

Frequently Asked Questions

Q) What are the requirements for registration?

1. B.S. degree or higher in forestry from a school approved by the Board or accredited by the Society of American Foresters in a curriculum in forestry accepted by the Board;
2. Two years of experience in the field of forestry after graduation. (See Alabama law on the web page for specifics.) and
3. Pass oral or written examination.



Q) How many times does the Board meet during the year?

The Board meets four times a year: the fourth Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday (special sessions can be called any time if needed).

- January
- April
- July
- October

Q) How do I go about applying for registration?

Applications are available on the website or you may write or e-mail the Board's office for one.

Q) How much does it cost?

\$60 registration fee must accompany the application when submitted to the Board.

Q) Do I have to wait until after graduation to apply?

No, even though you must have two years of forestry experience after graduation, you may submit an application in the last semester of your senior year or once you graduate.

Q) What is the process I must go through?

To be eligible for examination, an applicant must submit his/her application to the Board in time to be reviewed at a meeting prior to the examination. (Example: If he/she wants to take an examination in April, the application must be submitted in time to be reviewed at the January meeting.)

Applications need to be submitted three to four weeks, if possible, before review. The reason being, those listed as references on your application are sent letters to be completed and returned to the Board. Three of these references must be from graduate or registered foresters and have to be submitted in time to accompany the application to the Board meeting for review.

After the Board meets, you will be notified of their decision concerning your application. If approved, you will be scheduled for an oral or written examination.

Q) When does the Board hold examinations?

Oral examinations are scheduled as necessary by the Board.

Written examinations are given five times per year: January, March, April, July, and October.

Q) What is the difference between the oral and written examination?

Oral examinations are one hour long and may be administered by the Board to applicants who have at least 15 years of forestry experience acceptable to the Board.

Written examinations are six hours long. Part I is administered in the morning. Part II is administered in the afternoon. The written examination is open book. You can bring reference material and a calculator if you wish.

Q) What is the best source of study?

The FORESTRY HANDBOOK, 2nd Edition, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Q) Where can I get a copy of this book?

This book is available for purchase online at www.wiley.com or www.amazon.com .

Q) How will I be notified of the results of examination?

At any time after your exam has been processed by the Board, you may call or e-mail the Board concerning the results. Otherwise, you will be notified in writing within approximately two weeks after the Board meets.

Q) Does the Alabama Board require continuing education?

Yes. The law requires Registered Foresters to complete 10 credit hours per year. Requirements are listed on the website under Continuing Education Requirements or can be obtained by contacting the Board's office.

These requirements must be met when renewing your license each year. Checks for renewal will not be accepted unless accompanied by the continuing education form and continuing education forms will not be accepted unless accompanied by renewal fees.

Q) Does Alabama accept reciprocity with other forestry Boards?

Yes. At present, Alabama has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

Q) What are the requirements for reciprocity?

1. You must live in the state you are registered.
2. Must meet the Alabama education requirement.
3. Must meet the Alabama experience requirement.

