**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**333 BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS**

**Chapter 70-A: LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT**

**Summary:** This Chapter outlines the process to issue a license by endorsement to an applicant who presents proof of licensure by another jurisdiction of the United States as long as the other jurisdiction maintains substantially equivalent license requirements.

**1. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT**

 An individual applying for a license by endorsement must meet the following requirements.

 1. **License From Another U.S. Jurisdiction**

 An applicant licensed by another U.S. jurisdiction who seeks licensure in Maine

 pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H must:

 A. Hold a valid, active forester license issued by another jurisdiction of the United States that maintains substantially equivalent license requirements for the type of license sought;

 B. Pass the jurisprudence examination as set forth in Section 1(3) of this Chapter;

 C. Submit a completed application form; and

 C. Submit any fee as required by Chapter 10 of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

 2. **Substantially Equivalent License Requirements**

 “Substantially equivalent license requirements” means that the jurisdiction maintains a

 pathway for initial licensure that at a minimum requires the education and experience

 as set forth in Section 2(1)(A)-(B).

 1. **Forester.**

 A. Associate’s Degree and Experience.

 i. An associate’s degree in forestry or forest technology from an program accredited by the Society of American Foresters or the equivalent curriculum;

 and

 ii. A minimum of four years of full time forestry experience under the supervision of a licensed forester or that otherwise demonstrates the applicant is competent to practice forestry.

 B. Bachelor’s Degree and Experience.

 i. A bachelor’s degree or higher in forestry or forest technology from an

 program accredited by the Society of American Foresters or the equivalent

 curriculum;

 and

 ii. A minimum of two years of full time forestry experience under the

 supervision of a licensed forester or that otherwise demonstrates the

 applicant is competent to practice forestry.

 3. **Jurisprudence Examination**

 All applicants seeking licensure by endorsement pursuant to this chapter must pass Part 1

 of the forester license examination set forth in Chapter 70, Section 3 of Board rules.

 4. **Proof of Good Standing in All Jurisdictions**

 An applicant must be in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or

 has held a license. For purposes of this subsection, “good standing” means that the

 applicant does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending, does not have a

 license that is suspended or subject to practice restrictions, and has never surrendered a

 license or had a license revoked.

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