

Appendix A:

Summary of State Forester Licensing and Registration Statutes

State forester licensing and registration programs are based upon state statutes and regulations. This summary contains two parts. The table in Part One summarizes the major provisions of state forester licensing and registration statutes. It is designed to allow the user to make quick comparisons between different state statutes. The outline in Part Two contains more detailed information about each state's statutes. Users who require more information should consult the state statute and the applicable state regulations. State regulations often impose additional licensing or registration requirements.

Part One

Summary Table of Forester Licensing and Registration Statutes

	Origin	Administrator	Requirements		License or Registration		Reciprocity
			Examination	Education or Experience	Term	Continuing Education Requirements	
Licensing Statutes							
Alabama	1977	State Board of Registration of Foresters	Yes, written and/or oral	Education	1 year	Yes, but number of credit hours not specified in statute	Yes
California	1972	Board of Forestry	Yes, written and oral	Experience (education can equal some experience)	2 years	Not specified in statute	Not specified in statute
Connecticut	1986	Forest Practices Advisory Board	Yes, but not specified in statute	Not specified in statute	5 years	Yes, but number of credits not specified in the statute.	Yes
Maine	1975	State Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters	Yes, written (after 1990)	Experience and education	1 year	Yes, but number of credits not specified in statute	Yes
Maryland	1957	State Board of Foresters	Not specified in statute	Experience and education	2 years	Yes, 8 hours every 2 years	Yes
Massachusetts	1993	Director of Forests and Parks, and Forester Licensing Committee	Not specified in statute	Education and Experience	1 year	Not specified in statute	Not specified in statute
New Hampshire	1990	Board of Foresters	Yes, and/or oral	Experience (education can equal some experience)	2 years	Yes, 20 hours	Yes
Mandatory Registration Statutes							
Arkansas	1947	State Board of Registration for Foresters	Yes, written	Education (experience can equal some education)	1 year	Yes, 6 hours every year	Yes
Georgia	1957	State Board of Registration for Foresters	Yes, written	Experience and education	2 years	Yes, 6 hours every year	Yes
Mississippi	1977	State Board of Registration for Foresters	Yes, written and/or oral	Education	2 years	Yes, 16 hours every 2 years	Yes
North Carolina	1975	State Board of Registration for Foresters	Yes, written	Experience (education can equal some experience)	1 year	12 credit hours per year	Yes, as determined by the board
South Carolina	1962	State Board of	Yes, written (after	Experience	1 year	10 hours a year	Yes

		Registration for Foresters	1991)	(education can equal some experience)			
Missouri	2001	Missouri Board for Professional Foresters	Yes, written or oral	Experience and Education	2 years	Yes, but number not specified in statute	Yes

Voluntary Registration Statutes

Michigan	1980	Board of Foresters	Not specified in statute	Experience or Education	Not specified in statute	Not specified in statute	Yes
New Jersey	1940	Board of Tree Experts	Written, but can be waived	Education or experience	Not specified in statute	Not specified in statute	Yes
Oklahoma	1963	State Board of Registration for Foresters	Written	Experience and education	1 year	Not specified in statute	Yes
West Virginia	1963	State Board of Registration for Foresters	Not specified in statute	Experience and education	1 year	10 hours a year	Yes