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Alabama – *Bachelors or higher SAF accredited, two years' experience, pass exam. The exam is open book; however, applicants are restricted to using only those resources (printed material and calculators) they bring with them. The examination will be given in two parts. Part I will be given from 8:30 a.m. until lunch and will be turned in prior to leaving for lunch. Part II will be given after lunch until 4 p.m. Each part will consist of approximately three hours. The examination is open-book and questions are selected from the following areas: DENDROLOGY, ECOLOGY, GENETICS, PHYSIOLOGY, SOILS, FINANCE & LAW, FIRE, FOREST HEALTH, HARVESTING, WOOD PRODUCTS, FOREST MANAGEMENT, INDUSTRIAL FORESTRY, MENSURATION, INVENTORY, SAMPLING, RECREATION, URBAN, WILDLIFE. SILVICULTURE & WATERSHED, SPATIAL ANALYSIS: SURVEYING, PHOTOGRAMETRY, REMOTE SENSING, GIS, CARTOGRAPHY, TAX, ECONOMICS & ETHICS*

Section 34-12-4 Qualifications of applicants for registration.

(a) The following requirements shall be considered as minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified to practice forestry and to be registered and licensed pursuant to this chapter. Each applicant shall:

(1) Hold a bachelors or higher degree from a school approved by the board or accredited by the Society of American Foresters in a forestry curriculum accepted by the board.

(2) Have passed a written or oral examination, or both, designed to show the knowledge and skill obtained through graduation from the school or college.

(3) Have a specific record of two years or more of experience in the practice of forestry of a nature satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice forestry.

(4) Be a person of good character and reputation.

(5) Be a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.

(b) The board shall issue licenses only to those applicants who meet the requirements of this section.

Arkansas – *Bachelors accredited, bachelors non-accredited 3 years' experience, related field 3 years, non-related 6 years, AS +6 years. Arkansas Forester Exams and Licensing - Foresters must pass an exam administered by the Board of Registration for Foresters. The test is given in May and December of each year. The exam covers ethics, forest protection, dendrology, ecology, mapping, silviculture, soil and more.*

1) A bachelor's or advanced degree in forestry from a college or university program accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

2) A bachelor's or advanced degree in forestry from a college or university program not accredited by the Society of American Foresters and, subject to graduation, three (3) years or more experience in forestry work of a nature satisfactory to the board.

3) A bachelor's degree in a natural resources-related field from a college or university program, including, but not limited to, wildlife management, with at least twenty (20) semester hours of forestry courses approved by the board and, subsequent to graduation, three (3) years or more experience in forestry work of a nature satisfactory to the board.

4) A bachelor's degree not related to natural resources from a college or university program and, subsequent to graduation, six (6) years or more experience in forestry work of a nature satisfactory to the board; or

5) A two-year associate's degree in forestry from a community college or junior college and, subsequent to graduation, six (6) years' or more of experience in forestry work of a nature satisfactory to the board.

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Connecticut - Examination only. *May be true-false and multiple choice. Need to verify.*

a) On or after July 1, 1992, no person shall advertise, solicit, contract or engage in commercial forest practices within this state at any time without a certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of this section, appropriate to the forest practices advertised, solicited, contracted or engaged in, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) There shall be three classifications for commercial forest practitioners: Forester, supervising forest products harvester and forest products harvester. Forester certification shall be required for commercial forest practitioners who supervise or engage in the planning and design of forest practices, including but not limited to, commercial forest product harvest operations, or act as a property owner's agent in the sale of commercial forest products. A certified forester may also execute contracts or agreements, written or verbal, for the purchase of commercial forest products, act in the buyers behalf in the supervision of commercial forest product harvest operations and engage in the execution of commercial forest product harvest operations. Supervising forest products harvester certification shall be required for commercial forest practitioners who execute contracts or agreements, written or verbal, for the purchase of commercial forest products or who act in the buyer's behalf in the supervision of commercial forest product harvest operations. A certified supervising forest products harvester may also engage in the execution of commercial forest product harvest operations. Forest products harvester certification shall be required for commercial forest practitioners who engage in the execution of commercial forest product harvest operations, provided no such certification shall be required for persons engaging in the execution of commercial forest practices under the direct, on-site supervision of a certified forest product harvester. No forest product harvester certified under this section shall engage in the on-site supervision of more than two noncertified persons executing commercial forest practices.

