

Part Two

Summary Outline of Forester Licensing and Registration Statutes

1) Licensing Statutes

a) Mandatory

i) Alabama

(1) *Citation*: §34-12-1 to §34-12-37

(2) *Origin*

(a) Enacted: 1977

(b) Revisions: 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998

(3) *Statute Requirements*: “. . . no person in either public or private capacity shall practice or offer to practice forestry, unless he or she has submitted evidence that he or she is qualified so to practice and is registered by the board . . .”

(4) *Administrator*

(a) Board Name: State Board of Registration of Foresters

(b) Board Composition: 5 licensed foresters with 10 years experience. Note: Alabama Division of SAF recommends 3 people to Governor. Governor chooses one person to fill vacancies.

(5) *Requirements*

(a) Test: Written and/or oral

(b) Education/Experience: BAF or higher from SAF accredited school and 2 years of experience in the field after graduation.

(6) *License/Registration/Certification*

(a) Length of Time: 1 year

(b) Continuing Education Requirements: Yes, but not specified in statute (as of 2005 10 credits each year are required)

(7) *Reciprocity*: Yes

(8) *Penalties*: Misdemeanor, with fine not less than \$500 nor more than \$2000

(9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: <http://www.asbrf.alabama.gov/>

ii) California

(1) *Citation*: Public Resources Law §750 to §783

(2) *Origin*

(a) Enacted: 1972

(b) Revisions: 1976, 1978, 1981, 1984, 1991, 1993,

(3) *Statute Requirements*: “A professional forester is licensed to perform forestry services only in those areas of expertise in the person is fully competent of training or experience.”

(4) *Administrator*

(a) Board Name: Board of Forestry. But note: The statute establishes an examining committee to: 1) examine applicants, 2) recommend applicants to the Board for licensure, 3) review complaints, 4) establish ad hoc committee with representatives of certified specialists (see below), 5) assess independent certification programs, and 6) adopt licensing rules and regulations.

(b) Examining Committee Composition:

(i) 2 public members

- (ii) 4 professional foresters (representing cross section of employment and experience)
- (iii) At least on certified specialist (see below).
- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: Written and oral
 - (b) Education/Experience: 7 years
 - (i) BSF equals 4 years experience
 - (ii) Masters equals 1 year experience
 - (iii) At least 3 years of experience must be actual experience
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: 2 years
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: None specified in statute
- (7) *Reciprocity*: None specified in statute
- (8) *Penalties*: Misdemeanor
- (9) *Other Provisions*
 - (a) “Instead of being registered as a professional forester, an applicant may request to be registered as a certified specialist in one or more fields of forestry.”

Website: http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/licensing/licensing_main.asp

iii) Connecticut

- (1) *Citation*: §23-65f to §23-65o
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1986
 - (b) Revisions: 1991, 1995, 1998, 1999
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: “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, . . .”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: Forest Practices Advisory Board
 - (b) Board Composition: 10 members
 - (i) State forester
 - (ii) A professional forester in private practice
 - (iii) A representative of the forest products industry
 - (iv) An officer of an environmental organization headquartered in state concerned primarily with forests
 - (v) A professor of forestry from a state college
 - (vi) An owner of not less than ten nor more than two hundred fifty acres
 - (vii) A representative of an environmental organization not primarily concerned with forests
 - (viii) A member of an inland wetlands agency.
 - (ix) 2 members of the public
 - (x) Note: The following person get to appoint one of these members: president pro tempore of the senate, the majority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the majority leader of the house of representatives, the minority leader of

the house of representatives. The governor appoints three members.

(5) *Requirements*

- (a) Test: Type of examination not specified in statute, although one is required
- (b) Education/Experience: None specified in statute

(6) *License/Registration/Certification*

- (a) Length of Time: five years
- (b) Continuing Education Requirements: Required every two years, but number of credits not specified in statute

(7) *Reciprocity*: Yes

(8) *Penalties*: Not to exceed \$5000

(9) *Other Provisions*: Statute also includes provisions for “supervising forest products harvester” and “forest products harvester.”

Website: <http://www.dep.state.ct.us/burnatr/forestry/forestcert/certific.htm>

iv) **Maine**

(1) *Citation*: §32-5001 to §32-5019

(2) *Origin*

- (a) Enacted: 1975
- (b) Revisions: 1979, 1983, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995

(3) *Statute Requirements*: “No person may engage in the practice of forestry as defined in this chapter or in any manner advertise or hold himself [sic] out as engaged in such practice, without first being licensed as a licensed professional forester . . .”

