

Activities Needing RPF Signature and Seal

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Session 3:

**Rekindling the pride in the forestry profession:
The need for Professionals to strengthen their ranks**



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Outline

- Practice of Forestry Profession
- Challenges
- Recommendation



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Practice of Forestry Profession – RA 10690

- Actual or supervisory activities or services
 - ✓ classification of lands of the public domain and subclassification and capability determination of forestland
 - ✓ inventory of forest or timber and other forest products
 - ✓ reconnaissance and survey of road locations and quarry sites
 - ✓ planning and implementing of harvesting operations and timber improvement
 - ✓ scaling and grading of, and manifesting taxes on logs and derivative wood products as well as other forest products preparation of designs



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- Actual or supervisory activities or services:
 - ✓ plans and specifications of forest products processing plants
 - ✓ treatment of wood and other forest products;
 - ✓ inspection and investigation of harvesting and processing plants
 - ✓ preparation, certification or authentication, or both, of log and lumber dealers
 - ✓ sawmill operators and other mill test reports
 - ✓ planning and implementation of forest nursery



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- Actual or supervisory activities or services
 - ✓ afforestation, reforestation, industrial and community-based tree plantation
 - ✓ tree farm and agroforestry farm projects
 - ✓ planning and implementation of forest parks; wilderness areas, coastal areas and other protected area systems development
 - ✓ planning and implementation of forest protection systems, forest and soil resources conservation measures; and
 - ✓ conduct of environmental risk scoping and environmental impact assessment



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- Preparation and conduct of feasibility studies
 - ✓ natural forest and plantation forest management,
 - ✓ watershed management,
 - ✓ range or grazing land management,
 - ✓ wildlife and biodiversity systems management,
 - ✓ wood technology and timber engineering,
 - ✓ wood products manufacturing and marketing management,
 - ✓ technical or management consultancy



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- The conduct of forest experiments, research and development
- Training and extension concerning forestry,
- Teaching of forestry subjects in any accredited college or school of forestry



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- Government institutional activities or services wherein the principal policy and strategy is forestry, and the practice of professional forestry is essential
- Supervision, or administration of studies, programs, stations, centers, community/provincial/regional offices
- Other activities or services that, by law, should be inherently exercised by professional foresters



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- Forestry activities and services required by
 - ✓ local government units
 - ✓ private corporations, foundations, nongovernment organizations
 - ✓ foreign assisted projects, should be **inherently exercised by professional foresters**



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Lawful Practitioners of Forestry

➤ Natural persons

- ✓ Duly registered foresters and holders of valid **certificates of registration and valid professional identification cards**
- ✓ Holders of valid temporary or special permits issued by the Board and the PRC to **foreign licensed foresters**



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Lawful Practitioners of Forestry

➤ Juridical persons

- ✓ Single proprietorship whose owner and staff are **registered forester**
- ✓ Partnership duly registered with SEC as professional partnership pursuant to the New Civil Code, and composed of **partners who are all duly registered foresters**
- ✓ Partnership duly registered with the SEC as professional partnership pursuant to the New Civil Code, and **composed of partners who are all duly registered foresters**
- ✓ Corporation duly registered with the SEC as engaged in the practice of forestry with officers and Board of Directors who are **all registered foresters**
- ✓ Association duly registered with the SEC as nonprofit and nonstock corporation whose officers, Board of Trustees, and members are **all registered foresters**



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Issuance and use of seal

- All registered foresters shall obtain a seal of a design and make as the Board shall authorize and direct
 - ✓ Serial number of the certificate of registration included in the seal
 - ✓ Documents prepared by or under direct supervision of a registered or professional forester shall be stamped with the latter's seal
 - ❖ reports, certifications, contracts, studies, plans, surveys, returns, technical descriptions, inventory data, maps, drawings, sketches, lay-outs, exhibits, proposal or offer of services, tests and analyses
 - ❖ other documents subject of such acts upon the recommendation of the APO concerned and by the resolution of the Board



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Documents signed by a Forester shall have:

- forester's certificate of registration number and its date of issuance;
- current professional identification card's expiry;
- PTR number;
- Forester's APO membership number and the date of issuance
- Official receipt number and date of payment, whether annual or lifetime



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Challenges

- Practice our profession as mandated
- Valid professional license
- Updated with our obligations as member of SFFI
- Responsibility and accountability



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Moving forward

- Resolution to request government institutions to institutionalize and strengthen the Practice of Forestry Profession
- Allow only **RPF** with **valid license** and **member of SFFI** to perform forestry related activities and sign corresponding documents
- Continue to review policies and recommend amendments or develop new ones to strengthen practice of forestry profession



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