

History of LLR

The South Carolina Legislature restructured a significant portion of state government in 1993. Effective Feb. 1, 1994, Act 181 created the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR), merging the Department of Labor, State Fire Marshal's Office, the S.C. Fire Academy and 38 professional and occupational licensing boards to form the new agency.

The legislation empowered the governor to appoint a director of the department, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

LLR has been organized into four divisions: Administration, Fire and Life Safety, Labor, and Professional and Occupational Licensing.

Office of the Director (803) 896-4390

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The Office of the Director is made up of the director, the Office of Business and Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Communications and Ombudsman. The director is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Office of Business and Government Affairs (803) 896-4440

This office is responsible for coordinating, monitoring and reviewing proposed legislation, amendments, regulations and approved bills that affect boards, commissions and divisions under LLR. This includes legislation initiated by LLR and all relative legislation drafted by parties external to the department.

Office of Communications and Ombudsman (803) 896-4376

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This office promotes and explains the agency's goals, activities and services to the public. This office also coordinates responses to media inquiries for all agency programs and manages requests for information under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act to assure compliance with the law. The Office also is responsible for handling ombudsman duties, working as a liaison between the Governor's Office, legislative officials, state agencies, employees and the general public to resolve constituent complaints.

Office of General Counsel (803) 896-4470

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The Office of General Counsel is charged with providing litigation services to all programs within LLR. The office consists of the general counsel, attorneys and support staff.

Office of Advice Counsel (803) 896-4470

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The Office of Advice Counsel is charged with providing advice services to all programs within LLR. The office consists of the chief advice counsel, attorneys and support staff.

Division of Administration (803) 896-5245

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The Division of Administration provides support services to all program offices in LLR. These support services include: Budgets; Finance; Human Resources Office; Information Technology Services; Procurement; Records Management; Mail Services; Property and Equipment Management; Vehicle Management; and Training and Professional Development.

Division of Fire and Life Safety (803) 896-9800

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This division serves as the fire and life safety focal point for South Carolina, maintaining a statewide delivery system for fire prevention, protection and training services. The Division provides leadership, guidance and services needed by fire and emergency services personnel to carry out their responsibilities to serve at the local and state level. The division consists of the Office of State Fire Marshal and the S.C. Fire Academy.

In addition, under the State's Emergency Operations Plan, the Fire and Life Safety Division is the lead coordinator for Emergency Support Function (ESF) 9 – Search and Rescue and co-coordinator for ESF 4 – Structural Firefighting. The Division leads many established programs to accomplish this two-tiered mission of emergency response.

Office of State Fire Marshal (803) 896-9800

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The Office of State Fire Marshal has regulatory responsibility to ensure compliance with state fire regulations. This is accomplished through inspection activities by deputy state fire marshals in the field and code consultation and plans review

services provided by the engineering section. Fire prevention activities aimed at reducing the state's fire death rate are managed by the public fire safety education section. Activities include the distribution of smoke detectors, programs in the schools to educate youth, and the dissemination of timely fire safety information to the public.

In addition, the S.C. Urban Search and Rescue Team (US&R) provides initial and long-term responses to natural and man-made disasters. This nationally recognized program has developed into a best practice model with the US&R discipline. In 2009, the State US&R Task Force partnered with the S.C. National Guard to offer a statewide helicopter rescue program. This asset is one of only four in the country, and it provides South Carolina with the very best air rescue capability.

In addition, the South Carolina Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (SC-TF1) is a highly trained search and rescue asset. SC-TF1 is a part of the state's emergency operations plan and can be deployed in-state through the State Mutual Aid Agreement, or out-of-state through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

The task force supports (but is not limited to) the following operations during deployment: structural collapse, disaster triage and assessment, large area search (urban, wilderness or water borne), canine teams, disaster medical team (medical center) and a myriad of rescue operational experience.

The State Fire Marshal's Office tests, certifies and/or licenses blasters and explosives companies, liquefied petroleum gas facilities and employees, outdoor fireworks displays and operators, proximate and indoor pyrotechnics displays and operators.