(c) An application for the certification as a forest practitioner shall be made to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and shall contain such information regarding the applicant's qualifications and proposed operations and other relevant matters as the commissioner deems necessary.

(1) The commissioner shall require the applicant for forester certification to demonstrate, upon examination, that the applicant possesses adequate knowledge concerning the proper application of forest management techniques, the ecological and environmental consequences of harvesting activity and mitigating measures to be employed to minimize possible adverse impacts on environmental conditions within the harvest area.

(2) The commissioner shall require the applicant for supervising forest products harvester certification to demonstrate, upon examination, that the applicant possesses adequate knowledge concerning techniques and procedures normally employed in the conduct and supervision of a harvest operation, the safe and environmentally responsible operation of harvesting equipment, and mitigating measures to be employed to minimize possible adverse impacts of harvesting activity on environmental conditions within the harvest area.

(3) The commissioner shall require the applicant for forest products harvester certification to demonstrate, upon examination, that the applicant possesses adequate knowledge concerning techniques and procedures normally employed in the conduct of a harvest operation and the safe and environmentally responsible operation of harvesting equipment, except that an applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the applicant has engaged in commercial forest practices at least once per year for the ten years immediately preceding October 1, 1991, shall be exempt from such examination requirement.

(4) If the commissioner finds that the applicant is competent with respect to the required qualifications, including those provided in section [23-650](#), the commissioner shall certify the applicant to perform such forest practices as appropriate to the requested certification. The certification shall be valid for a period not to exceed five years and may be renewed by the commissioner with or without further examination. The commissioner may establish regulations for forest practitioner certification so that one-fifth of the certificates expire each year. The commissioner may certify a forest practitioner for less than five years and prorate the registration fee accordingly to implement the regulations established pursuant to this subsection. The commissioner may grant a sixty-day extension for any forest practitioner who failed to submit a complete application for renewal prior to the expiration date of such forest practitioner's certification. Such forest practitioner shall submit a complete application for renewal not later than the end date of such sixty-day extension period. Any such renewed certification issued by the commissioner following such a sixty-day extension period shall not require reexamination by such forest practitioner prior to such issuance but shall require the submission of an additional fee, as determined by the commissioner.

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Georgia - *Four-year forestry degree approved by the Board or degree with 40 hours credit in forestry and 2 to 3 years' experience. Pass SAF and State exam. The Georgia forester exam is meant to ensure applicants are aware of Georgia – specific laws, regulations, forest health concerns, our forests, and general legal procedures as they relate to real property. The below is meant to provide some framework for these topics and suggested materials that should be reviewed in preparation for the exam.*

(a) The minimum qualifications and requirements for registration as a registered forester shall be as follows:

- (1) Graduation with a baccalaureate degree from a school, college, or department of forestry approved by the board, passage of a board approved examination after graduation, and a specific record of an additional two years' or more experience in forestry work of a character satisfactory to the board indicating that the applicant is competent to practice forestry. Such two years' experience need not be obtained on lands owned, leased, rented, or held by the applicant or by any person, corporation, agency, entity, or institution by which such applicant is employed, so long as the applicant works under supervision of a registered forester or under other supervision acceptable to the board; or
- (2) Graduation from a school of forestry **not** approved by the board or completion of a curriculum approved by the board in which the applicant has acquired a minimum of 40 quarter hours' credit, or its equivalent, in forestry subjects, provided that such applicant may be licensed only after acquiring two years' experience of a character satisfactory to the board and under the supervision of a registered forester or under other supervision acceptable to the board, and only after passing a board approved examination; provided, however, that an applicant who graduates on or after July 1, 1993, from a school of forestry not approved by the board or who, on or after July 1, 1993, completes a curriculum approved by the board in which the applicant has acquired a minimum of 40 quarter hours' credit, or its equivalent, in forestry subjects, may be licensed only after completing three years' experience of a character satisfactory to the board and under the supervision of a registered forester or under other supervision acceptable to the board and only after passing a board approved examination.

(b) The board shall issue licenses only to those applicants who meet the requirements of this Code section, provided that no person shall be eligible for registration as a registered forester who is not of good moral character and reputation.

