

QUALIFYING EXAM FOR FALCONRY PERMITS

Purpose

The exam is designed to determine the applicant’s basic knowledge of raptor identification, natural history, care in captivity, falconry techniques, and applicable laws and regulations.

Legal requirements

Federal regulations require that anyone who wants to get a falconry permit must answer at least 80 percent of the questions on a supervised examination correctly. If anyone fails the exam, they must wait a minimum of two weeks before to retaking the exam. Once an applicant has passed the exam, no future exams are required by federal/state regulations for permit renewal or for changes in permit class or state of residence. Except that if someone allows their permit to lapse for 5 years or more, they must retake the falconry exam prior to getting their permit renewed.

Administering Agency

Minnesota DNR personnel will administer the examination. Contact the Falconry Coordinator, Heidi Cyr at heidi.cyr@state.mn.us or 651-259-5107 to arrange a time and place to take the exam. **Include your name, address, email, and phone number in the request.**

Content

The examination consists of 100 multiple-choice questions, each with four possible answers. The questions are distributed into four general categories: falconry regulations, raptor biology and identification, general falconry knowledge, and health and maintenance.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Number of questions</u>
Regulations.....	16
Raptor Biology and Identification.....	15
Identification (species/sex/age), Ecology (habitat/food/behavior/ distribution), and Breeding Biology	
General Falconry Knowledge	
Equipment and Facilities.....	12
Trapping Methods.....	6
Training Methods.....	15
Health and Maintenance	
General Maintenance.....	18
Health (Injuries/Disease/Parasites).....	18

Persons desiring to take the exam should review falconry and raptor literature; state and federal regulations; and participate in meets, talk to other falconers, and observe raptors. The questions emphasize the practical aspects and obligations of being a falconer. Knowledge of scientific names and obscure publications is not required.