



BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS



Non-Compliance with CFE Requirements

When an individual does not meet the continuing foresters' education (CFE) requirements for license renewal, he/she will be placed on a probationary status for six months. Failure to complete CFE requirements during that period will result in cancellation of registration and prohibition from practicing forestry in South Carolina. The licensee would then have to apply for reinstatement to active registration to resume practice.

A total of 10 CFE credits is required annually. A minimum of five credits must be in category one. A maximum of five credits in categories two through six may be carried over for one year.

However, the award of a CFE certificate by the Society of American Foresters may qualify the individual's CFE requirements for the two following years.

Statistical Information 1998-99

Renewal Licenses Issued	776
New Licenses Issued	52
Examinations Passed	21
Examinations Failed	31
Complaints	2
Investigations	2

Board Meeting Dates

Board meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

January 21, 2000
April 18, 2000
July 25, 2000
October 24, 2000

Meeting dates are subject to change. Those planning to attend a board meeting should contact the board office to confirm the date.

Board Examination Dates

December 6, 1999
March 6, 2000
June 5, 2000
September 11, 2000
December 4, 2000

All examinations are held at the board's office at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina unless otherwise notified.

It's the Law

Title 40, Chapter 1, Code of Laws of S.C., 1976 as amended, covers "Board Regulations of Professions and Occupations."

§40-1-110 is "Grounds for Disciplinary Action."

In addition to any other grounds contained in this article and the respective boards' articles:

(1) Any board may cancel, fine, suspend, revoke or otherwise restrict the authorization to practice of any individual who:

- (a) used a false, fraudulent or forged statement or document or committed a fraudulent, deceitful or dishonest act or omitted a material fact in obtaining licensure under this article;
- (b) has had a license to practice a regulated profession

or occupation in another state or jurisdiction canceled, revoked or suspended or who has otherwise been disciplined;

(c) has intentionally or knowingly, directly or indirectly, violated or aided or abetted in the violation or conspiracy to violate this article or a regulation promulgated under this article;

(d) has intentionally used a fraudulent statement in a document connected to the practice of his profession or occupation;

(e) has obtained fees or assisted in obtaining fees under fraudulent circumstances;

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Board Approves New Procedures

The board has adopted two new procedures dealing with requirements for registration. One of the requirements for registration is a period of work experience that is satisfactory to the board (two years for forestry school graduates and six years for non-graduates). The new procedure addresses the qualifications of the supervisor of the applicant:

"The person providing supervision must have a Bachelor of Science or higher degree from an approved curriculum in forestry and a minimum of two (2) years' experience or must be a registered forester in South Carolina. This procedure becomes effective July 1, 2001."

The board found it necessary to clarify the nature of supervision the applicant received to meet the "satisfactory to the board" test. Work experience requirements are designed to be a learning process under the guidance and tutelage of an experienced professional. The new procedure will help assure that the work experience presented for registration will meet that requirement. Implementation of the procedure will be deferred until July 1, 2001, to prevent hardship for individuals who may not be presently working under supervision as described above.

The second new procedure deals with the number of years of experience required for registration. Presently, applicants for registration who have not graduated from a forestry school must show six years' experience that is satisfactory to the board. Completion of the junior year in forestry is considered equivalent to two years of practice. The completion of the senior year without graduation is equivalent to three years' experience.

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- (f) has committed a dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional act that is likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public;
- (g) lacks the professional or ethical competence to practice his profession or occupation;
- (h) has been convicted of or has pled guilty to or nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving drugs or moral turpitude;
- (i) has practiced his profession or occupation while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or uses alcohol or drugs to such a degree as to render him unfit to practice his profession or occupation;
- (j) has sustained a physical or mental disability which renders further practice by the licensee dangerous to the public;
- (k) violates a provision of this article or of a regulation promulgated under this article;
- (l) violates the code of professional ethics adopted by the applicable licensing board for the regulated profession or occupation or adopted by the department with the advice of the advisory panel for the professions and occupations it directly regulates.

Each incident is considered a separate violation.

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The new procedure adopted by the board addresses applicants who have graduated from technical schools and reads as follows:

"Graduates of technical schools approved by the board with an associate degree in forestry, may receive one year of credit toward the six (6) years of required experience."

All applicants who do not hold a minimum of a four-year degree must appear before the board and have qualifying experience approved before taking the examination.

ASBORF is Foresters' Professional Association

No, contrary to possible first impressions, ASBORF is not a sneeze or a "heave." ASBORF is the acronym by which the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters is known. It is easy to see why!

ASBORF was formed at a January 19, 1993, meeting in Greenville in conjunction with the annual meeting of the South Carolina Division of the Society of American Foresters.

Charles Moore, II, then chairman of the South Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters, had recognized that the 19 or so states that registered foresters had diverse requirements, and that diversity created problems in dealing with reciprocity and registration by other means.

Representatives of the Boards of Registration for Foresters of the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas were invited to the Greenville meeting. Most attended. At the meeting, the program included presentations by each state on enabling legislation, administration, policy and procedures, escrow accounts, examinations, newsletters and communication, enforcement of law, reciprocity and continuing education. A charter was proposed, dues were established, and a place and date for the next annual meeting were selected.

Annual meetings are held in late winter or early spring (January-April). Meeting sites have included Greenville; Atlanta, Ga.; Starkville, Miss.; Asheville, N.C.; Birmingham, Ala., and Columbia.

Charter (and current) membership includes the boards of registration for foresters of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina. Representatives of the states of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia have attended recent meetings, observed the interaction among the members, and have presented programs about the history and status of their efforts to have legislation enacted to require registration for foresters in their respective states.

