

SOUTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION BOARD

2022 Newsletter

MEETING DATES

The SC Environmental Certification Board will meet at the Board office on the following dates:

- July 21, 2022
- October 27, 2022

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Douglas B. Kinard	Represents DHEC
James E. Rodgers, Jr.	Represents Well Drillers
Sidney "Ken" Tuck, Jr.	Represents Water Treatment Operators
Stacy Taylor	At-Large Designee

OFFICE STAFF

Pam Dunkin – Administrator
Johnnie Rose – Program Coordinator
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BOARD OFFICE HOURS

The Board is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., except on the following State holidays:

- July 4, 2022: Independence Day.
- September 5, 2022: Labor Day.
- November 11, 2022: Veteran's Day.
- November 24-25, 2022 Thanksgiving Day.
- December 24-28, 2021, for Christmas Day.



Renew your license [now](#).

**The deadline to renew
your license is June 30, 2022.**

LICENSE RENEWALS DUE BY JUNE 30, 2022

Licensees were mailed reminder cards the first week of April. These cards include a confidential user identification that is required to access the online system. You must have a credit card (MasterCard or Visa) or checking account to renew online. The online renewal system is compatible with Internet Explorer 7 or higher. The Board encourages you to join many of your fellow licensees by utilizing the secure online renewal system!

Paper renewal forms are also available by clicking [here](#). You must submit the completed **2022-2023** renewal form with a check or money order payable to SCECB or your paperwork will be returned unprocessed.

Please contact the Board at (803) 896-4430 or at Contact.Environmental@llr.sc.gov with questions regarding the renewal process.



CHECK OUT THE BOARD'S ONLINE SERVICES

LLR offers licensees many online services. You can check the status of your application, change your address, and print pocket cards. You also can pay \$5 for a duplicate pocket card by printing one right from the [website](#). To access online services, you will need the user identification and password provided with your reminder card for renewal.



LEARN MORE ABOUT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023, every operator must obtain a total of 12 hours (clock hours) of continuing education or pass an exam of the next highest level. Operators should keep records of all courses attended. When you receive your renewal notice in 2023, there will be a place to record the number of hours you have received.

Continuing Education Report Forms can be found online, [click here](#).

For additional information on courses that are relevant to water and/or wastewater treatment facilities, please refer to the [ABC's CE Course Topic Criteria](#).

Are you unsure of the CE requirements for SC? Additional information is available [here](#).

Failure to obtain Continuing Education credits will result in license suspension. ECB Regulations 51-4.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to wait a year to take the next exam?

No. If you are in good standing with the Board, you only have to wait a period of 10 business days to apply for the next exam.

Do I have to pay a fee to be upgraded to a level of certification?

No. However, you will need for the “Operator of Record,” to submit an [Experience Verification](#) for the level of certification you are requesting.

Who do I contact to schedule an exam?

To register for the exam, visit [PSI](#), or call 1-833-256-1420.

I took and passed the exam. How long until I get my license upgrade?

In order to receive a license upgrade, an Experience Verification Form must be submitted. Taking and passing the exam alone will not initiate the upgrade process. The Board receives exam scores twice a week from AMP and will not process an EVF until a passing score has been received.

Can I get work credit for my college degree? If so, how?

A college degree or college credit may be used toward the C, B or A levels of your license once you have obtained your D-level license. You must submit your college transcript(s) with an experience verification form and pass each exam level. The Board may allow credit for math and sciences, 30 hours of credit = one year of service credit.

Does South Carolina have a reciprocity agreement with other states? How do I apply for reciprocity? What are the requirements?

South Carolina does not have an agreement with any state; reciprocity is determined on an individual basis. The Board must first receive a complete application with a check or money order for \$50. Once your application is processed, a questionnaire form will be submitted to the reciprocating state regarding verification of licensure information. To be considered for certification via reciprocity, your license must be current in that state with no disciplinary actions.



Are well drillers required to have a bond?

Yes. Well drillers are required to furnish proof of a \$25,000 surety bond. A list of bonding companies and a sample bond can be found on the Board's [website](#).

The Bond must show:

1. The applicant maintains a current bond in his/her own name.
2. The applicant is a bona fide employee of a corporation that maintains a current bond in the corporate name.
3. The applicant is a bona fide employee of a licensed well driller.

Are you required to send the “original” bond or can you submit a copy of the bond?

You must submit the “**Original**” bond with the raised seal. The Board does not accept copies.

What is a Bond Acknowledgement Form, and am I required to submit it along with the bond?

Yes. This certifies that all well drillers employed by this company are operating under this bond.