(4) *Administrator*

- (a) Board Name: Maine State Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters
- (b) Board Composition: 6 members
 - (i) 5 licensed professional foresters
 - (ii) 1 member of the public

(5) *Requirements*

- (a) Test: see below
- (b) Education/Experience:
 - (i) Before January 1, 1990:
 - 1. BSF or higher from Board approved school
 - 2. Note: It appears that 8 years experience also once enabled someone to become a licensed forester, but this is no longer in the statute.
 - (ii) After January 1, 1990
 - 1. BSF or higher from Board approved school and 2 year internship under a licensed forester.
 - 2. 3 years of study in Board approved school and 3 years of internship under licensed forester.
 - (iii) After December 31, 1990
 - 1. Written examination

(6) *License/Registration/Certification*

- (a) Length of Time: 1 year
- (b) Continuing Education Requirements: Yes, but number not specified in statute.

(7) *Reciprocity*: Yes

(8) *Penalties*: Class E crime

(9) *Other Provisions*

Website: <http://www.maine.gov/pfr/olr/categories/cat18.htm>

v) Maryland

(1) *Citation* – Business Occupations and Professions §7-101 to §7-602

(2) *Origin*

(a) Enacted – 1957

(b) Revisions – 1989 (major), 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999

(3) *Statute Requirements* – “An individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice forestry in the State.”

(4) *Administrator*

(a) Board Name – State Board of Foresters

(b) Board Composition

(i) 7 Members

1. 5 Licensed Foresters

2. 2 Consumer Members

(5) *Requirements*

(a) Test – None specified in statute

(b) Education/Experience – BS in Forestry from SAF accredited school plus at least 2 years experience

(6) *License/Registration/Certification*

(a) Length of Time – 2 years

(b) Continuing Education Requirements – After first registration period, 8 hours every 2 years

(7) *Reciprocity* - Yes

(8) *Penalties* – Misdemeanor (max. \$5,000)

(9) *Other Provisions/Comments* – Clear, well written statute. Any model statute we develop should incorporate the design of this statute.

Website: <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/occprof/forest.html>

vi) Massachusetts

(1) *Citation*: 132 §47 to 132 §50

(2) *Origin*

(a) Enacted: 1993

(b) Revisions: 1996

(3) *Statute Requirement*: “No person shall hold himself [sic] out as a forester and engage in the practice of forestry in the commonwealth unless he [sic] is licensed
...”

(4) *Administrator*

(a) Board Name: Director of Forests and Parks, and Forester Licensing Committee

(b) Board Composition: 5 member Forester Licensing Board

(c) (i) One member shall be an employee of a federal, state, or a municipal government agency;

(ii) one member shall be a licensed forester employed in the private sector;

- (iii) one member shall be employed as a faculty member of a college or university in a forest resources or natural resources management program;
 - (iv) Forest Landowner; and,
 - (v) Representative of an environmental organization, a land trust, or a consumer group.
- (d) Four of the members shall have the qualifications necessary to obtain a license to practice forestry in Massachusetts as defined in 304 CMR 10.00, two of whom shall be Licensed Foresters.
- (5) *Requirements*
- (a) Test: None specified in statute
 - (b) Education/Experience: Applicant must have practiced forestry or have been enrolled in an approved educational program for seven out of the last 12 years. The minimum requirements require a BS from a SAF accredited forestry degree program and three years of professional forest work
 - (c) OR successful completion of a Masters degree (MS or MF) in forestry or related post-baccalaureate degree, plus three years of forestry work experience of a character that prepared the applicant to practice forestry competently
 - (d) OR successful completion of an Associates degree in a SAF-recognized technical forestry education program, or a technical forestry education program approved by the Director, plus five years of forestry work experience.
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
- (a) Length of Time: 1 year
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: None specified in statute
- (7) *Reciprocity*: None specified in statute
- (8) *Penalties*: Fine not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000
- (9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/flb.htm>

vii) New Hampshire

- (1) *Citation*: §310-A:98 to §310-A:117
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1990
 - (b) Revisions: 1995, 1996
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: “. . . [no] person [shall] practice for compensation or offer to practice for compensation . . . the profession of forestry, . . . unless that person is duly licensed or is exempt from licensing . . .”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: Board of Foresters
 - (b) Board Composition: 7 members
 - (i) Director of Division of Forests and Lands
 - (ii) A private forester who has actively practiced forestry for at least 6 years
 - (iii) An industrial forester who has actively practiced forestry for at least 6 years
 - (iv) A public sector forester who has actively practiced forestry for at least 6 years

