

NOTICE

Examination for Registration as a Professional Forester

FRIDAY, April 3rd, 2026 - 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 6th, 2026

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.

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:

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