

Non-Resident Membership

A Non-Resident Member:

- Pays annual membership fees (see the [Fee Schedule](#)).
- Does not live in Ontario. If a member returns to live in Ontario they must apply for Full Membership.
- Is not entitled to practise any aspect of professional forestry in either a paid or volunteer capacity in Ontario unless they apply and obtain a Temporary Membership to do so.
- Must return their current seal and membership certificate. A new certificate for Non-Resident Membership will be issued.
- Is entitled to use the R.P.F. designation provided that it is not used to represent themselves as able to practise professional forestry in Ontario.
- Will continue to receive all member notices and *The Professional Forester* newsletter.
- Is entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- Must continue to maintain competency reporting. Non-Resident Members in good standing, who have been actively practising forestry in other jurisdictions and are returning to practise in Ontario within 5 years of leaving and those whose Continuing Education records can confirm to the OPFA's Registration Committee that a significant portion of their continuing education was devoted to keeping their knowledge of Ontario Forest Policy and Legislative Framework current, may not have to further demonstrate competence.
- Must complete the Good Character Declaration annually.
- May apply to return to Full Membership. They are not entitled to practise until approved. Approval may be subject to requirements deemed necessary by the Registration Committee.

To apply for Non-Resident Membership, you must:

- Be a Full Member in good standing for at least 12 months or more.
- You must not reside in Ontario.
- Send in a formal request (email is acceptable) stating that they do not reside in Ontario and that they understand that they are not entitled to practise any aspect of professional forestry in either a paid or volunteer capacity in Ontario unless they apply and obtain a Temporary Membership to do so.
- Pay the Non-Resident Membership fee and Category Change Fee at the time of the approval of your application (see [Fee Schedule](#)).