

The forestry statutes seem to consider use of the title "registered forester" to be the same thing as being licensed.

"Reciprocal Licensing of Non-Residents": A non-resident or new Mississippi resident, licensed as a Forester in another state, may use the title of registered forester in Mississippi, provided:

Miss. Code Ann. § 73-36-31

(a) such person is legally licensed as a registered forester in his own state or county and has submitted evidence to the board that he is so licensed and that the requirements for registration are at least substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter; **AND**

(b) the state or county in which he is so licensed observes these same rules of reciprocity in regard to persons licensed under this chapter.

Forestry Regulations on Licensure by Reciprocity: In order to receive a reciprocity forestry license in Mississippi, the applicant must meet the following conditions:

30 Code Miss. R. Pt. 1001, R. 11

1. The applicant must have a four (4) year Forestry degree or greater from a SAF accredited forestry school or a forestry curriculum approved by the Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters. A copy of the applicants diploma and/or transcript must accompany the Application For Licensure.

2. The applicant must have successfully passed a written examination essentially equal to the Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters examination, administered by the original granting state that has a current Reciprocity Agreement with Mississippi.

3. The applicant must be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi and have a personal and/or business residence that is outside the political boundaries of Mississippi.

4. The applicant must provide evidence of licensure with a state that has a current reciprocity agreement with Mississippi.

5. Upon approval of licensure, the applicant will be issued a Mississippi reciprocal license and must satisfy all Mississippi licensing and renewal requirements in the future license renewal periods. The license from the original license granting state **must be maintained and will be required for continuance of the Mississippi license.**

This appears to be in direct conflict with MCA 73-36-31 (above), which says that an out-of-state licensee **"who has recently become a resident"** may use the title of registered forester (which seems to be treated as the equivalent of a reciprocal license, since the statute's title is **"Reciprocal licensing of nonresidents"**).