(c) It shall be the duty of the board by rule or regulation to define "supervision" and "experience" as used in this part, and in so doing the board shall consider and give effect to the directness, immediacy, scope, extent, quality, and constancy of such supervision, and, as to experience, the nature, quality, and extent thereof.

Maine – *A forestry degree or 60 contact hours of supplemental forestry education. The examination for a forester license is a two-part examination. Part 1 is an examination that tests the applicant's knowledge of Maine forestry practices, laws, rules, and policies. Part 2 is an examination approved by the board that tests the applicant's knowledge of forestry principles.*

1. Education

An applicant is required to either have a forestry degree or 60 contact hours of supplemental forestry education. The requirements for a qualifying forestry degree and the requirements for qualifying supplemental forestry education are set forth in Chapter 40, *Qualifications for Intern Forester License*.

2. Forestry experience

An applicant is required to demonstrate experience in the following four subject areas. Each of the four subject areas must be represented in the applicant's work history.

- A. Forest Biology – including but not limited to tree growth, species identification, forest ecology, wildlife and fish ecology and habitat manipulation, tree disease and insect problems, silviculture, soils and water relationships, and fire ecology.
- B. Forest Resources Measurement – including but not limited to basic surveying, area determination, sample design and analysis, measurements of trees and forest products, and photo interpretation and mapping.
- C. Forest Resource Management and Harvesting – including but not limited to multiple-use principles, road design and construction, harvest layout, harvesting methods, environmental protection, marketing, and

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utilization standards, stand analysis and prescriptions, forest and wildlife habitat management, recreation management, urban forestry, fire, insect and disease protection, and financial management.

- D. Forest Resource Policy and Administration – including but not limited to state environmental and forest practice laws, boundary and trespass laws, contract and sale administration, forest taxation, and forest economics.

Current Maine Licensed Intern Foresters

a) with an SAF accredited program in Forestry or Forest Technology need only take the Maine forestry specific part of the exam. The exam may be completed during the internship.

b) qualifying by education variance are eligible to take the exam (both parts required) upon completion of the internship and after submission of Forester license application and approval.

Forester Applicants Licensed or Practicing in Another Jurisdiction. Upon submission of application, documentation of professional qualifications and board approval:

a) individuals with an SAF accredited program in Forestry or Forest Technology need only take the Maine forestry specific part of the exam.

b) individuals without an SAF accredited program in Forestry or Forest Technology are required to take both parts of the exam.

An unlicensed person who is providing forestry services as defined by Maine law must be registered with the Board. It is the responsibility of the supervising forester to register the unlicensed person with the Board annually.

Maryland – *Graduation from an SAF four-year accredited program or program approved by the Board and two years' experience.*

1. Graduation from a four-year curriculum in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters or from a college or university approved by the Board.
2. Two years of experience in forestry that indicates to the Board that the applicant is competent to practice forestry.
3. Provide transcripts that show that the individual has completed four-year curriculum in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters or from a college or university approved by the Board.
4. Demonstrate competence in the practice of forestry by showing at least two years of experience in forestry after graduation.
5. Provide at least five references, three of which must be foresters who have a personal and professional knowledge of the applicant's experience in practicing forestry.

Massachusetts – *CMR 302 CMR 14.00 requires all Massachusetts Licensed Foresters to have formal, college/university-based training in core areas of knowledge. These courses can be taken either in-person or online but must be taken through an institution of higher education. Workshops and short courses, such as those offered as professional development or to complement formal education, are not a substitution for course work from an institution of higher education. In addition, the forester licensing regulations make no provision to exchange work experience for formal education.*

A forestry degree (associate, bachelor, or graduate) from a program which was accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) at the time of the applicant's graduation is assumed to meet the minimum educational requirement.

Applicants that do not have a forestry degree from an SAF-accredited institution must have at least 30-credit hours, including coursework in the core knowledge areas outlined in the regulations.

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The amount of experience an applicant needs for a MA forester's license is dependent on their level of formal education:

Degree	Experience of a Professional Nature (EPN) Minimum Number of Years	Total Years of Experience	Timing
Associates	4	5	At least 1 year of experience within the last 3 years
Bachelors	2	3	
Masters	2	3	

To become a Licensed Forester, an applicant shall submit to the Director a completed application on a form developed by the Director accompanied by the required license fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a minimum, the application shall require the following information:

- a list of colleges and universities attended, dates attended and graduation date
- original or certified copies of all transcripts
- a listing of work experience or resume for the 12 years preceding application, to include for each position:
 - name, address and phone number of employer
 - name of supervisor
 - title of position
 - description of responsibilities
 - dates employed
 - average number of hours worked per week
 - other pertinent information the applicant wishes to include; and
- a disclosure of any convictions of, pleas of guilty to, or pleas of nolo contendere for forestry-related felonies.

