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Fall 2022 Newsletter

SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council

Council Meeting Dates

The SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council will meet on the following dates:

- March 14, 2023
- September 12, 2023

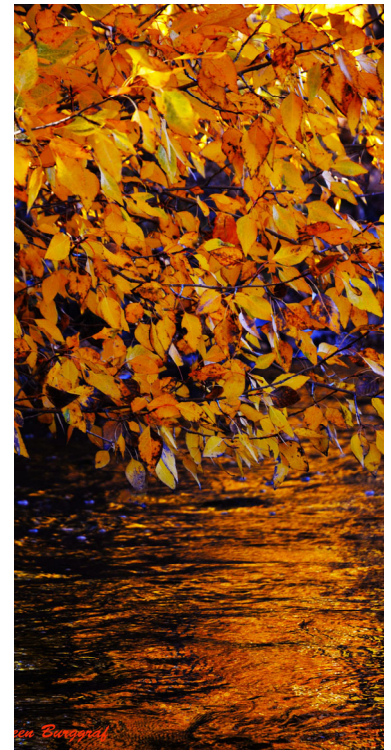
Meetings are being held via video and teleconference, and begin at 10 a.m. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet. For login information, please call (803)896-4580 or email Contact.Soil@llr.sc.gov.

Council Members

- John H. Thorp, Chairman
- Christopher J. Fincham, Vice Chairman
- Randall K. Fowler
- Dennis D. DeFrancesco
- M. Lance Brewington

Council Staff

- Pam Dunkin, Administrator
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- Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator
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2023-2025 License Renewals

- **License renewal notices will be sent by email and U.S. Mail during the last week of October 2022 and will open on November 1, 2022.**
- **Once renewed, the license will be valid through January 31, 2025.**
- **Passwords must be reset in order to renew online.** You will need to have a current email address and the UserID associated with the license in order to reset the password and renew online. The password can be reset by logging into the online renewal system and clicking “I Forgot My Password.” Please contact the Council office if you need to update the email address associated with your license.
- **You must renew online if you wish to pay the renewal fee by credit card.** The Council cannot accept credit card numbers by telephone.
- **If you wish to pay by check or money order, you must mail in the paper renewal form with the payment.** The paper renewal forms will be available on the Council website on November 1, 2022.
- **The Council cannot waive late penalty fees.** Be sure to renew by the January 31, 2023, deadline in order to avoid the \$40 late penalty fee. Renewals done online or postmarked February 1, 2023, or later, will be subject to the late penalty fee.
- **Individuals renewing their licenses must certify that they will have the 30 hours of continuing education by January 31, 2023.** Hours reported for this renewal must be obtained February 1, 2021 – January 31, 2023. The Council will allow a maximum of ten (10) hours to be carried over for the period of February 1, 2019 – January 31, 2021, that were not used for the 2021 license renewal. Please do not send continuing education documentation with the license renewal. Additional information on the continuing education requirement is available on the Council [website](#).
- **Individuals applying for a hardship exemption from the continuing education requirement must submit a written request and pertinent documentation to the Council office no later than January 1, 2023.**
- **The license renewal system will close at 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2023.** Licenses that are not renewed by this time will lapse due to failure to renew.

Reinstatement of Lapsed Licenses

The law only allows reinstatement of a lapsed license for a period of three years after the license lapsed. That means that you must reapply for licensure if your license lapsed before January 31, 2018. If you qualify for reinstatement, you will need to submit the reinstatement application, the \$250 reinstatement fee, and documentation of 30 hours of continuing education activities to the Council office. The reinstatement application is available on the Council [website](#).

Continuing Education and CE Broker

Each licensed soil classifier must complete 30 hours of continuing education during the biennial licensure period. One of these hours must be in professional ethics, or in a review of the Council law and ethics. A list of resources for continuing education is available on the Council [website](#). Questions regarding the continuing education requirement for the current period of February 1, 2021—January 31, 2023, can be directed to Council staff at (803)896-4580 or at Contact.Soil@llr.sc.gov.

