

409Q.

Registration shall be determined upon the basis of individual personal qualifications. No firms, companies, partnerships, or corporations can be licensed under this subheading.

409R.

A person not a resident of, and having no place of business in Maryland, or who has recently become a resident thereof, may use the title of Registered Professional Forester provided:

(1) Such person is legally licensed as a Registered Professional Forester in his own State or country and has submitted evidence to the Board he is so licensed.

(2) The State or country in which he is so licensed observes these same rules of reciprocity in regard to persons licensed under the provisions of this subheading.

409S.

The Board shall have the power to revoke the licenses of any registrant who is found guilty by the Board of gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of forestry. The Board is empowered to designate a person or persons to investigate and report to it upon any charges of fraud, deceit, gross negligence, incompetency, or other misconduct in connection with any forestry practice against any registrant as may come to its attention. Any person may prefer charges of fraud, deceit, gross negligence, incompetency or other misconduct in connection with any forestry practice against any registrant. The charges shall be in writing, shall be sworn to by the person making them and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board. All charges, unless dismissed by the Board as trivial or unfounded, shall be heard by the Board within three (3) months after the date on which they shall have been preferred. The time and place for the hearing shall be fixed by the Board and a copy of the charges, together with a notice of the time and place of the hearing, shall be personally served on, or mailed by certified mail, to the last known address of the registrant at least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for the hearing. At any hearing, the registrant shall have the right to appear personally and by counsel, to cross-examine witnesses appearing against him, and to produce evidence and witnesses in his own defense. If, after the hearing, a majority of the Board votes in favor of finding the accused guilty, the Board shall revoke the license of the Registered Professional Forester. Any registrant whose license has been revoked may apply for a review of the proceedings to the circuit court of the county in which he resides, or in the case of a non-resident, in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. The only record to be considered by the circuit court shall be the record made before the Board. New evidence must be presented to the Board, for reasons which it may deem sufficient, may re-issue a license to any person whose license has been revoked by majority vote of the Board. A new license to replace any license revoked, lost, destroyed, or mutilated may be issued, subject to the rules of the Board, and payment of a charge of five dollars (\$5.00) for the issuance.

409T.

Any person who practices, or offers to practice, the profession of forestry in the State without being registered or exempted in