A Society of American Forestry (SAF) certified Forester may apply by submitting appropriate documentation of his or her SAF certification and the disclosure statement required in (d) above.

Within 90 days of receipt of all required application materials, the FLB shall make a recommendation to the Director on such application.

Michigan – No exam, completely voluntary.

(1) To be registered as a forester, an individual shall submit an application to the board on a form provided by the department. The application shall include all of the following:

(b) Information demonstrating that the individual meets 1 or more of the following educational requirements:

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- (i) An associate of science degree in forestry from an SAF-accredited university program or board-approved program, plus 4 years of experience under the guidance of a registered forester, an SAF-certified forester, or a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters.
- (ii) A bachelor's degree in forestry from an SAF-accredited university program or a board approved program, plus 2 years of forestry experience as described in subparagraph (i).
- (iii) A bachelor's degree in a natural resource field from an SAF-accredited university program or a board-approved program, plus 2 years of forestry experience described in subparagraph (i).
- (iv) A graduate degree in forestry from an SAF-accredited university program or a board approved program, plus 2 years of forestry experience described in subparagraph (i).
- (c) References or endorsements from 3 registered foresters.
- (d) Verification of successful completion of any continuing education required by the board.
- (e) Other relevant information required by the board.

Mississippi – *Once eligible, a three-hour exam, one hundred true-false or multiple choice questions.*

Eligibility

Any person who has a bachelor's degree or higher from a university or college of forestry in a curriculum in forestry acceptable to the Board and found by the Board to be substantially equivalent to curricula in schools accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

Application

1. [Application](#), provided by the Board, must be completed.
2. Transcript or Diploma from graduating college must accompany application.
3. Five [reference](#) forms provided by the Board must be completed. Three of the five must be completed by registered foresters. A reference form for students only was adopted by the board on September 26, 1996, requiring just signature of five forestry professors. (All reference forms will be kept confidential.)
4. The registration fee will be fifty (\$50.00) dollars and must accompany application. This fee will allow the applicant to take the exam twice in twelve months, if failed the first time. Successful applicants will be charged no more fees until the next renewal period.
5. All new registrants must renew their licenses at the same time as all other registered foresters.

Examination

1. All registrants are required to take a written examination.
2. The primary location for administering the examination will be Mississippi State University College of Forest Resources in Starkville, Mississippi. Other locations may be approved by the Board. The Board will provide applicant with the time and place of the examination.
3. The applicant may use any desired reference material while taking the examination.
4. The examination will consist of one hundred true/false or multiple choice questions.
5. Applicants will have a maximum of three (3) hours to complete the examination.
6. Applicants must correctly answer at least 70 questions in order to pass.
7. Examinations will be administered by a board member or by an individual approved by the board.

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8. Applicant will be notified, by mail, within thirty days of the results of the exam.
9. Applicants will be allowed to examine completed and graded examinations at the domicile of the Board under the supervision of the Board's authorized representative within thirty days after receiving notification of the examination results. After that time completed and graded examinations will be destroyed.
10. Examinations will be administered on dates and at times as deemed necessary by the board.

Licensing

1. Upon successful completion of an examination, applicant will be issued a license and corresponding number.
2. Registered forester will receive a Certificate of Registration and a wallet-sized identification card.

New Hampshire – No exam?

Experience shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Applicants possessing a 4-year forestry degree shall have 2 years' experience which is equivalent to 4000 hours within not less than 24 months and not more than 60 months of the date of application.
- (2) Applicants possessing a 2-year forestry degree shall have 4 years' experience pursuant to Fors 302.02 which is equivalent to 8000 hours within not less than 48 months and not more than 72 months of date of application.
- (3) Applicants possessing a 4-year degree in a related field shall have 4 years' experience pursuant to Fors 302.02 which is equivalent to 8000 hours within not less than 48 months and not more than 72 months of the date of application.
- (4) Applicants possessing a 2-year degree in a related field shall have 6 years' experience pursuant to Fors 302.02 which is equivalent to 12000 hours within not less than 72 months and not more than 120 months preceding the date of application.
- (5) Applicants possessing no forestry or related degree shall have 8 years' experience pursuant to Fors 302.02 which is equivalent to 16000 hours within the 10-year period preceding the date of application. (c) Experience shall be gained under the supervision of a licensed forester or if not, written explanation shall be included with the application describing why the experience should be considered satisfactory to the board.

