

(A) IN GENERAL.

TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) EDUCATION.

AN APPLICANT SHALL HAVE BEEN GRADUATED ON COMPLETION OF A 4-YEAR CURRICULUM IN FORESTRY FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OR ACCREDITED BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS.

(C) EXPERIENCE.

THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN FORESTRY THAT INDICATES TO THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT IS COMPETENT TO PRACTICE FORESTRY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 56, § 315 and rephrased in standard language to introduce the basic requirements for an applicant for a license.

Subsections (b) and (c) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 310(2), as it related to the current educational and experience requirements.

In subsection (b) of this section, the words "college or university" are substituted for the former words "school or college", to reflect the practice of the Board to approve only colleges and universities. The Society of American Foresters "accredits" only colleges and universities, although the Society does "recognize" technical schools that are not colleges and universities.

The second sentence of former Art. 56, § 315, which prohibited the licensure of "firms, companies, partnerships, or corporations", is deleted as unnecessary in light of the consistent use of the word "individual" in provisions that relate to licensing.

Former Art. 56, § 310(1), (2), and (3) set forth 3 alternative provisions on education and experience. Former § 310(1) required graduation from a forestry curriculum of at least 4 years from an approved or accredited school and an additional 3 years of forestry work -- a 7-year total requirement. A master's degree could be substituted for 1 year of that experience requirement.