

## Bureau of Professional Licensing Forester FAQ (PA 299 of 1980)

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The law applicable to this profession is found at the following link:

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-299-1980-21>

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### **1. What is a forester?**

A forester is a person who by reason of his or her knowledge of the natural sciences, mathematics and principles of forestry, acquired by forestry education and practical experience, is qualified to engage in the practice of professional forestry. [MCL 339.2101\(a\)](#)

### **2. What does the practice of professional forestry include?**

The practice of professional forestry means professional forestry services, including consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, or responsible supervision of forestry interns or forest technicians when the professional service requires the application of forestry principles and techniques. [MCL 339.2101\(b\)](#)

### **3. If I practice forestry, do I have to become a Registered Forester?**

This is a voluntary registration. However, an individual cannot use the title of "registered forester" unless they are registered with the Department. [MCL 339.2108](#)

#### 4. What are the qualifications of becoming a Registered Forester?

**EDUCATION** – A person shall receive a certificate of registration as a forester if the person graduates from an accredited university or college. [MCL 339.2103](#)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** - An applicant for registration must have 2 or more years' experience in forestry work. [MCL 339.2103](#)

**GOOD MORAL CHARACTER** – An applicant shall be of good moral character. [MCL 339.2103](#)

#### 5. What do I need to submit in order to register?

- A completed [Application for Foresters Registration \(LFR-010\)](#)
- A check or money order, made payable to the State of Michigan for \$90 if applying between February 1<sup>st</sup> of an ODD year and January 31<sup>st</sup> of an EVEN year. Or, \$130 if applying between February 1<sup>st</sup> of an EVEN year and January 31<sup>st</sup> of an ODD year.

#### 6. I am a Registered Forester in another state; does Michigan have reciprocity?

The department shall register an applicant who is a legally authorized forester in another state or country if the requirements of the state or country are considered by the department to be equivalent to the requirements of registration in this state. [MCL 339.2107](#)

#### 7. How long is my Registration valid for?

The registration will expire on May 31<sup>st</sup> of an even numbered year (i.e., 2010, 2012, etc.) [R 339.1003](#)

A renewal notice will be mailed to the last address on record approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date.

The fee for renewing the registration is \$80.00. [MCL 338.2229](#)

Late renewals are within 60 days of the expiration date with payment of the regular renewal fee plus a \$20.00 late fee. [MCL 339.411\(2\)](#)

#### 8. I forgot to renew my registration by July 30<sup>th</sup>, what do I do?

If a licensee does not renew within 60 days of their expiration date, they must apply for re-registration. If the registration has been lapsed for 3 or more years, current registration requirements must be met. [MCL 339.411\(3\)](#)

**9. I moved or changed my name, what should I do?**

It is required you notify the Department of a change of address, failure to do so may result in disciplinary action. [MCL 339.204\(4\)](#)

**10. I want my registration reprinted, what should I do?**

In order to request a duplicate registration, you must submit a signed statement requesting the duplicate and indicating whether the original registration was lost, stolen or destroyed. This request must be accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the State of Michigan for \$10.00. [MCL 338.2207](#)

**11. Can I use a seal for my work?**

A plan, map, specification, or report issued by a registered forester shall be indorsed with his or her name and certificate of registration number during the life of the certificate of registration. A registered forester shall not indorse a plan, specification, estimate, or map unless the registered forester actually prepared the plan, specification, estimate, or map or was in the actual charge of the preparation of the plan, specification, estimate, or map. [MCL 339.2105](#)