North Carolina- Applicants may use reference material that has been approved in advance, and that is provided at the testing site. If you are not certain whether one of your references is acceptable, be certain to check with the exam administrator prior to the exam. Approved reference material includes: a BMP manual, professionally-bound books, professionally-prepared notebooks from short courses, pages from professional forestry web pages, college course packs prepared by the professor, and a non-programmable calculator. Formulas and the various tables used by foresters will not be provided; be certain to include them among your references. Most applicants bring about 25 books and references carried in a cardboard box or plastic tub. The pass-rate for people attempting the Level 2 Exam for the first time is 50-60 percent.

Each exam is 4 hours long, given in 2 sections separated by a 30-minute break. Applicants who want to leave the examination room may leave ONLY between sections, so be sure to take restroom break prior to sitting down for each section. Applicants may bring only writing utensils, an eraser, and a nonprogrammable calculator.

The range of questions is broad and covers any material included in forestry and forestry-related courses. The following critically important subject areas are always covered: mensuration, management, silviculture, dendrology, silvics/physiology, genetics, soils, economics, entomology, pathology, fire, and wood anatomy.

A score of 70 percent or higher is required to pass either examination.

Some questions test knowledge of basic facts, and others test the application of knowledge. Most questions will be short answer, the completion of charts, or mathematical calculations. A few questions will be multiple choice or identification of figures or samples.

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1. Request Reciprocity. The North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters (NCBRF) has registration reciprocity agreements with Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina. People with a current forestry license or registration in good standing from one of these states should send the Board: (a) a typed application (find form below); the references portion of the application may be omitted, but the application must be signed and notarized; and (b) a \$50 application fee. Ask the State Board that governs your current registration or license to complete the registration verification form (find form below), and send it to NCBRF.BS, MS, MF in Forestry, BS or MS in related field and passage of SAF Certification Exam. People not following one of the above pathways must first complete six years of full-time forestry work experience immediately before applying for registration.

2. Earn a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Forestry from an SAF-Accredited Curriculum. People with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in forest management from a curriculum accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) should send the Board: (a) a typed application (find form below), which must be signed and notarized; (b) an official transcript from the SAF-accredited forestry curriculum; (c) a \$50 application fee (which covers the cost of one exam); and (d) an employment verification form (find form below). Applicants should also ask five people to send references (find form below) to the Board. Three references must be completed by Registered Foresters in NC, and not more than one reference may be from your employing agency or firm. The reference form should be mailed by the applicant to the person providing the reference. The person providing the reference should mail the completed form directly to the Board.

3. Earn a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctor's Degree in a Related Natural Resources Curriculum and Satisfy the Course Requirements to Take the SAF Certified Forester's Examination.

Follow Option #2 of the SAF Certified Forester Education Requirement.

See https://www.eforester.org/Main/Certification_Education/Certified_Forester/Requirements/Main/Certification/Requirements.aspx. Among other things, this requirement includes earning a minimum of 56 college semester credits in four subject areas: ecology and forest biology; measurement of forest resources; management of forest resources; and forest resource policy, economics, and administration. Request SAF to review your transcript to determine if you would be eligible to sit for the SAF Certified Forester's Examination. Contact the Society of American Foresters (safnet.org) for more detailed information.

In addition to requesting a letter from SAF, people following this pathway should send the Board: (a) a typed application (find form below), which must be signed and notarized; (b) an official college transcript from the related natural resources curriculum; (c) a \$50 application fee (which covers the cost of one exam); and (d) an employment verification form (find form below).

Applicants should also ask five people to send references (find form below) to the Board. Three references must be completed by Registered Foresters in NC, and not more than one reference may be from your employing agency or firm. The reference form should be mailed by the applicant to the person providing the reference. The person providing the reference should mail the completed form directly to the Board.

