

Recognition Categories

(You nominate your category)

General Practicing Forester

A General Practicing Forester is a forester, who has completed appropriate tertiary qualifications, obtained at least 5 years field experience, agrees to comply with the IFA Code of Ethics, is insured for professional indemnity when consulting and undertakes Continuing Professional Development. This level of application is the most common level.

General Practicing Forester with recognized skills

A General Practicing Forester with recognized skills is a forester, who has met all the assets of the General Practicing Forester but who has streamed off into a specialty in one or two specific areas in forestry. It would typically relate to those who spend their earlier years in general field forestry and then concentrate in a more specific area of forestry. In the process of this specialization the forester would usually have updated, researched and gained experience in that particular specialization for at least 5 years.

Specialist

This classification recognizes those who are not Foresters but who work in an area of forestry eg: ecology, fire specialist, water catchment, research, academia, etc.

Applicants are expected to have a high level of respect and recognition as an expert in a particular field in a forestry environment with at least 5 years current experience in the nominated area of specialty.

The IFA, the national body for professional foresters is an advocate for sustainable forest management in Australia, high professional standards in forestry, and the active management of our forests for all values.



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Registered Professional Forester Scheme (RPF^(R))

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What does RPF mean?

The RPF scheme promotes high standards in the professional practice of forestry. Registration in the RPF scheme is a logical step in proving your commitment to your job. It means that your skills and expertise are formally recognized.

Why Register in the Registered Professional Forester Scheme?

You are proving your commitment to your career. Becoming a Registered Professional Forester lets your employer and clients know that you mean business when dealing with forestry related issues.

The RPF scheme allows you to define and nominate the area of skill/expertise; you can highlight your areas of strength in which you seek recognition.

Have your qualifications and experience recognized by other countries. The RPF scheme recognizes at this level that you are sufficiently experienced and matured in forestry work to be accepted by your peers as an experienced and professional forester in Australia and overseas.



Forestry is the profession of people who understand trees and ecosystems



and how they are sustainably managed

What does the RPF Scheme mean to Employers and Clients?

For employers and clients of forestry professionals, the RPF scheme guarantees that the Registered Professional Forester they are engaging have been assessed by expert practitioners and deemed to possess the experience, skills and knowledge identified by the RPF Registration Committee for your area/s of skills or expertise.

By becoming a Registered Professional Forester your employer and clients know at a glance that you have committed a Code of Professional Ethics to annually undertaking at least 30 hours of continuing professional development, and if engaged in providing external consultancy services, you are self-insured for Professional Indemnity.

How do I apply to become an RPF?

You can obtain the RPF application kit and information on application fees by visiting the IFA website at www.forestry.org.au, alternatively you can contact the IFA National Office by:

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