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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:

- Friday, November 11, 2016, for Veteran’s Day.
- Thursday – Friday, November 24-25, 2016, for Thanksgiving Day.
- Friday – Tuesday, December 23-27, 2016, for Christmas Day.

Meeting Dates

The SC Board of Registration for Foresters will meet at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation in Room 204 at 10 a.m. on the following dates:

- October 27, 2016
- February 9, 2017
- May 18, 2017
- August 3, 2017
- November 9, 2017

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SC Forestry Commission's (SCFC) 2016 Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) Pheromone Survey and SPB Program



This year's SPB Pheromone Survey is complete and the results have been placed on SCFC's website. SPB numbers are still low for the whole state and little to no SPB activity is predicted for 2016. However, the SPB catch was 400% more than what it was in 2015, which may indicate the SPB population decline since 2003 may be stabilizing. For the complete results of this survey, please follow this link:

www.state.sc.us/forest/id16.pdf.

Even though SPB activity is currently low, SCFC's SPB Program has cost-share funding available for low-density planting of longleaf (8' X 10') and loblolly (9' X 10') on previously pine forested sites and for pre-commercial thinning young, overly dense (>700 pine/acre) pine stands. For a more complete list of SPB Program Guidelines please follow this link: www.state.sc.us/forest/spbgl.pdf If interested in applying, please contact your county's SCFC Project Forester by following this link:

www.state.sc.us/forest/sc.htm.

Board Updates Forms

The Board continues to work to make the licensure process easier on you! Most of the forms on the Board's website have been updated and are now in a more user friendly format that allows you to type into the required fields.

Please make sure you frequently check the Board's website for the most current forms before forwarding Applications, Continuing Forestry Education Reporting Forms, and Renewals to staff for review.

www.llronline.com/POL/Forestry/index.asp?file=pub.htm

Exam Information

As of January 1, 2016, individuals interested in becoming a **Registered Forester by Examination** will take a two-part examination for licensure in South Carolina.

Part One: Certified Forester (CF) Examination (150 multiple-choice questions) Part Two: South Carolina Forestry Specific Examination (35 multiple-choice questions)

Applicants must obtain a passing score of 70% on the South Carolina Forestry Specific Examination.

Applicants must obtain a scale score of 75 for passing on the CF Examination.

Check Out the Board's Online Services

LLR offers licensees many great online services. You can check the status of your application, change your address, and print pocket cards. You can avoid paying \$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.

<https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/SecurePortal/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSecurePortal>

Don't Forget About your Continuing Forestry Education

Each registered forester is required to obtain 10 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits annually. A minimum of five credits must be acquired in Category 1. A maximum of five credits in categories 2-6 may be carried over for one year. 20 CFE credits must be obtained during each licensure period (ie. July 1, 2015- June 30, 2017).

To help licensees keep track of their CFE credits, the Board has created a CFE Reporting Form. This form will also be used as part of the upcoming CFE Audit for the 2015-2017 licensure period. The form is available at: www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Forestry/forms/CFE_Form.pdf.

Additional information about the CFE requirements can be found on the Board's website at: www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Forestry/index.asp?file=ce.htm.

Meet LLR's Interim Director



Emily H. Farr was appointed as the interim director of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation by Governor Nikki R. Haley on August 8, 2016. Farr is awaiting Senate confirmation.

Farr came to LLR from Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., where she focused on employment advice and counsel, consumer financial services litigation, and title insurance defense.

While at the law firm, Farr provided advice and counsel to human resource professionals and employers to identify practical solutions to workplace issues, including drafting company policies and procedures, assisting with the preparation and implementation of employee handbooks, and preparing restrictive covenants severance agreements and independent contractor agreements.

Farr's practice also included title insurance litigation, handling a variety of real estate litigation matters such as quiet title actions, deed and mortgage reformation actions, and lien priority issues. She also handled financial litigation, which involved an array of business and banking matters under federal law, such as the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Truth in Lending Act, and state law, such as the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code and statutes addressing predatory lending.

Farr graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law where she was a Petigru

Board Releases Licensure Statistics

As of September 27, 2016, there are

699

Registered Foresters in South Carolina.

Since July 1, 2015, the Board has issued

31

new licenses by examination, reciprocity or reinstatement.

Scholarship recipient and served on The South Carolina Law Review as the Student Works Editor. She was also a member of the Order of Wig and Robe and the Order of the Coif.

Currently, Farr serves on the Board of Directors Executive Committee for the Junior Achievement of Greater South Carolina, where she is Program Chair. She also is a member of the South Carolina Bar, the Richland County Bar Association, the Employment & Labor Section of the State Bar, and the Society of Human Resource Management. She is a 2015 graduate of Leadership Columbia.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Cost of Registration as a Forester?

The application fee is \$50 and the registration fee is \$130 (two-year license fee). The registration fee is prorated for applications received after April 1st of the year prior to renewal (2014, 2016, etc.). The prorated registration fee is \$65.

What are the Renewal Fees for 2017-2019?

SC Code of Regulations, Chapter 53-16 has been updated to reflect the fees for the Board as of July 1, 2016. The two-year license renewal fee is \$130 and will be due by June 30, 2017. Reminder notices will be mailed to all active licensees in April 2017.

Does South Carolina Grant Reciprocity to Foresters Who Are Registered in Other States?

Yes. Reciprocity is considered for those applicants coming from states with laws compatible with South Carolina's. Foresters who have not taken and passed an examination for registration may have to take the South Carolina exam. Licensure by Reciprocity is assessed on an individual basis.

How Do I File a Complaint?

Licensees perform valuable work for the public as professional foresters in the State of South Carolina. The majority of licensed professionals are competent, skilled practitioners, and you are a witness to their good work. In the course of your work in this state, 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 Board relies on you to advise us when you encounter unprofessional, unethical, or unlicensed activities. We encourage you to file a complaint with the Board if you witness a possible violation. The Board can accept anonymous complaints and pursue them if the related information or documentation is publicly available, if you do not wish to be the formal complainant.

The public relies on you to file a complaint if you suspect violations of Board's statutes or regulations. It is not taken lightly, and will be investigated in a timely manner.

Complaints must be filed through the online complaint form. Instructions on filing complaints are available at: www.lironline.com/POL/Forestry/index.asp?file=complaint.htm.