South Carolina – 1) possession of a 4 year forestry degree approved by the Board plus 2 years' experience, or 2) 6 years' experience without degree. Both 1) and 2) require passage of two-part examination: Part One is the Certified Forester (CF) Examination, and Part Two is the South Carolina Specific Examination.

Requirements for Registration. The following shall be considered as minimum evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant is qualified for registration as a registered forester:

(A) Examination. All applicants shall take and pass the examination for registration. The examination for registration is a two-part examination: Part One is the Certified Forester (CF) Examination, and Part Two is the South Carolina Specific Examination.

(B) Education and Experience: (1) Applicants who have graduated from a curriculum in forestry of four years or more in a department, school, or college approved by the board must have a specific record of an additional two years or more experience in forestry of a character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice forestry; or (2) Applicants who have not graduated from a curriculum in forestry as provided in (1) above, must have a

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specific record of six years or more of practice in forestry of a character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice forestry.

Vermont – *Bachelor's in forestry, forestry related, or associates with corresponding 2, 3 or 4 years SAF certified forester experience, pass SAF exam and State exam if required by the director by rule.*

Applicants for licensure shall qualify under one of the following paths to licensure (26 V.S.A. § 5221 criteria for licensure):

- (1) Possession of a bachelor's degree, or higher, in forestry from a program approved by the Director, satisfactory completion of two years of the SAF Certified Forester experience requirements, and passage of the SAF Certified Forester examination, which may include a state portion if required by the Director by rule.
- (2) Possession of a bachelor's degree, or higher, in a forestry-related field from a program approved by the Director, satisfactory completion of three years of the SAF Certified Forester experience requirements, and passage of the SAF Certified Forester examination, which may include a state portion if required by the Director by rule.
- (3) Possession of an associate degree in forestry from a program approved by the Director, satisfactory completion of four years of the SAF Certified Forester experience requirements, and passage of the SAF Certified Forester examination, which may include a state portion if required by the Director by rule.
- (4) Possession of a valid registration or license to engage in the practice of forestry issued by the appropriate regulatory authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, based on requirements and qualifications shown by the application to be equal to or greater than the requirements of this chapter. Such an applicant may be examined on forestry matters peculiar to Vermont and may be granted a license at the discretion of the Director. (Added 2015, No. 166 (Adj. Sess.), § 2.)

West Virginia – *A bachelor's from SAF accredited program and 2 years' experience, or an Associate's degree from a SAF accredited program plus a bachelors in a related degree and 4 years' experience. No exam?*

3.1 An applicant for certification as a registered forester shall submit evidence to the board of the following:

3.1a. A bachelor's degree in forestry from a four-year school, college or university accredited by SAF and at least two years of full-time equivalent work experience as a professional forester within the ten years preceding the date of filing and application for registration; or

3.1b. An associate's degree from a two-year technical forestry program recognized by SAF, plus a bachelor's degree in another natural science or business and at least four years of full-time equivalent work experience in the field of forestry acceptable to the board within ten years preceding the date of filing an application for registration.

3.2 An applicant for certification as a registered forestry technician shall submit evidence to the board of an associate's degree from a two-year technical forestry program recognized by SAF and at least four years of full-time equivalent work experience in the field of forestry acceptable to the board within ten years preceding the date of filing an application for registration.

British Columbia - Process to Become an RPF

Individuals who want to register as an FIT or ASFIT to become a practicing RPF must have either completed a [Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board](#) (CFAB) accredited degree program within the past 10 years or hold a degree in forestry or a related field. All individuals who want to apply for registration as a trainee must complete the eligibility assessment. This process assesses your academic background and work experience to determine if you are eligible to apply for registration with FPBC. If you are determined to be eligible, you will be invited to submit an application for registration.

There are two types of trainee categories that will eventually lead you to full status as an RPF:

- Forester in Training (FIT)

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- Allied Science Forester in Training (ASFIT)

To become a practicing RPF registrant with FPBC you must:

- apply to become a temporary registrant–trainee (FIT or ASFIT);
- complete the FPBC education program requirements including work experience.

During your enrolment as a trainee, you must complete the following before your trainee registration expires:

- six education modules in the FPBC online learning management system.
- articling requirements including work experience.
- core competency requirements (only applies to ASFITs).
- Completing all the education program requirements takes a minimum of 24 months.