ASBORF serves as a unique avenue for the exchange of ideas and review of problems and successes, as well as the similarities and dissimilarities of the various member boards.

Governor Launches OVP Safety Campaign

Gov. Jim Hodges and the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation have launched a statewide campaign to bring attention to a free and innovative program designed to make South Carolina workplaces safer.

Under the theme, SafetyWorks!, the governor is urging employers across the state to take advantage of the free services offered by the S.C. Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs (S.C. OVP). The program, which is independent of S.C. OSHA's enforcement arm, offers expert advice and hands-on help to companies across the state.

The ultimate goal of S.C. OVP is to make sure employers are providing worksites that are safe and healthy for employees.

"I can think of no better way to pay tribute to this state's work force than to launch a campaign to create safer and healthier work places," Gov. Hodges said.

LLR Director Rita M. McKinney said S.C. OVP's staff is ready to help South Carolina businesses make their workplaces safe and healthy.

"The OVP team has 200 years of experience in industries ranging from textiles to construction to health care, at both large and small companies. They offer long-term experience to solve a long-term problem," McKinney said. "All we ask is that businesses give us an opportunity."

The governor launched the campaign at news conferences in Greenville and Columbia.

The Greenville news conference was held at KEMET Electronics Corp., Fountain Inn Plant. KEMET uses S.C. OVP services.

"At KEMET, we consider the Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs to be a vital member of our health and safety team," said KEMET's President and Chief Operating Officer Charles Culbertson. "If they were not available to

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Consultation, Training Only a Request Away

If you would like to take advantage of OVP's free services, here's what you need to know:

The consultation process starts with a written request from a business, by facsimile or by mail, on company stationary. The request is assigned to a safety and health consultant with expertise in the particular field. The consultant contacts the company by phone and arranges a convenient time for both parties.

On the appointed day, the consultant goes to the work site. He or she meets with representatives of the business and collects information about the employer's accident history, experience with OSHA and information about the company's safety program, if one exists.

The consultant explains that the employer is responsible for correcting, controlling or eliminating all hazards identified within the time frames agreed upon. Failure to do so results in a referral to OSHA enforcement.

After the information gathering stage, the consultants asks a company representative to accompany him/her on a tour of the facility. For example, in manufacturing, the consultant follows the process of whatever the company is making from beginning to end. The flow of the product is followed from the time raw materials are received, through the manufacturing process and till the time it is shipped out the door. On a construction site, the consultant starts the tour at the job trailer and works his/her way to the front door of the facility. On a high-rise, the consultant starts at the bottom and works up to the top.

During the tour, the consultant talks with employees to learn about working conditions and to see if they have concerns about safety. On the tour, the consultant looks for OSHA safety and health violations and unsafe acts or conditions. At the closing conference, the consultant discusses options for correcting, controlling or eliminating hazards identified. Time frames are discussed and negotiated. Shortly after the visit, the company receives a written report that summarizes the consultant's findings and the agreed upon time periods for correction, control or elimination.

Businesses may request free training for employees on a variety of safety and health topics by submitting a request in writing to OVP, by facsimile or by mail.

The request is assigned to a training coordinator with expertise on the particular subject. The trainer negotiates with the company a time and place to provide the training.

In addition to training classes conducted at the company's work site, OVP offers regional training programs around the state throughout the year on a variety of safety and health issues.

OVP can be reached by phone at (803) 734-9599, by fax at (803) 734-9741 or by email at scovp@mail.llr.state.sc.us.

give us their help and support, we would have to pay big bucks to a private consulting organization for the same services OVP provides to any South Carolina company for free."

Culbertson continued: "Not only is the service provided by the Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs something that all South Carolina companies can afford – it is something no South Carolina company can afford to be without."

The Columbia news conference was held at the M.B. Kahn Construction Company, White Knoll High School construction site, in Lexington County. M.B. Kahn also uses S.C. OVP's services

"After a S.C. OVP visit, accidents decrease and productivity picks up," said Daniel Wessinger, safety manager at M.B. Kahn. "On one particular job, we were having an incident rate of about 25 to 30. After a S.C. OVP visit, our incident rate went down to 5.

"People on the job site know the basics, but after a while they get complacent," Wessinger said. "The OVP consultant brings everyone's attention back to safety."

OVP can provide assistance to employers in three ways:

- Consultations by safety and health professionals who can help employers spot workplace problems before they can cause injury or illness. Records are kept confidential.
- Training classes for employees covering the key safety issues they face each day from personal protective equipment to fall protection to violence in the workplace. In addition to regularly scheduled classes across the state, S.C. OVP can bring tailor-made classes to the worksite.
- Phone consultations to answer questions about safety regulations and resources.

As part of the SafetyWorks! campaign, S.C. OVP has a new website on the Internet, which is an invaluable resource to businesses for getting information about OVP services and workplace safety in general. The address is:
www.scovp.state.sc.us.

"I encourage all South Carolina employers to put the OVP team at LLR to work for your business," the governor said. "Safety works!"

We're on the Internet!



Check out LLR on our home page on the world wide web. LLR's page includes general information about the agency and key data on individual programs. If you have any ideas or suggestions, contact Lesia Kudelka, 896-4376, or Donna Delia, 896-4377.

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Recent Board Actions

The following individuals have been registered and issued a license to practice forestry in South Carolina between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999:

James D. Allen, III
William M. Ardrey, III
Michael H. Arrington
William B. Blankenship
David Brasell
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David Stines
Terrell G. Thrift
Christopher D. Vaughn
Phillip Weatherford
Joshua White
John J. Whiteside
Bobby S. York
Jason L. Zettler

The following licensees have been re-instated:

Stan D. Clark, Frank M. Riley, Jr., John F. Thurmes, Jeffrey J. Weyers, Glenn A. Zettler