



Registered Professional Foresters

Pathway to Registration for Internationally Educated Professionals (IEP) in New Brunswick

Registered Professional Foresters are regulated professionals in New Brunswick (NB). Registration with the [Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick \(ARPFNB\)](#)—the regulatory authority—is required to use the designation “Registered Professional Forester”, the initials “RPF”, or to otherwise represent oneself as registered, as outlined in [An Act Respecting The Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick](#).

Forestry professionals conduct research, develop plans, and administer and direct programs related to the management and harvesting of forest resources. They are employed by the forest industry, provincial and federal governments, consulting companies, educational institutions and other industries, or they may be self-employed.¹

For work opportunities and other information, visit [NBjobs.ca](#).



STEPS TO REGISTRATION

PART 1: COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

Step 1 – Language Proficiency: The ARPFNB and the Forest Professional Regulators of Canada (FPRC) do not require a language proficiency test for certification. However, a working proficiency in English or French² is expected. Language testing may be required for immigration or academic upgrading.

Step 2 – Credential Assessment: The minimum educational requirement for registration in NB is completion of a university program accredited by the [Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board \(CFAB\)](#), or an equivalent credential.

Internationally educated applicants should first contact the ARPFNB to discuss the registration process, then complete the ARPFNB [online application](#) and submit the required documentation. ARPFNB will provide login credentials for the FPRC [Credential Assessment Process \(CAP\)](#) portal. Completing the [pre-screening tool](#) is a recommended first step.

To proceed to Phase 1 of the academic assessment, candidates must submit the [required documentation](#)³ including an independent academic credential assessment report from an [approved assessment organization](#). Once ARPFNB confirms that the submission is complete in the portal, candidates must pay the Phase 1 assessment fee. FPRC assessors will then evaluate the credentials against the [Forester Professional Standards](#). ARPFNB will review the assessment results with the candidate. If all standards are met, the CAP will be considered complete. If gaps are identified, candidates may address them through assigned bridging or gap-filling measures, or proceeding to the optional Phase 2 experience assessment to demonstrate how professional experience meets the remaining competencies.

Following submission of the experience portfolio for Phase 2, ARPFNB will again confirm completeness and request payment of the Phase 2 assessment fee. Once the FPRC assessment is complete, ARPFNB

¹ [National Occupational Classification \(NOC\)](#) description.

² English and French are the official languages of New Brunswick.

³ If applicable, translation into English or French by a certified translator is required.

will review the results with the candidate. If all remaining competencies are met, the CAP will be considered complete. If gaps remain, candidates must complete ARPFNB-assigned gap-filling measures. CAP fees can be found [here](#), and third party fees will apply to the credential assessment report (sample fee [here](#))

PART 2: REGISTRATION WITH THE NEW BRUNSWICK REGULATORY BODY

Step 3 – Registration Exam: All candidates must complete the ARPFNB registration exam. The three-hour, three-part exam is offered on demand and must be completed at ARPFNB offices in Fredericton NB. Part A is closed book and covers professionalism and ethics. Parts B and C are open book and cover relevant legislation and policies. Current fees can be found [here](#).

Step 4 – Membership: After passing the registration exam and paying the annual dues, candidates become regular members of ARPFNB and are entitled to use the “RPF” designation. Current annual dues can be found [here](#).

If you're in New Brunswick: Contact a [WorkingNB office](#) for help navigating the registration process and to access employment counselling services.



REGISTRATION COSTS AND TIMELINE⁴

Total fees to become a Registered Professional Forester will vary depending upon individual circumstances. Excluding any gap-filling measures, total fees are approximately \$1,830 CAD, or \$1,330 CAD for candidates requiring only CAP Phase 1. Credential evaluation for Phase 1 typically takes two months. Phase 2, if required takes an additional one to two months. Most candidates can expect the entire process to take approximately eight months, or six months for those requiring only CAP Phase 1. Any gap filling measures will extend the timelines.

Pre-arrival: You may initiate the credential evaluation process before arriving in Canada.



WORKING IN CANADA

To work legally in Canada, you must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, or hold a valid work permit. For immigration assistance, visit [Immigration New Brunswick](#). If you are already in Canada, WorkingNB employment counsellors are available to assist you prior to your arrival in New Brunswick. Email: vecs.svce@gnb.ca to set up an appointment.



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⁴ Fee and timeline estimates are as of February 2026 and are subject to change. Individual situations may increase costs and timelines—some examples include: document translation into English or French, international couriers, travel to exam sites, etc.