Carolina	not listed	n	n	No mention of RPA in requirement standards
Texas Dept of Transportation	RPA listed	y	y	Had to be RPA certified before gaining TxDOT precertification
Utah	RPA listed	once		RPA certification removed, but permit requires general equivalent (but does not mention RPA)
US Virgin Islands	SOPA listed	n	y	Must be conducted by professional archaeologists in conformity with standards
Washington	not listed	n	n	WSDOT encourages staff to join RPA, and agency pays dues. Some still refuse to join.
West Virginia	RPA listed	y		Tribal project-specific requirement that archaeological monitors must be RPA - DOT project
LOCAL/SPECIFIC				
Confederated Tribes of Coos-Lower Umpqua-Siuslaw	RPA listed	n	y	Cultural Resources Protection Specialist job - "Must meet definition of a Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)."
Indian Camp Ranch, Colorado	RPA listed	n	y	Private residential community designed to promote stewardship of archaeology. Homeowners must hire "certified or registered archaeologist" if going to excavate.
New Castle County	not listed	n	n	Archaeology not listed
New York City	RPA listed	y	y	"Professionals must be registered by RPA and/or qualified for such registration"
SW Florida Water Management District	RPA listed	y		District requires that RPA oversee and guide all aspects of dredging project - both terrestrial and in-water
New Smyrna Beach, FL	RPA listed	n	y	City Archaeologist must meet RPA standards.
Individual complaint	---	---	---	"This sounds like mischief to me - 'professionalism' meaning a closed shop, unionized situation. Why does everything have to be organized and regimented?" "I've been doing archaeology since 1966. I have seen more and more 'professionalism,' which usually means exclusion and 'we' versus 'them.' Just a basic trait of all organizations."

Total of 33 respondents