

Right to Practice (RTP) Background Information:

Benefits of RTP.

- To assure the public of the conduct, proficiency, competency and integrity of those who practice forestry in New Brunswick on public (crown) and private land.
- To improve the practice of forestry in the NB and encourage a wider understanding of sustainable forest management
- To promote and increase the knowledge, skill and proficiency of those practicing professional forestry
- Adherence to Labour mobility legislation of professional's within Canada in keeping with AIT of Internationally Trained Foresters.
- Remain on level playing field with other provinces in Canada. All provinces west of New Brunswick have Right to Practice for Foresters (except Manitoba).

How RTP could affect the following interest groups.

- **University graduate BSc in Forestry or FE:** Must register with ARPFNB to continue to work in the practice of professional forestry.
- **College graduate Forest Technicians and Technologist:** No effect when working to the scope of their training and competence.
- **Forest Operations Contractors** (harvest, roads, silviculture): No effect on operations.
- **Forest Products Companies:** Should make sure University graduate foresters are registered with ARPFNB, and forest technicians/technologists working beyond their scope of training and competence would need to obtain Special permit. Otherwise no effect.
- **General Public:** Obtains greater assurance of the conduct, proficiency, competency and integrity of those who practice professional forestry in New Brunswick on public (crown) and private land. They have knowledge that there will be an improvement in the practice of forestry in NB and encourage a wider understanding of sustainable forest management; To promote and increase the knowledge, skill and proficiency of those practicing professional forestry.
- **Private Woodlot Owners:** No effect when they carryout functions on their own land. If they want to work on neighbors land for remuneration then they would need to obtain special permit, or hire technician or forester.

Historic votes on RTP:

- Every vote the ARPFNB has had on Right to Practice has been supported by its members.

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<http://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/publications/en/professions/guide-practise-profession.pdf>