

NOTICE

Examination for Registration as a Professional Forester

FRIDAY, April 2nd, 2027 - 8:00 A.M.

Examinations will be given in the vicinity of Sacramento, Redding and Eureka. Other locations may be added depending on demand.

DEADLINE FOR NEW APPLICATION FILING: February 5th, 2027

SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION Pursuant to 14 CCR §1640.3, the examination will test the applicant's understanding of **forest economics, forest protection, silviculture, forest management, forest resources use, dendrology, forest ecology, forest mensuration, forest policy, and forest administration.**

EXAMINATION PROCEDURE The examination will consist of two parts, each three and a half hours in length. The first part will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and the second part will run from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

In the morning, the applicant will be required to respond to a short answer segment and two of four essay questions **or** any three essay questions and OMIT answering the short answer question. In the afternoon, the applicant will be required to respond to three of five essay questions. No extra credit will be granted for answering extra questions.

An average score of 75% is required to pass the exam.

Pocket calculators and a pen with black ink will be permitted. No other materials or aids will be allowed in the examination room.

COMPUTER EXAMINATIONS: A new Exam Application has been posted on the Board's website. It includes the option to write the test on a lap top computer to be provided by the Board. Select and check the box on the application if you desire to write the exam on a computer. We are limited to 60 laptops. Some of the exam will still require writing on notepads. For example, graphs and calculations. Also, the exam questions will be on a hard copy handout, not on the computer. It will be your responsibility to adequately label your responses and to number your pages on the computer.

Required Submissions by the Applicant:

Beginning in 2027, applicants will be requested to submit the following with their application:

For engagements supervised by an RPF; A signed statement by their RPF supervisor confirming the supervisor's license number, the work engagement's specific beginning and end dates (Month/Day/Year), the types of forestry activities supervised, and a recommendation by the RPF supporting the applicant's licensing. See the attached pages at the end of this document. Be sure to send the appropriate document for RPF supervisors.

For engagements supervised by a prospective qualified exempt supervisor; A signed statement by the supervisor confirming the work engagement's specific beginning and end dates (Month/Day/Year), the types of forestry activities supervised, and a recommendation by the exempt supervisor supporting the applicant's licensing. Additionally, the exempt supervisor shall provide a detailed listing of the exempt supervisor's forestry work experience and education background including timelines so the examining committee may determine the exempt supervisor's qualifications as a forestry supervisor. See the attached pages at the end of this document. Be sure to send the appropriate document for qualified exempt supervisors.

QUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to PRC §769, the applicant for registration as a Professional Forester must:

- (A) Be of good moral character and have a good reputation for honesty and integrity.
- (B) Furnish evidence of having completed seven years of experience in forestry work.
- (C) Successfully complete an examination as prescribed by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Possession of a Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in Forestry will be deemed equivalent to four years of experience in the actual practice of forestry work. (A bachelor's degree not in forestry plus a Master of Forestry degree will be deemed the equivalent of a B.S. on forestry.)

PLEASE NOTE: If education is to be substituted for qualifying experience, a certified transcript must be sent directly from the college or university to the Executive Officer at the address shown below or his email: dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov.

At least three of the seven years of experience shall include having charge of forestry work, or forestry work under the supervision of a person registered, or qualified for, but exempt from, registration. Work completed prior to July 1, 1973, shall qualify if it was under the supervision of a qualified forester. The award of a Master of Forestry degree will be acceptable as evidence of one year of such qualifying experience.

Some forestry-related degrees, in addition to those specified above, will be accepted pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, §1621.4 in lieu of the required experience.

The applicant must meet the minimum qualifications as of the date of the application deadline. No exceptions.

Applications and detailed information on qualifying experience and education may be obtained from:

**Dan Stapleton, Executive Officer
Professional Foresters Registration
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, California 94244-2460
Phone (916) 653-8031
dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov**

4. Based on your experience working with this individual, do you believe they meet the requirement for having good moral character, with a reputation for honesty and integrity?

Per Section 1622.2 – Contracted Forestry Work:

“Forestry experience obtained while working as a contractor may be claimed as having charge of forestry work, or forestry work under the supervision of a person registered, or qualified but exempt from, registration provided:

(a) The applicant submits a copy of the contract and any documentation necessary to verify the appropriateness of experience.

(b) The contract required the work of the contractor to be supervised as stated in Section 1622(b) of this article.

(c) The contract or documentation specifies the various items of supervision including, but not limited to: training; frequency of contact both for professional and contract compliance purposes; office and field review; and how corrective actions can be taken.

(d) The contract or documentation has the names, current addresses, and phone numbers of each qualified forester who directly carries out this supervision. If the supervisor is Registered, the license number must be included.”

Send completed form to deniele.casarubbia@bof.ca.gov

4. If you are not a California RPF please provide your educational background, even if it is non-forestry, and relevant forestry work history you had already acquired at the time of the applicant's employment, so we can determine your qualifications as an exempt supervisor.

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