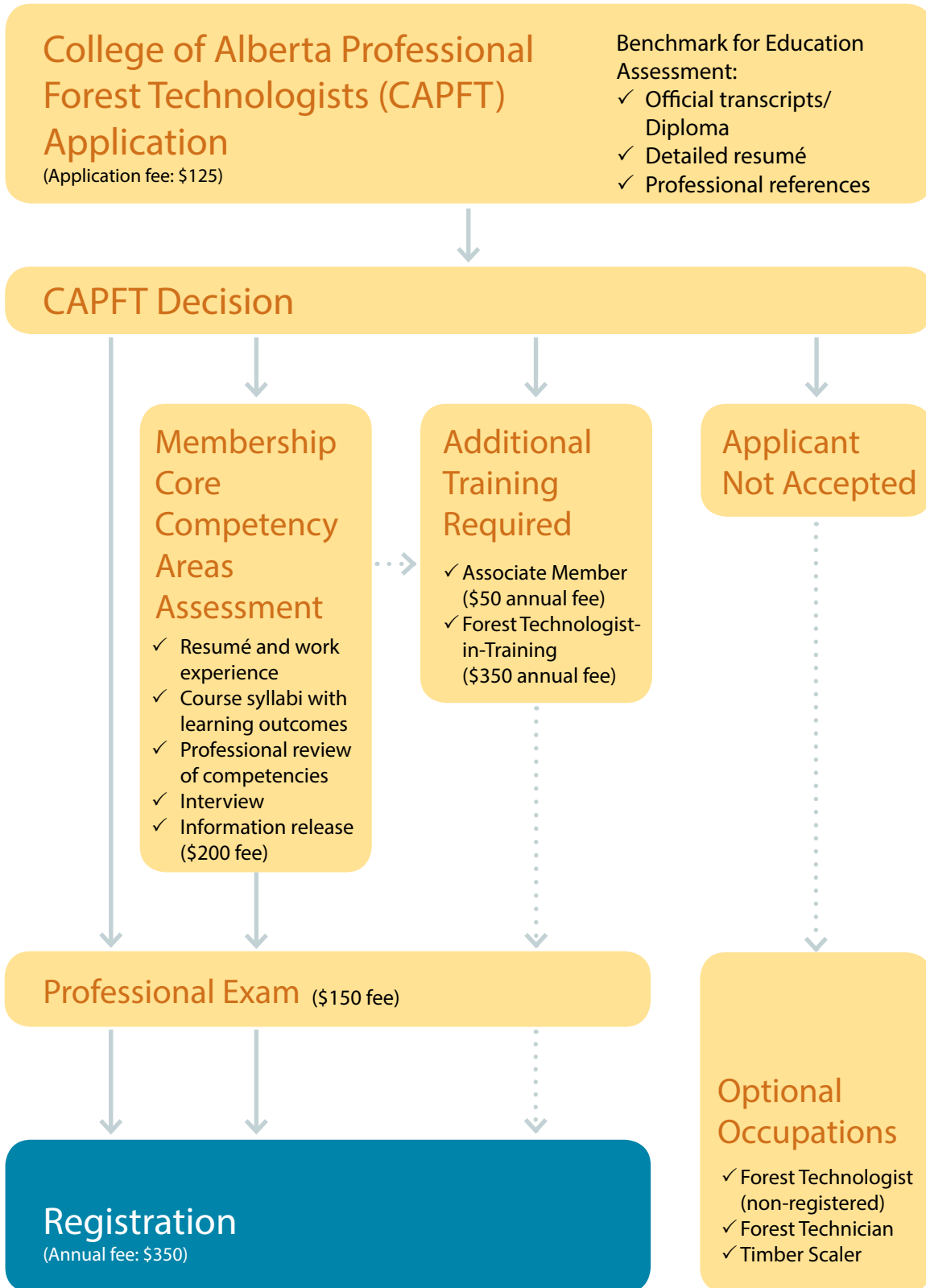


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Description of Occupation

Forest Technologists develop, acquire and apply principles related to the scientific management of forested areas and ecosystems. They work with other land and resource management specialists to ensure that forests are managed wisely. They manage and utilize forest resources with a focus on stewardship, protection and conservation to minimize adverse impacts on forests, ecosystems, land, water, wildlife and social and economic values. Forest Technologists are trained in a broad range of disciplines that allow them to make good decisions for sustainable, long-term management of the resources.

Obtaining Registration in Alberta

In Alberta, Forest Technologists must be registered with the College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists (CAPFT) in order to use the Registered Professional Forest Technologist (RPFT) title. Registration is mandatory if you meet identified competency requirements and intend to practice forestry on public lands.

To obtain the RPFT title you must:

- Meet the CAPFT Benchmark for Education, including work experience and character requirements.
- Pass the CAPFT Professional Examination.

To apply for registration, complete the **Application for Registration Form** online (capft.ca) and send the forms and supporting documents to the CAPFT office by fax, mail, or email.

