

Forestry News

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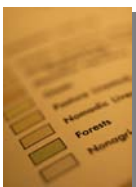
Please visit the Board's website, www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/forestry/ for information regarding licensing, disciplinary actions, forms, filing a complaint, laws, Board meeting minutes and other topics.

Online Services



Licensees should utilize the Board's website, <https://verify.llronline.com>, to request license verifications. Requests are processed and mailed within seven to 10 business days. There is a \$20 fee for each license verification request. The Online Services web site also contains information on change of address requests, licensee lookup and *online renewal information*.

Continuing Education



Foresters are required to obtain 20 hours of continuing forestry education between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2011, in order to renew. A total of 10 CFE hours must be in Category One. A maximum of five credits in Categories Two through Six may be carried over for one year. Registrants requesting to carryover Category One credits must submit a written request to the Board for review and approval. To review the Board's regulations regarding CFE requirements, visit www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/c053.htm.

All Employers Must Comply with S.C. Immigration Act by July 1, 2010

The "South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act" that was signed into law by Governor Mark Sanford on June 4, 2008 will soon be applicable to all businesses in South Carolina regardless of the number of employees.

Compliance with this law began July 1, 2009, for private employers who employ 100 or more employees. For private employers who employ less than 100 employees, the compliance date is July 1, 2010.

The law requires all employers to verify the legal status of new employees and prohibits employment of any worker who is not legally in this country and authorized to work. The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Office of Immigrant Worker Compliance is charged with investigating complaints and conducting random audits of private employers to assure compliance. Failure to comply can result in severe monetary penalties and revocation of an employer's right to operate their business.



Board Meeting Dates for 2010

- July 15
- October 14

Board meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are open to the public. Meetings are held at the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia S.C.

During the first year, LLR investigators found that most large employers (more than 100 workers) were in compliance with the law. When violations were found they generally were because

- employers who were using E-Verify to verify their employees, did not do so within the five-day timeframe required by the law.
- employers who were using driver's licenses to verify employees, did so using a driver's license from a state not on the approved list.

For more information on the law, visit www.llronline.com/immigration/.

Wallet Cards are Available for LLR Licensees

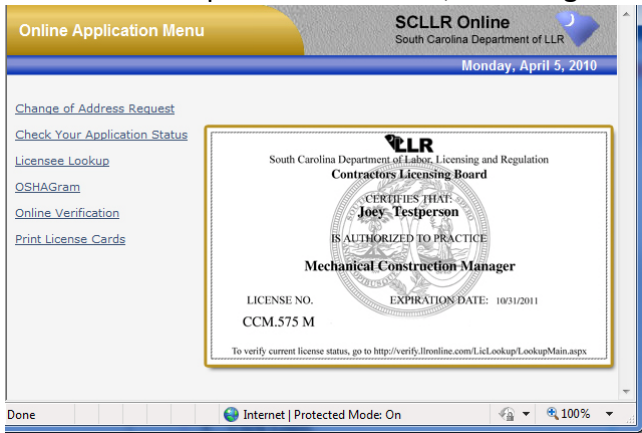
The S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) has heard from many licensees that they

would like a wallet card identifying them as licensed in their chosen occupation or profession, and we listened.

Licensees now have the capability through LLR's Website to download and print a wallet card as a courtesy. The cards can be printed from your printer at your convenience, and you will need Adobe Reader installed on your PC to view and print the card. For best results, use card stock instead of copy paper to print a more durable card.

Instructions to Print Your Wallet Card

- Go to <https://verify.llronline.com>.
- Click on the "Print License Card" link on the left of the screen.



- Login with your username and password or last five digits of SSN and last name/company name.
- Click Login.
- A list of all active licenses will appear on screen.
- Click the PDF icon to the right for the license you want to print.
- The wallet card will open in a new Adobe Reader window.
- Print the wallet card.
- Logout.