

# Board of Registration for Foresters

The purpose of the Board of Registration for Foresters is to protect the citizens of South Carolina by improving the standards relating to the practice of professional forestry within the state. The board examines education, knowledge, skills and character of applicants to make sure they are competent to practice forestry.

In addition, the board investigates complaints against licensees and allegations of unlicensed practice and takes disciplinary action when necessary.

## Who Does the Board License?

Anyone wanting to practice forestry in South Carolina must be licensed. The only exceptions are for people who are doing forestry work on their own land, for people who are doing forestry work on land owned by their employer, or for public employees working on state lands.



## What are the Qualifications for a License?

To get a license, a candidate must:

- A. • Graduate from a four-year curriculum in forestry in a department, school or college approved by the board
- Have record of at least two additional years of experience in forestry
  - Successfully pass a written examination
- or*
- B. • Successfully pass a written examination designed to show knowledge and skill equal to what would have been obtained through graduation from an approved four-year curriculum in forestry
- Have record of at least six years of practice in forestry satisfactory to the board. The board recognizes the completion of the junior year of a curriculum in forestry in a school or college approved by the board as being equivalent to two years of practice. The completion of the senior year of a curriculum in forestry, without graduation, in a school or college approved by the board is equivalent to three years of practice.

The Board may deny licensure based on evidence of unlawful acts, incompetence, unprofessional conduct or other misconduct.

## How Do I Become Licensed?

Applicants for registration must submit their application on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. The application will contain statements made under oath showing the applicant's education and a detailed summary of past technical work. It also must include at least five references, of whom three or more must be foresters having personal or professional knowledge of the applicant's forestry experience.

## When are Examinations Given?

Written examinations are given at times and places set by the board. A candidate failing an examination may apply for re-examination after six months and will be re-examined without payment of an additional fee. Subsequent examinations will be granted upon payment of a fee determined by the board.

## How Much Does it Cost to get a License?

The fee for a license as a registered forester is \$40 plus a \$20 application fee submitted with the application. Annual renewal fees are \$40 if paid before July 1 of each year. If made during the ensuing three months, a penalty of \$5 will be charged for each month beyond June.



## How Do I File a Complaint?

Written complaints must be filed with the board. Telephone or anonymous complaints must contain enough information to lead the board office to believe a violation of the registration act may have occurred. All charges, unless dismissed by the board as unfounded, must be heard by the board as soon as a thorough investigation is completed. The board may dismiss the charges, take disciplinary action, schedule a hearing before the board, or file civil or criminal charges based on the results of the investigation.

## What Phone Numbers Do I Need to Know?



For general information, call  
(803) 896-4498

For complaint information, call  
1-800-202-9767

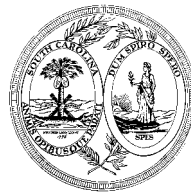
For the Investigation Division, call  
(803) 896-4471  
e-mail [hayesd@zip.llr.sc.edu](mailto:hayesd@zip.llr.sc.edu)

For administration, call  
(803) 896-4496  
e-mail [pyatt@zip.llr.sc.edu](mailto:pyatt@zip.llr.sc.edu)

## Who is on the Board?

The Board consists of five registered foresters and two nonforester members. A board member is appointed by the Governor and serves until his/her term expires or until a successor is appointed.

Each member must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of South Carolina. Each registered forester member must have been engaged in the practice of forestry for at least 10 years. To obtain a list of current board members call (803) 896-4496.



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## Guidelines to Become a Registered Forester

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