

# Michigan Board of Foresters

Formed under PA 116 of 2018 in the State of Michigan

Chair: Gerald Grossman  
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## CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) POLICY

**Date:** February 6, 2019

**Approved at February 6, 2019 meeting**

[Public Act 116 of 2018](#) requires the following to maintain registration as a forester.

- (3) *To maintain registration as a forester, an individual shall do all of the following:*
- (a) *Pay the department a fee of \$200.00 for the registration period. The first payment shall be made not more than 30 days after the application for registration is granted under subsection (2).*
  - (b) *Successfully complete not fewer than 24 hours of continuing education every 2 years as approved by the board.*
  - (c) *Demonstrate completion of continuing education requirements under subdivision (b) as a condition for registration renewal by submitting evidence of fulfillment to the board within 60 days of a request to do so.*
  - (d) *Maintain good standing with the board by complying with section 53515.*
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The Michigan Board of Foresters hereby approves the following continuing education credits:

1. Society of American Foresters (SAF) Category 1 core education credits.
2. International Society of Arboriculture (ISA):
  - a. Certified Arborist credits
  - b. Municipal Arborist Specialist credits.
  - c. Board Certified Master Arborist credits.
3. Michigan Sustainable Forestry Education (MSFE) credits excluding truck safety, hydraulics, and equipment-based courses.

All potential continuing forester education opportunities will need to be evaluated by SAF, ISA, or MSFE to see if acceptable.

Sixty days prior to registration expiring, the Board of Foresters will e-mail or mail a renewal form and a bill for program fees to the registrant. Renewal form will include:

1. A copy of PA116 of 2018 Section 53515.
2. A request for \$200 fee.
3. Self reporting on form that will include listing the credits earned and which program evaluated them.
  - a. The board of foresters will audit 5% of the renewal forms each year, by requesting proof of credits be submitted within 60 days of request. Acceptable documentation to include:
    - i. Option 1: Report from SAF, ISA or MSFE.
    - ii. Option 2: Copy of paid registration for meeting (s) along with agenda.

There is a one-time grace period of CE reporting only for 6 months to registrations that expire on May 31, 2020.