The office also oversees the Board of Pyrotechnic Safety, which assures compliance with state laws and regulations pertaining to the storage and sale of pyrotechnics (fireworks) within the state.

S.C. Fire Academy (803) 896-9800

The Fire Academy utilizes full and part-time instructors to provide on-site training and regional and local delivery through partnerships with local fire and emergency service agencies. The Fire Academy is a state-of-the-art facility that is one of the finest in the nation coupled with a mobile fleet for local program delivery.

The facility, along with its many regional offices, provides a statewide fire and emergency services training delivery system to serve the needs of the public and industrial sectors. The Fire Academy features modern classrooms, a dormitory, cafeteria and fire station. Burn buildings, flammable liquids, gas props and a five-story drill tower are used for live fire training. In

addition, an aircraft firefighting prop, made possible by a \$6.2 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, is available for the training of airport fire and rescue personnel.

Division of Labor

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The Division of Labor includes the South Carolina Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) program and its offices: Statistics and Voluntary Programs; Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides; Office of Immigrant Worker Compliance; the Labor Management Mediation Office; and Payment of Wages and Child Labor.

S.C. Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) (803) 896-7665

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In South Carolina, OSHA is a state-administered program. The purpose of the Occupational Safety and Health Act is to assure every working person a safe and healthy workplace. Safety and health compliance officers conduct inspections to ensure compliance with safety and health standards and may issue citations and assess penalties in cases of noncompliance. The Standards Section assists employers in interpreting OSHA standards and proper record keeping procedures.

Office of OSHA - Statistics (803) 896-7673

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The Office of OSH-Statistics administers the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Survey and the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) Program. The information gathered from the survey provides statistics on the number and frequency of nonfatal injuries and illnesses occurring in the workplace. It reports on the demographics and case characteristics for the more serious incidents. The CFOI program provides a comprehensive, accurate, descriptive, timely and accessible measure of all fatal work injuries occurring during a year.

Office of OSHA - Voluntary Programs (803) 896-7744

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This office offers courtesy inspections, technical assistance and training programs to employers seeking voluntary compliance with the state Occupational Safety and Health Act. Services are free to private and public sector employers upon request. No

finances or citations are issued. Exemplary manufacturing industries are recognized as “Palmetto Stars” in the OVP Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) upon successfully meeting the program criteria. Also, small, high-hazard employers who meet the requirements are recognized as SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) sites.

Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides (803) 896-7630

110 Centerview Drive
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This office administers the S.C. Elevator Code, the S.C. Amusement Ride Safety Code and the S.C. Bungee Safety Laws. Special inspectors – licensed by LLR and nationally certified – handle all inspection of these devices. LLR does random audits of amusement rides and elevators after they are inspected by special inspectors so that there are two sets of eyes looking at them.

Office of Immigrant Worker Compliance (803) 896-2606

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Amendments to the “South Carolina Illegal Immigration and Reform Act” were signed into law by Governor Nikki Haley on June 27, 2011. The amended law requires all employers to enroll in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system by January 1, 2012, and to verify the legal status of all new employees through E-Verify within three business days. Failure to enroll in and use E-Verify to verify new hires will result in probation for the employer or suspension/revocation of the employer’s business licenses.

Labor Management Mediation Columbia Phone: (803) 896-4300

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By state law, the LLR director is responsible for assisting in the settlement of labor disputes. Mediators monitor contract negotiations, investigate industrial disputes, strikes and lockouts, and try to help the two sides reach agreement. When requested by both parties, mediators offer grievance mediation. The office also administers the S.C. Right-To-Work law, which provides that the rights of workers will not be abridged based on their affiliation or non-affiliation with a labor union.

Wages and Child Labor

(803) 896-4840
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Wages and Child Labor enforces the state payment of wages and child labor laws. Investigators inspect workplaces to assure compliance and issue warnings and citations for violations of the law.

Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL)

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POL has two offices handling specific responsibilities for the boards:

Office of Board Services (OBS) (803) 896-4643

PO Box 11329 • Columbia, SC 29211-1329
This office is responsible for overseeing the needs of all POL boards.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (803) 896-4470

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The Office of Investigations and Enforcement has the responsibility to investigate all complaints received within the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing boards and to enforce Board orders.

