

**Article - Natural Resources**

5-418.

(a) The Department may examine an applicant for license as a tree expert and pass upon the competence of the applicant. It shall issue a "tree expert" license to any applicant, who:

- (1) Pays the fee provided in § 5-419 of this subtitle;
- (2) Has attained 18 years of age; AND

(3) (i) Has had 2 years of approved college education in forestry, arboriculture, horticulture, applied agricultural sciences, or the equivalent education and a minimum of 1 year of experience with a licensed tree expert in Maryland or with an acceptable tree expert company in another state AND HAS PASSED THE EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT; or

(ii) For at least [5] 3 years immediately preceding the date of application has been engaged continuously in practice WITH OR as a tree expert [with a licensed tree expert] in Maryland or [with an acceptable tree expert company] in another state; ~~and~~ ~~OR~~

~~(iii)~~ IS ABLE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF THE REQUIRED EXPERIENCE BY SUBMISSION OF INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE TREE EXPERT BUSINESS AND ANY TWO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE TREE EXPERT BUSINESS:

1. A LIABILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE;
2. A BUSINESS REGISTRATION FILING;
- ~~3. AN INCOME TAX RETURN;~~
4. 3. A BINDER OR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION; OR
- ~~5.~~ 4. A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE; AND

~~(4) Has passed the examination given by the Department.~~

(b) Every licensee shall carry and show proof of liability and property damage insurance, in the form and amount required by the Department at the time it issues the license. The licensee shall maintain the insurance protection for the period the license is in effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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5-420.

The Department shall prepare and conduct examinations as often as necessary, but at least once a year if there are any applicants. A candidate who [has passed]