- (v) Two forest landowners
- (vi) A member of the public
- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: Written and/or oral examination
 - (b) Education/Experience:
 - (i) 4 year forestry degree, plus 2 years experience
 - (ii) 2 year forestry degree, plus 4 years experience
 - (iii) 4 year degree in related field, plus 4 years experience
 - (iv) 2 year degree in related field, plus 6 years experience
 - (v) 8 years experience within past 10 years
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: 2 years
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: 20 hours of continuing education
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: Class B misdemeanor (\$2,000 per offense)
- (9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: <http://www.nh.gov/jtboard/fr.htm>

Registration Statutes

b) Mandatory

i) Arkansas

- (1) *Citation*: §17-31-101 to §17-31-308
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1947
 - (b) Revisions: 1963, 1969, 1971, 1977, 1981, 1997, 1999
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: “. . . no person shall use in connection with the person’s name, or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title or description that the person is a forester, unless the person is registered . . .”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: Arkansas State Board of Registration for Foresters
 - (b) Board Composition: 6 members
 - (i) 5 registered foresters with 12 years experience. One each from (one of whom must be a graduate of “an approved forestry school” in Arkansas) : forest products industry, Arkansas Forestry Commission, a US government agency, the staff of the school of forestry, and private consultants.
 - (ii) A consumer member
- (5) *Requirements* (Effective January 1, 2001)
 - (a) Test: Written
 - (b) Education/Experience:
 - (i) BSF or advanced degree in forestry from SAF accredited school
 - (ii) BSF of advanced degree in forestry from non-SAF accredited school, plus 3 years experience
 - (iii) BS in natural resources (including 20 board approved credit hours in forestry), plus 3 years experience
 - (iv) BS in non-natural resources program, plus 6 years experience

- (v) Associates degree in forestry, plus 6 years experience
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification* (Effective January 1, 2001)
 - (a) Length of Time: 1 year
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: 6 hours every year, but applicants have two years to complete the 6 hours from the date they receive their license.
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: Misdemeanor: (not less than \$500, nor more than \$1,000 and a year in jail).
- (9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: None available

ii) Georgia

- (1) *Citation*: §12-6-40 to §12-6-63
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted – 1951
 - (b) Revisions – 1957, 1958, 1959, 1964, 1980, 1988 (major), 1989, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1998
- (3) *Statute Requirements* – “Registered forester’ means a person who has registered and qualified under this part to engage in professional forestry practices . . .”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: State Board of Registration for Foresters
 - (b) Board Composition:
 - (i) 5 Foresters
 - (ii) 1 Member of the Public
- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: Written
 - (b) Education/Experience:
 - (i) BSF from Board approved school, plus 2 years experience
 - (ii) BS from non-Board approved school (with minimum of 40 hours in forestry subjects), plus 2 years experience (if graduates after July 1, 1993, 3 years experiences).
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: 2 years
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: Board’s decision, but not less than 6, nor more than 12 for every two years.
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: Misdemeanor
- (9) *Other Provisions/Comments*:
 - (a) Statute includes sections that deny or suspend license for failure to:
 - (i) Comply with order for child support
 - (ii) Repay student loan

Website: <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/foresters/>

iii) Mississippi

- (1) *Citation*: §73-36-1 to §73-36-37
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1977
 - (b) Revisions: 1983, 1991, 1999, 2000
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: “. . . No person in either public or private capacity shall practice or offer to practice forestry , unless he [sic] shall fist have submitted evidence that he [sic] is qualified so to practice and shall be registered by the board . . . or exempted from registration . . .”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: State Board of Registration for Foresters of the State of Mississippi
 - (b) Board Composition: 7 members
 - (i) State Forester of Mississippi
 - (ii) A member from each of Mississippi’s 6 Forestry Districts (must have held a license as a registered forester for at least 5 years).
- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: Written and/or oral
 - (b) Education/Experience: BS or higher from university or college of forestry acceptable to Board and equivalent to SAF accredited curricula
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: 2 years
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: 16 credits every 2 years
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: Misdemeanor and not more than \$5,000 fine
- (9) *Other Provisions*
 - (a) Sunsets on December 31, 2004

Website: <http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/borf/index.html>

iv) Missouri

- (1) *Citation*: § 324.750 to §324.801
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 2001
 - (b) Revisions:
 - (c) Last Amended:
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: “no person may engage in the practice of forestry as defined in this chapter or in any manner advertise or hold himself out as engaged in such practice, without first being *credentialed* as a *registered* professional forester under this chapter.”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: Missouri Board for Professional Foresters
 - (b) Board Composition: 5 members, four registered foresters and one private forest landowner who is a certified tree farmer under the American Tree Farm System who owns a tree farm larger than 10 acres
 - (i) Note: They must all be US citizens and Missouri residents each appointed

by the governor.

- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: Written and/or oral.
 - (b) Education/Experience:
 - (i) BSF from SAF accredited school, plus 3 years experience under a registered forester
 - (ii) Higher education degree from SAF recognized school
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: 2 years
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: Yes, number not specified in statute.
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: First Class Misdemeanor
- (9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: <http://www.snr.missouri.edu/mosaf/forester.pdf>

(v) North Carolina

- (10) *Citation*: §89B-1 to §89B-15
- (11) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1975
 - (b) Revisions: 1989, 1998 (major revision)
- (12) *Statute Requirements*: “No person shall use the designation ‘forester’, ‘registered forester’, or any other descriptive terms that include the words ‘forester’ or ‘registered forester’ and that directly convey that the person is a forester without first having been registered . . .”
- (12) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: State Board of Registration for Foresters
 - (b) Board Composition: 5 members
 - (i) 4 practicing registered foresters
 - (ii) 1 member of public
- Requirements*
 - (c) Test: Written
 - (d) Education/Experience:
 - (i) BSF or higher from Board approved school, plus 2 years experience
 - (ii) 6 years experience immediately prior to examination
 - 1. ASS in forestry equals 1 year experience
 - 2. Completion of Junior year of BSF equals 2 years experience
 - 3. Completion of Senior year of BSF equals 3 years experience
- (13) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: 1 year
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: 12 credit hours per year
- (14) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (15) *Penalties*: Class 3 misdemeanor
- (16) *Other Provisions*:

Website: <http://members.aol.com/ncbrf/>

v) **South Carolina**

(1) *Citation*: §48-27-10 to §48-27-260

(2) *Origin*

(a) Enacted: 1962

(b) Revisions: 1985, 1991

(c) Last Amended: 1993

(3) *Statute Requirements*: “No person shall use in connection with his [sic] name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending directly or indirectly to convey the impression that he [sic] is a registered forester, without first having been licensed and registered as a registered forester . . .”

(4) *Administrator*

(a) Board Name: State Board of Registration for Foresters

(b) Board Composition: 7 members

(i) 5 registered foresters with at least 10 years experience

(ii) 2 non-forester members

(5) *Requirements*

(a) Test: See below

(b) Education/Experience:

(i) Before June 1, 1991

1. BSF from Board approved school, plus 2 years experience

2. Written examination, plus 6 years experience

(ii) After June 1, 1991

1. Written examination, BSF from Board approved school, plus 2 years experience

2. Written examination, plus 6 years experience

(iii) Note:

1. Completion of Junior year at Board approved forestry school equals 2 years experience.

2. Completion of Senior year (without graduation) at Board approved forestry school equals 3 years experience.

(6) *License/Registration/Certification*

(a) Length of Time: 1 year

(b) Continuing Education Requirements: 10 each year

(7) *Reciprocity*: Yes

(8) *Penalties*: Various penalties for specific violations, default penalty is misdemeanor (not more than 3 years in prison)

(9) *Other Provisions*:

(a) Forester required to set up “forester’s escrow account” for funds received.

(b) Escrowed funds are to be released to forester after “transaction has been consummated or otherwise terminated, at which time a full accounting must be made by the registered forester.”

c) Voluntary

i) Michigan

- (1) *Citation*: §339.2101 to §339.2108
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1980
 - (b) Revisions: None
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: “A person shall not use the title ‘registered forester’ unless he or she is registered . . .”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: Board of Foresters
 - (b) Board Composition: Not specified in statute
- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: Not specified in statute
 - (b) Education/Experience:
 - (i) Graduate of Accredited University or College, and
 - (ii) 2 or more years of forestry experience
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: Not specified in statute
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: Not specified in statute
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: Not specified in statute
- (9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-10557_12992_14029---.00.html

ii) New Jersey

- (1) *Citation*: §45:15C-1 to §45:15C-9
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1940
 - (b) Revisions: 1983, 1996
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: “Certified Tree Expert” means a natural person who has satisfied the requirements of [this statute] and who has been authorized by the board to present himself to the public as a certified tree expert.”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: Board of Tree Experts
 - (b) Board Composition: 3 certified tree experts with 5 years experience
- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: Written, but can be waived
 - (b) Education/Experience:
 - (i) Four year degree in forestry, arboriculture, ornamental horticulture, landscape architecture, or the equivalent from an SAF accredited school, plus two years of experience, or
 - (ii) from a graduate degree program that the DEP determines to be equivalent to the aforementioned major course work in forest management; have two years experience in preparation of woodland management plans or the implementation of forestry practices for the protection, development,

marketing and utilization of forest land resources; and abide by the Society of American Foresters' Code of Ethics.

