



# The **NEW** NWCOA

## Certified Wildlife Control Professional®

A professional WCO is a person with demonstrated expertise in the art and science of applying the principles of wildlife damage management to the sound resolution of wildlife conflict with humans. An applicant for professional certification who demonstrates this expertise through education, experience and testing, and is judged to properly represent the profession as an ethical practitioner will be designated as a NWCOA CWCP®.

*CWCP Certification constitutes recognition by NWCOA that, to its best knowledge, an applicant meets a superior level of educational, experience, and ethical standards adopted by this Association and the applicant has demonstrated competency through formal testing.*

The requirements to become a NWCOA CWCP® cover five areas:

### Experience

- Must have:
- 5 years WCO experience with a total of 10,000 hours.
  - Part-time workers will work 10,000 hours within 8 years.

### Training

- Must have current:
- 2 NWCOA certifications, or
  - 1 NWCOA certification & 2 NWCOA Wildlife EXPOs or approved regional training events; or
  - College degree in related field

### Testing

Must successfully pass the CWCP exam with an 85%. Test is available online or in-person.

### Ethics

Must pledge to uphold and conduct their activities in accordance with the Code of Ethics as prescribed by NWCOA. See Code of Ethics at NWCOA.com

### Application

Must complete an application and pay the appropriate application fee - \$100 for NWCOA members and \$200 for non-members.

For more information visit [www.NWCOA.com](http://www.NWCOA.com) or call 855-goNWCOA.