Boards:

Board of Accountancy (803) 896-4770

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The board examines applicants and issues certificates and licenses to certified public accountants, public accountants and accounting practitioners. The board may discipline certificate and license holders, prescribe rules and regulations, investigate complaints, and, in general, regulate the practice of accounting in the state.

Board of Architectural Examiners (803) 896-4408

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
PO Box 11419 • Columbia, SC 29211-1419

The board’s mission is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina by registering and regulating architects to ensure competent practitioners in the

profession. The board establishes standards of conduct, investigates complaints and engages in disciplinary action when necessary.

State Athletic Commission (803) 896-4571

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The commission directs, manages and controls boxing, wrestling, sparring events, exhibitions, contests and performances occurring in South Carolina. The commission stresses protecting the participants of athletic events. It investigates complaints and provides disciplinary action whenever necessary.

Auctioneers' Commission (803) 896-4800

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The commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Auctioneers' Law, which establishes specific standards of conduct for practitioners to protect the public. Auctioneers, apprentice auctioneers and auction firms are licensed and regulated.

Board of Barber Examiners (803) 896-4588

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
PO Box 11329 • Columbia, SC 29211-1329

The Board of Barber Examiners is responsible for licensing all barbers, barber shops, barber colleges and instructors. The board also is responsible for conducting examinations of barbers and instructors. Regular inspections are made in every barber shop and barber school in South Carolina. In addition, the board investigates complaints and provides discipline when necessary.

Perpetual Care Cemetery Board (803) 896-4497

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The Perpetual Care Cemetery Board is responsible for licensing all perpetual care cemeteries. The board ensures compliance with state laws and regulations governing the conduct of these cemeteries in South Carolina. LLR inspects perpetual care cemeteries to ensure the maintenance and the administration

of the perpetual care trust fund. The board issues disciplinary action when necessary.

Building Codes Council (803) 896-4688

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 306
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The Building Codes Council approves building and construction codes submitted for adoption by municipalities and counties. The council assures statewide consistency by adopting nationally recognized building codes. The council also monitors the design, construction and sale of modular buildings offered for sale within South Carolina. The S.C. Modular Board of Appeals was created to hear appeals from previous decisions in this area. In addition, the council investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

Board of Chiropractic Examiners (803) 896-4587

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The Board of Chiropractic Examiners was created to protect the health and safety of the public by establishing qualifications for entry into the profession and by disciplining those chiropractic practitioners who violate South Carolina laws governing their profession.

Contractors' Licensing Board (803) 896-4686

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 306
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The mission of this board is to regulate the practice of general and mechanical contracting, burglar and fire alarm system businesses, and fire protection sprinkler contractors within South Carolina. The board investigates complaints and disciplines contractors when necessary.

Board of Cosmetology (803) 896-4588

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
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The Board of Cosmetology licenses and regulates cosmetologists, cosmetology instructors and schools, estheticians and nail technicians. The board investigates complaints and disciplines when appropriate.

Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists; Psycho-Educational Specialists (803) 896-4658

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This board maintains quality counseling services in South Carolina by licensing qualified professionals. The board licenses counselors, marriage and family therapists, and psycho-educational specialists who have received appropriate education, experience and supervision, and who are competent in meeting the counseling needs of the people of South Carolina. The board investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

Board of Dentistry (803) 896-4599

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The Board of Dentistry oversees examinations, licensing certification, annual re-registration, and regulation of dentists, dental specialists, dental hygienists and dental laboratory technicians in the state. It investigates any complaints and disciplines if needed.

South Carolina Panel for Dietetics (803) 896-4651

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The panel's purpose is to regulate persons engaging in the practice of dietetics or nutrition.

Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (803) 896-4422

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
PO Box 11597 • Columbia, SC 29211-1597

The board administers laws and regulations governing the practice of engineering and land surveying in the state. The board's primary goals are to: ensure that only properly qualified and competent engineers and land surveyors are licensed to practice; promote technical competency and ethical standards consistent with the Rules of Professional Conduct applicable to engineers and land surveyors; and appropriately discipline practitioners who are found guilty of violating laws governing engineering and land surveying.

Environmental Certification Board (803) 896-4430

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The purpose of the board is to license qualified individuals to protect the environment for the citizens of the state. These licensees include operators of water treatment plants, waste water treatment plants, pools and spas, and well drillers. If necessary, the board will discipline individuals who do not comply with requirements.

Board of Registration for Foresters (803) 896-4800

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The Board of Registration for Foresters registers those who are qualified by education and experience to perform professional forestry work for private landowners, wood-using industries, state and federal agencies and other woodland owners. It receives and investigates complaints and follows through with appropriate actions against those who violate forestry registration laws.

Board of Funeral Service (803) 896-4497

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
PO Box 11329 • Columbia, SC 29211-1329

The Board of Funeral Service regulates and prescribes standards for funeral service, including embalmers and funeral directors. The board issues funeral home permits and licenses, provides regular inspections for funeral homes and keeps records of apprentices. The board maintains a file of public complaints concerning licensees and the disposition of complaints.

Board of Registration for Geologists (803) 896-4800

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
PO Box 11329 • Columbia, SC 29211-1329

This board administers and enforces South Carolina law governing the conduct of geologists. It evaluates qualifications, receives complaints, provides discipline and supervises applicant examinations for licensure.

Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners (803) 896-4618

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
PO Box 11419 • Columbia, SC 29211-1419

The Board's purpose is to safeguard public health, safety, and welfare and maintain the natural balance between man and the environment by registering and regulating landscape architects to ensure competent practitioners in the profession. The Board investigates complaints and engages in disciplinary action when necessary.

Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators (803) 896-4544

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It is the duty of the board to develop and enforce standards for individuals who work as nursing home or community residential care facility administrators. The board licenses qualified individuals, investigates complaints and takes disciplinary action where required.

Manufactured Housing Board (803) 896-4682

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This board enforces and coordinates federal and state laws governing the manufactured housing industry. The board licenses all manufacturers, their representatives, retail dealerships, and salespersons that sell, or offer for sale, manufactured housing in the state. The board is the state administrative agency for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is required to investigate and enforce federal manufactured housing construction and safety standards. Administrative staff receives and investigates consumer complaints against licensees.

Massage/Bodywork Therapy (803) 896-4588

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An advisory panel for Massage/Bodywork Therapy develops standards and regulations for the administrative licensure of massage/bodywork therapists. A separate disciplinary panel for massage/bodywork therapy reviews and determines appropriate disciplinary actions for those who may be in violation of the statute and regulations.

Board of Medical Examiners (803) 896-4500

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 202
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The primary mission of the board is to protect the public and fulfill two major functions: (1) licensing physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, anesthesiologist's assistants, and approving acupuncture practice; and (2) investigating and disciplining licensees found to be engaged in misconduct as defined in the professions' respective practice acts. This includes illegal, unethical or incompetent conduct.

Board of Nursing (803) 896-4550

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 202
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The purpose of the Board of Nursing is to assure the safe and effective practice of nursing in South Carolina. The board licenses qualified individuals as registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses. Complaints are investigated and disciplinary action taken whenever necessary.

Board of Occupational Therapy (803) 896-4683

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The Board of Occupational Therapy examines and issues licenses to qualified occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. The board also investigates complaints involving therapists and disciplines practitioners when necessary.

Board of Examiners in Opticianry (803) 896-4681

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The mission of the board is to administer, coordinate and enforce the provisions of the South Carolina Opticianry Law. The board examines and licenses opticians in the state and administers examinations appropriate to the education and experience of the candidate to determine the qualifications to adequately serve the public as an optician. It also investigates complaints and disciplines opticians when necessary.

