

Notice Number 2024-43Rule Number Fors 300 various

1. Agency Name & Address: Board of Licensing for Foresters c/o Office of Professional Licensure & Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301	2. RSA Authority: <u>RSA 310-A:102, II and VII</u> 3. Federal Authority: <u>n/a</u> 4. Type of Action: <table><tr><td>Adoption</td><td><u> </u></td></tr><tr><td>Repeal</td><td><u>X</u></td></tr><tr><td>Readoption</td><td><u>X</u></td></tr><tr><td>Readoption w/amendment</td><td><u>X</u></td></tr></table>	Adoption	<u> </u>	Repeal	<u>X</u>	Readoption	<u>X</u>	Readoption w/amendment	<u>X</u>
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5. Short Title: **License Requirements**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

The Board of Licensing for Foresters (Board) is proposing the following:

- **Fors 301.02 describing the application for licensure process is being readopted with amendment to remove the current application and implement the use of the “Universal Application for Initial Licensure” and an “Addendum to the Application for Initial Licensure”;**
- **Fors 302.01 through Fors 302.04 describing candidate for licensure requirements, applicant experience requirements, applicant educational requirements, and applicant reference requirements and are being readopted with amendment to make various editorial changes and change the place for the submission of documents from the Board to the OPLC;**
- **Fors 302.06 describing additional references from applicants is being readopted with amendment to change the place for the submission of documents from the Board to the OPLC;**
- **Fors 304.01 describing reciprocity is being readopted; and**
- **Fors 305.02 describing pocket cards is being repealed.**

The rules in this proposal were scheduled to expire 3/13/2024 but have been extended pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

The groups affected by these rule changes are those seeking to take the exam, obtain experience, and apply for licensure either as an initial license or those coming from another state.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Fors 301.02	RSA 310-A:104, I-V
Fors 302.01 – Fors 302.04	RSA 310-A:102, II; RSA 310-A:104
Fors 302.06	RSA 310-A:102, II; RSA 310-A:104
Fors 304	RSA 310-A:111
Fors 305.02 (repeal)	RSA 310-A:107

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Monday, June 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

☐ Fax

☒ E-mail

☐ Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.**

Physical Location: **Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301**

Electronic Access (if applicable): **N/A**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 24:033, dated 3/5/2024

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Not applicable to Fors 305.02 as this rule is being repealed.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

Fors 305.02, pertaining to pocket cards, is being repealed. There are no cost or benefits to the repeal of this rule or to the proposed rules.

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

These rules do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution. These rules do not mandate or assign this program to any political subdivision in any way.