The Council is excited to announce that continuing education audits will soon be conducted through CE Broker, a tracking tool used by various states and boards throughout the nation. Licensees are encouraged to set up their free account through CE Broker. To establish an account, follow these steps:

- Go to [CE Broker](#).
- Click “Sign In.”
- Click “Sign Up” (beside the text that reads “Not a member yet?”)
- Click your choice of plan. You are only required to have free a basic plan for audits with the Council.

Once the account is set up, licensees can enter their continuing education documentation as they receive it from attended events.

Questions regarding accounts and submittals can be directed to CE Broker at 1-877-434-6323.

Free Online Roster Available

A roster of all currently licensed professional soil classifiers in the State of South Carolina is available on the Council [website](#). Click on the “Alert” button next to the text that reads “Click Here for a list of Licensed Professional Soil Classifiers” to open a PDF document with a list of licensed soil classifiers accepting calls from the public.

This roster is provided free of charge and is regularly updated.

Licensure Statistics as of October 1, 2022

Professional Soil Classifiers: 44

Soil Classifiers-in-Training: 1



CSSE Examinations

Individuals interested in applying for licensure as a professional soil classifier in South Carolina must pass the Fundamentals and Professional Practice sections to meet the examination requirement in our law.

The exams are now being offered on demand. This means that candidates can take the exam from home or their office, as long as they meet the security criteria for testing.

Please visit the Soil Science Society of America [website](#) for available testing dates, information, study materials, and to register for the exam.

Online Services

LLR offers many online services, including application status updates, change of address, and printing pocket cards. You will need the user identification and password for your online renewal to access these [services](#) (click on Licensing + Services).

Office Hours and State Holidays

The Board office is open 8:30 a.m. –

5 p.m.,

Monday – Friday, except on the following State Holidays:

- November 11, 2022—Veterans Day
- November 24-25, 2022—Thanksgiving Day
- December 23-27, 2022—Christmas Day
- January 2, 2023—New Year's Day
- January 16, 2023—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 20, 2023—Presidents Day
- May 10, 2023—Confederate Memorial Day
- May 29, 2023—National Memorial Day
- July 4, 2023—Independence Day
- September 4, 2023—Labor Day
- November 10, 2023—Veterans Day
- November 23-24, 2023—Thanksgiving Day
- December 22-26, 2023—Christmas Day

Are You Interested in Serving on the Council?

Members of the Council must be citizens of the United States, licensed in the State of South Carolina for a period of at least ten years, in positions of responsible charge for at least six years, and reside in the State of South Carolina. Interested individuals should complete a resume that includes the following information:

- Education and collegiate achievements.
- Professional experience.
- Professional and technical society activities.
- Civic and humanitarian activities.
- General personal data.
- References or letters of recommendation, if available.

Submittal Information:

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Complaints

Licensees perform a valuable work for the public as licensed soil classifiers in the State of South Carolina. The majority of licensed professionals are competent, skilled practitioners, and you are a witness to their good work. You may also witness work or processes that don't meet the requirements licensees must uphold, or find work performed by unlicensed individuals.

Licensees play an important role in safeguarding the public, and the Council relies on you to advise the Council when you encounter unprofessional, unethical, or unlicensed activities. The Council encourages you to file a complaint if you witness a possible violation. The Council can accept anonymous complaints and pursue them if you do not wish to be the formal complainant, and if the related information or documentation is publicly available.

Complaints must be filed through the [online complaint form](#).

We Want to Hear From You

We hope the information in this newsletter is beneficial to you as a professional soil classifier. We welcome your sharing this newsletter and the Council's website with anybody who has an interest in soil classifying in South Carolina. Please submit information to Contact.Soil@llr.sc.gov if you have suggestions for a future newsletter.