

Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, Board of Licensure of Foresters

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 40, Educational Qualifications for Issuance of an Intern Forester License

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER (*leave blank; assigned by Secretary of State*):

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PUBLIC HEARING (if any): None scheduled

COMMENT DEADLINE: March 12, 2010

BRIEF *SUMMARY: This amendment updates references to the two accreditation manuals referenced in the rule and also updates contact information for the Society of American Foresters and the Canadian Forestry Education Board.

IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (if any) None

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 32 MRSA §5506(1)

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED (if different):

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333 BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS
Chapter 40: EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF AN INTERN
FORESTER LICENSE

Summary: This chapter establishes standards for approval of educational programs that qualify graduates to apply for the intern forester license.

1. Graduate, Bachelor or Associate Degree

An applicant for the intern forester license shall submit evidence of:

1. Associate degree

An Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Agriculture, Associate of Applied Agriculture or Diploma (Canada) from a curriculum in forestry or forest technology approved in accordance with section 2 below;

2. Bachelor degree

A Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science in Forestry from a curriculum in forestry approved in accordance with section 2 below; or

3. Master or Doctorate degree.

A Master of Science, Master of Forestry, Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Forestry from a curriculum in forestry approved in accordance with section 2 below.

2. Approved Educational Programs

1. Accredited programs

The Board hereby approves the specific educational programs in forestry and forest technology that are accredited by the Society of American Foresters or the Canadian Institute of Forestry.

[Note: Lists of accredited programs are available from the Board or:

Department of Science and Education
Society of American Foresters
5400 Grosvenor Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814-2198
ph: (301) 897-8720, ext. ~~122~~123
internetweb: <http://www.safnet.org/educate/index.html>www.safnet.org

Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board
18 Pommel Crescent
Kanata, Ontario K2M1A2
ph: (613) 599-7259
web: www.cfab.ca

2. Date of accreditation or certification

The applicant's degree must have been awarded while the program was accredited or certified.

3. Non-approved Educational Programs

1. Case-by-case consideration

Applicants who have graduated from—

- A. A forestry or forest technology program not in the United States or Canada; or
- B. A non-approved forestry or forest technology program from an accredited institution in the United States or Canada,

will be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis using the applicable approval standard from subsection 2 below

2. Approval standards.

The Board hereby incorporates by reference the following approval standards:

Accreditation Handbook / Standards, Procedures, and Guidelines for Accrediting Educational Programs in Professional Forestry (Society of American Foresters, ~~October 2000~~2007 edition, revised June 10, 2007), available from the Board or—

Department of Science and Education
Society of American Foresters
5400 Grosvenor Lane
Bethesda, MD 20184
ph: (301) 897-8720 ext. ~~119123~~

~~internetweb: <http://www.safnet.org/educate/acenews.htm>~~www.safnet.org

Standards and Procedures for Recognizing Educational Programs in Forest Technology (Society of American Foresters, ~~September 2000~~[December 8, 2008, updated August 24, 2009](#)), available from the Board or—

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4. Variance

An applicant who does not meet the educational qualifications contained in this chapter may apply for a variance pursuant to Chapter 50 of these rules.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §5506(1)

EFFECTIVE DATE:

January 1, 1991 - part of Chapter 5, "General Requirements for Licensure"

AMENDED:

February 9, 1991

May 23, 1994

May 12, 1996

EFFECTIVE DATE (ELECTRONIC CONVERSION):

October 23, 1996

EFFECTIVE DATE:

February 16, 2002 - as Chapter 40, "Educational Qualifications for Issuance of an Intern Forester License"