

§ 147-54.4. Certification of local government property mappers.

(a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

- (1) Department. – The Department of the Secretary of State.
- (2) Large-scale. – A scale that uses an inch to represent no more than 400 feet.
- (3) Local government. – A county as defined in G.S. 153A-10 and a city as defined in G.S. 160A-1.
- (4) Property mapper. – A person who is employed by a local government and is responsible for creating and maintaining large-scale cadastral maps.

(b) Certification. – The Department shall establish a certification program for property mappers. The purpose of the program is to protect and enhance the State's investment in local government large-scale cadastral maps. To be certified as a property mapper, an applicant must meet the following minimum requirements and the additional requirements set by the Department:

- (1) Be at least 18 years old.
- (2) Hold a high school diploma or certificate of equivalency.
- (3) Achieve a passing score in courses of instruction approved by the Department covering the following topics:
 - a. The principles and techniques of property mapping.
 - b. The laws of North Carolina governing the listing, appraisal, and assessment of real property for taxation.

The Department shall establish requirements for certification as a property mapper that are in addition to these minimum requirements. The additional requirements shall ensure that an applicant who is certified as a property mapper has the minimum skills necessary to create and maintain large-scale cadastral maps. In establishing these additional requirements, the Department may consult with the advisory committee on land records created by G.S. 147-54.3(f), the North Carolina Property Mappers' Association, and other relevant professional groups. The additional requirements may include mapping experience and a passing score on an examination administered by the Department.

(c) Renewal. – A certification as a property mapper must be renewed every two years. Attendance of 24 hours of continuing education approved by the Department is a condition of renewal of a certification. The Department shall publish a list of courses acceptable for meeting this continuing education requirement.

(d) Application and Fees. – An applicant for certification as a property mapper or renewal of certification as a property mapper must file an application with the Department. The applicant must submit a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) with the application. Fees collected under this section shall be credited to the General Fund.

(e) Rules. – The Department may adopt rules to implement this section. Chapter 150B of the General Statutes governs the adoption of rules by the Department. (1993, c. 326, s. 1.)