

[A license shall be required of all persons who solicit, advertise or otherwise engage in the tree culture practices enumerated above.]

402.

The Commission of Forests and Parks, or its duly authorized agent, is hereby authorized to examine applicants for license as [certified] tree experts and to pass upon their competency as such. The Director as administrative head of the Department of Forests and Parks shall be deemed to be the duly authorized agent of the Commission of Forests and Parks.

403. The Commission of Forests and Parks shall issue and grant a [certified] "tree expert" license to any applicant, who, in the opinion of the Commission, has qualified by the following:

- (1) Who pays the fees hereinafter provided;
- (2) Who is a citizen of the United States or who has duly declared his or her intention of becoming such citizen;
- (3) Who is over the age of twenty-one years;
- (4) Who is of good moral character;
- (5) (a) Who has had four years of approved college education, preferably in forestry, landscaping or agriculture, or the equivalent; or
(b) Who, in the opinion of the Commission has had sufficient professional experience in tree care to justify waiver of the requirement of four years of college or an equivalent education; or
(c) Who shall have continuously for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his application been engaged in practice as a tree expert; [or]
- (6) Who shall have successfully passed such examinations, as may be given by the Commission as hereafter provided.
- (7) All licensees shall show proof of and carry liability and property damage insurance, *in such form and amounts as may from time to time be required in the discretion of the Commission*, at the time of issuing of said license and shall maintain said insurance protection for the period the license is in effect.

The Commission shall issue, without examination, a license to all persons applying therefor who, as of May 31, 1961, were holders in good standing of a "Certified tree expert license" under the former repealed Maryland law; however, immediately upon such issuance all such new licenses shall be held subject to all of the provisions hereof.

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The Commission shall prepare all examinations hereinabove provided for, and shall conduct the same as often as it deems necessary, but at least once each year [.] if there are any applicants. [Every applicant who has never been licensed under this subheading or who has not been the holder of an operative license for three years next preceding the date of application, must take and pass the examinations prescribed by the Commission; provided that the Commission