CAPFT contact information and links to the Registration Form and other resources are at the end of this document.

Residency Requirement

You must be a Canadian citizen or lawfully permitted to work or study in Canada.

Requirements

Internationally educated Forest Technologists must meet the following membership requirements:

1. **Benchmark for Education**

In Alberta, graduation from an approved two (2) or three (3) year forest technology program, or equivalent, is required for CAPFT registration. You must also have at least two (2) years relevant Canadian work experience, preferably in Alberta. You must show that you meet the Benchmark for Education set by CAPFT. To have your credentials evaluated, fill out the Application for Registration Form. You must include:

- Copies of your diploma or certificate and/or official transcripts from all post-secondary education you have completed. Documents not in English must be translated by a certified translator.
- A current resumé listing employer, location, job title, employment dates, responsibilities and accomplishments, immediate supervisors and contact numbers.
- A minimum of three (3) references.

If you do not meet the Benchmark for Education:

- You can choose not to be a registered member of CAPFT. You can work as a forest technologist, but you cannot use the protected RPFT title or
- You can become an Associate Member and undergo a Core Competency Areas/ Academic Assessment and update your experience and training if required.

2. Examinations

You must pass a Professional Examination to demonstrate your professional knowledge as a forestry practitioner. Exams are held at least once a year.

- The exam includes fourteen (14) sections to test your knowledge of regulatory legislation and approval processes required for activity on public land. There will also be questions about forest and land management, silviculture, forest protection and water management issues.
- There are two (2) mandatory questions that test your knowledge of CAPFT bylaws, membership requirements, the Continuing Competency Program, and the Code of Conduct.

Once you pass the Professional Examination, you can apply for a Practice Permit from CAPFT.

Membership Core Competency Areas Assessment

This assessment is a further evaluation of your education and work experience. If you choose to undergo a Membership Core Competency Areas Assessment, you must:

- Submit a detailed work experience report and complete the Core Competency Areas Assessment, showing all related work experience.
- Include detailed course descriptions, course syllabi with learning outcomes, from your post-secondary training. Documents not in English must be translated by a certified translator.
- Have two (2) professionals (either a Registered Professional Forester or Registered Professional Forest Technologist) sign off on your resumé and Core Competency Areas Assessment. You must have known the professionals for at least two (2) years. Only one (1) can be from your current place of work.
- Participate in an interview, if requested.
- Sign an information release allowing a representative of CAPFT to complete the assessment.
- Pay the assessment fee.

If educational gaps are identified, the CAPFT representative will outline courses or experience you must complete to meet the Benchmark for Education. You will be considered for regulated membership once the core competence requirements are met.

If you meet the Benchmark for Education, the CAPFT will determine your registration status. You may be registered as:

- A Registered Professional Forest Technologist (RPFT).
- A Registered Forest Technologist (RFT).
- An Associate Member, while you upgrade your training or work experience.
- A Forest Technologist-in-Training.

Registered Forest Technologist

If you meet the CAPFT Core Competency requirements, but you have not written the professional examination you may become registered as a Registered Forest Technologist. You will be issued a valid Practice Permit, with conditions, and may use the title of Registered Forest Technologist. You will be required to work under the supervision of a forest professional.

Forest Technologist-in-Training

If you meet CAPFT Core Competency requirements, but you have not written the Professional Examination, and do not have the post graduate work experience requirements, you may register as a Forest Technologist-in-Training (FTT). You will be issued a valid Practice Permit, with conditions, and may use the title of Forest Technologist-in-Training. You will be required to work under the supervision of a forest professional.

English Language

English is the working language in Alberta. There is no English language requirement to become a Registered Professional Forest Technologist, but proficiency in English can help you find a job.

Good Character and Reputation

You may be required to provide details of any conviction for a criminal offence or an offence related to the practice of forestry, including professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity.

Payment

The following fees may apply for internationally educated applicants. All fees are in Canadian dollars. Fees are subject to change. See CAPFT website for most up-to-date fees.

Application Fee	\$125
Registered Professional Forest Technologist Annual Membership Fee	\$350
Forest Technologist-in-Training Annual Fee	\$350
Associate Member Annual Fee	\$50
Membership Core Competency Areas Assessment	\$200
Exam Fee	\$150

Average Earnings

The overall average earnings for all Forest Technologists and Technicians, according to the Alberta 2013 Wage and Salary survey:

Average hours worked per week	46.7
Average wage per hour	\$29.95
Average salary per year	\$62,835

Employment Options

You can also consider working in Alberta in related occupations such as Forest Technician or Timber Scaler.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website: [Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Forest Technologist \(www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo\)](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo).

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Resources

This information is an overview of the registration process. For the most current information on Forest Technologist registration visit the CAPFT website at www.capft.ca.

Application Forms and Information:

- [Registration and Membership](#)
- [Application Form](#)
- [Application Fees](#)

Examinations:

- [Professional Exam](#)