- (iii) Completed two years of college and passed courses in the theory and practice of tree care, including botany, plant physiology, dendrology, entomology, plant pathology, and soils, or their equivalent, and has been continuously employed in the practice of arboriculture for a period of at least three years preceding the date of his application or entry into college
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: Not specified in statute
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: Not specified in statute
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: Fine, not to exceed \$1,000
- (9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/forest/community/cte.html>

iii) Oklahoma

- (1) *Citation*: §59-1201 to §59-1220
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1963
 - (b) Revisions: 1980, 1985, 1988, 1993, 1995, 1998
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: "No person shall use in connection with his [sic] name or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title or description that he[sic] is a registered forester, unless he [sic] shall be licensed . . ."
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: State Board of Registration for Foresters
 - (b) Board Composition: 5 members
 - (i) 5 registered foresters with 10 years experience
- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: Written
 - (b) Education/Experience
 - (i) Graduation from university or college with curriculum in forestry acceptable to Board, including 5 named courses, plus 2 years experience
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: 1 year
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: None specified in statute
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: Misdemeanor (not less than \$100, nor more than \$500)
- (9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: <http://members.aol.com/JOSTNIX/rf.htm>

iv) West Virginia

- (1) *Citation*: §30-19-1 to §30-19-10
- (2) *Origin*
 - (a) Enacted: 1963
 - (b) Revisions: 1999, 2000

- (c) Last Amended:
- (3) *Statute Requirements*: “No person shall use in connection with his [sic] name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he[sic] is a registered forester unless he[sic] shall be licensed . . .”
- (4) *Administrator*
 - (a) Board Name: State Board of Registration for Foresters
 - (b) Board Composition: 5 registered foresters with 10 years experience
 - (i) Note: WV SAF chapter nominates 5 members, governor chooses one.
- (5) *Requirements*
 - (a) Test: None specified in statute
 - (b) Education/Experience:
 - (i) BSF from accredited school, plus 2 years experience
 - (ii) Associates degree from SAF recognized school and a BS from an accredited school, plus 4 years experience
 - (iii) Note: Also a “registered forestry technician” or “forestry technician” title, requires Associates degree from SAF recognized school, plus 4 years experience.
- (6) *License/Registration/Certification*
 - (a) Length of Time: 1 year
 - (b) Continuing Education Requirements: 10 hours a year.
- (7) *Reciprocity*: Yes
- (8) *Penalties*: Misdemeanor (not more than \$100 fine)
- (9) *Other Provisions*:

Website: <http://www.wvlicensingboards.com/foresters/registration.cfm>

Appendix B

Forester Licensing Massachusetts Case Study

Summary

Date in effect: June 1, 1999

Early basis of legislation: Ensuring forestry competency

Primary basis on which it was passed: Consumer protection

Years to enact: 10

Basic requirements:

- Associates degree in technical forestry program, 5 years of forestry experience
- Bachelors degree in forestry from accredited institution, 3 years of practice (at least 2 years of professional forestry, the third year may be technical forestry)
- OR masters degree in forestry from accredited institution with course work in 4 core areas and the same practice stipulations as with the bachelors degree

Grandfathering: Lasted one year and required proof of past professional forestry activity

SAF connections:

- Allows automatic licensing of current SAF Certified Forester
- Standards of Professional Conduct based on SAF Code of Ethics (with additional items)
- SAF accreditation of educational institutions

Term of license: 1 year (legislation pending to make a 3-year term)

Cost: \$100.00 (legislation pending to determine renewal costs)

Administering entity: Director, Massachusetts Division of Forests and Parks with advisory five-person Forester Licensing Board

Disciplinary actions possible: Revocation, suspension

Connections to other forestry legislation: Directly connected to forestry sections, interconnectivity on specifics is presently being considered

Appeals: Initial appeal may be made to the Director, Division of Forests and Parks, with adjudication recommended by the Forester Licensing Board, subsequent appeals through MA Superior Court

Reciprocity with other states: None

Licensed foresters to date: 190 (140 from MA)