**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**333 BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS**

**Chapter 70-A: LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT**

**Summary:** This Chapter outlines the process to issue a license by endorsement to an applicant who presents proof of licensure by another jurisdiction of the United States as long as the other jurisdiction maintains substantially equivalent license requirements.

**1. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT**

An individual applying for a license by endorsement must meet the following requirements.

1. **License From Another U.S. Jurisdiction**

An applicant licensed by another U.S. jurisdiction who seeks licensure in Maine

pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H must:

A. Hold a valid, active forester license issued by another jurisdiction of the United States that maintains substantially equivalent license requirements for the type of license sought;

B. Pass the jurisprudence examination as set forth in Section 1(3) of this Chapter;

C. Submit a completed application form; and

C. Submit any fee as required by Chapter 10 of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

2. **Substantially Equivalent License Requirements**

“Substantially equivalent license requirements” means that the jurisdiction maintains a

pathway for initial licensure that at a minimum requires the education and experience

as set forth in Section 2(1)(A)-(B).

1. **Forester.**

A. Associate’s Degree and Experience.

i. An associate’s degree in forestry or forest technology from an program accredited by the Society of American Foresters or the equivalent curriculum;

and

ii. A minimum of four years of full time forestry experience under the supervision of a licensed forester or that otherwise demonstrates the applicant is competent to practice forestry.

B. Bachelor’s Degree and Experience.

i. A bachelor’s degree or higher in forestry or forest technology from an

program accredited by the Society of American Foresters or the equivalent

curriculum;

and

ii. A minimum of two years of full time forestry experience under the

supervision of a licensed forester or that otherwise demonstrates the

applicant is competent to practice forestry.

3. **Jurisprudence Examination**

All applicants seeking licensure by endorsement pursuant to this chapter must pass Part 1

of the forester license examination set forth in Chapter 70, Section 3 of Board rules.

4. **Proof of Good Standing in All Jurisdictions**

An applicant must be in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or

has held a license. For purposes of this subsection, “good standing” means that the

applicant does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending, does not have a

license that is suspended or subject to practice restrictions, and has never surrendered a

license or had a license revoked.

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