Board of Examiners in Optometry (803) 896-4679

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The board's purpose is to examine and license optometrists for the right to practice in the state. For that reason, it investigates any complaints against optometrists and disciplines them when necessary. The board controls the quality of vision care that is rendered to the public and administers examinations appropriate to the education and experience of the candidates to determine whether or not they are qualified to practice optometry.

Board of Pharmacy (803) 896-4700

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The Board of Pharmacy protects the health and safety of the public by: enforcing laws and regulations governing pharmacies; performing routine annual inspections of drug outlets and pharmacies; issuing licenses to pharmacists and permits to drug outlets and pharmacies; administering the national pharmacy examinations and the state law examination to qualified graduates of accredited pharmacy colleges; administering the reciprocity process to qualified pharmacists for other states; receiving and investigating complaints; and holding administrative hearings against pharmacists and permit holders.

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (803) 896-4655

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The board administers, coordinates and enforces regulations relating to physical therapy in South Carolina. This involves the registration of all physical therapists and physical therapy assistants. The board also investigates complaints involving therapists and disciplines practitioners when necessary.

Commissions of Pilotage (803) 896-4598

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The commissions issue licenses to qualified harbor pilots for the Ports of Charleston, Port Royal, Georgetown and Little River. Applicants must first successfully complete an

apprenticeship program before receiving a license. The commissions also investigate complaints.

Board of Podiatry Examiners (803) 896-4500

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 202
PO Box 11329 • Columbia, SC 29211-1289

This board issues licenses to qualified practitioners in podiatric medicine who have received proper training and education in the field. The board investigates consumer complaints and disciplines practitioners when necessary.

Board of Examiners in Psychology (803) 896-4664

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The board regulates practitioners of psychology and accepts applications and holds exams for candidates to practice psychology. The board has adopted a code of ethics governing licensed psychologists. The board investigates complaints and disciplines practitioners when necessary.

Board of Pyrotechnic Safety (803) 896-9800

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The Board of Pyrotechnic Safety assures compliance with state laws and regulations pertaining to the storage and sale of pyrotechnics (fireworks) within the state. Staff issues licenses to pyrotechnic wholesale distributors, wholesale storage facilities and jobbers of fireworks doing business in the state; provides technical interpretations; performs inspections; receives complaints and investigates when necessary; and provides other assistance to local enforcement officials responsible for assuring that all facilities which store and offer for sale pyrotechnic products meet state law.

Real Estate Appraisers Board (803) 896-4400

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
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The board establishes qualifications for appraiser certification and licensure; administers exams; investigates complaints; takes disciplinary action against licensees who violate the license law; and regulates all other matters pertaining to the conduct and activities of real estate appraisers.

Real Estate Commission

(803) 896-4400

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110 Centerview Drive, Suite 201
PO Box 11847 • Columbia, SC 29211-1847

The Commission's purpose is to protect the public's interest when involved in a real estate transaction. Its mission is to determine who is qualified to hold a license, ensure compliance with the license law and discipline licensees found in violation. The mission is accomplished through issuing licenses, education, periodic inspections, investigation of complaints and disciplinary hearings when necessary.

Residential Builders Commission

(803) 896-4696

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The commission licenses all residential builders and home inspectors and registers all specialty contractors in residential construction in the state. It also receives and investigates complaints from homeowners against builders or specialty contractors and, if necessary, disciplines licensees found in violation of the license law.

Board of Social Work Examiners

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This board reviews applicants' credentials and licenses social workers in the state. The board licenses three levels of social workers: (1) licensed baccalaureate social workers; (2) licensed master social workers; and (3) licensed independent social workers, clinical practice and advanced practice. It investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

Soil Classifier Advisory Council

(803) 896-4618

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The Council is responsible for public health, safety and welfare by licensing and regulating soil classifiers to ensure competent practitioners in the profession. The Council investigates complaints and engages in disciplinary action when necessary.

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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This board is responsible for issuing licenses to individuals to practice speech-language pathology or audiology. It investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

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The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners aims to protect citizens by ensuring that only qualified and competent veterinary practitioners and animal health technicians operate in South Carolina. The board establishes requirements for practitioners and enforces those requirements. It investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.