

South Carolina

Board of Registration for Foresters

Summer 2015 Newsletter

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:

July 23, 2015
October 1, 2015

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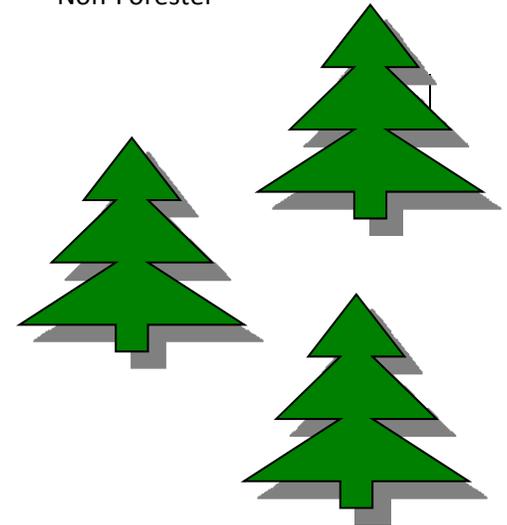
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Board Office Hours

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

- Friday, July 3, 2015, for Independence Day.
- Monday, September 7, 2015, for Labor Day.
- Wednesday, November 11, 2015, for Veteran's Day.
- Thursday – Friday, November 26-27, 2015, for Thanksgiving Day.
- Thursday – Monday, December 24-28, 2015, for Christmas Day.



Renew your license online now:
<https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/SecurePortal/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fOnlineRenewals%2f>
The deadline to renew your registration for 2015-2017 is June 30, 2015.

Board Updates Forms

The Board has been working hard 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. **Previous versions of these forms will no longer be accepted by the Board and will be returned unprocessed.** The forms are available at: www.llronline.com/POL/Forestry/index.asp?file=pub.htm.

License Renewals Due by June 30, 2015

Online renewals are fast, easy, and secure.

The license renewal fee is \$40 for the 2015-2017 biennial renewal cycle. Licensees were mailed "reminder" cards the first week of April. These forms included a confidential user identification and password. 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. If you have any questions, please contact the Board at (803) 896-4800.

Paper renewal forms are also available on the Board website at:

www.llronline.com/POL/Forestry/forms/ForesterRenewalApplication.pdf. Please note that you must submit the completed 2015-2017 form along with a check or money order.

Contact the Board at (803) 896-4800 or at contact.foresters@llr.sc.gov if you have questions regarding the renewal process.

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%2findex.aspx>

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, 2013- June 30, 2015).

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 2013-2015 licensure period. The form is available at:

www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Forestry/forms/CFE_Form.pdf

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) maintains a calendar of CFE courses available by location and event topic. This is a great resource for locating courses that are already approved by the South Carolina Board. To search for courses in your area, please visit SAF's CFE event search page at: www.safnet.org/calendar/index.cfm

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

Board Releases Licensure Statistics

- As of June 1, 2015, there were 704 Registered Foresters in the South Carolina.
- Since July 1, 2014, the Board has issued 18 licenses and reinstated 5 licenses.

SC State Forester to Receive Prestigious Gifford Pinchot Medal Kodama honored for lifelong commitment and contributions to North American forestry

South Carolina State Forester Gene Kodama has been selected to receive the Society of American Foresters' Gifford Pinchot Medal. One of the most esteemed forestry awards in the nation, the medal is presented every two years to a forestry professional in recognition of exceptional contributions to the administration, practice, and development of forestry in North America.

Nominees for the Gifford Pinchot Medal must have demonstrated exemplary actions that further the field of forestry by making an indelible mark on the profession and being a person of action.

Endorsements for Kodama's nomination came from multiple state, national and international leaders in forestry and the forest products industries who pointed out a variety of contributions. Kathy Abusow, president and CEO of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, wrote in her testimonial, "Gene led the South Carolina Forestry Commission to third-party certification of its five state forests to both the SFI Standard and the American Tree Farm Standard, highlighting that state forests are responsibly managed. By advancing the cause of forest certification, Gene has added to South Carolina's reputation as a sustainability leader in the global marketplace."



Henry "Gene" Kodama

SAF will present the Gifford Pinchot Medal to Kodama at its national convention in Baton Rouge, La., Wednesday, November 4.

SC Forestry Commission's (SCFC) 2015 Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) Pheromone Survey and SPB Program

This year's SPB Pheromone Survey is complete and the results have been placed on the SCFC's website. SPB numbers are low for the whole state and little to no SPB activity is predicted for 2015. For the complete results of this survey, please follow this link: www.state.sc.us/forest/id15.pdf.

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

Frequently Asked Questions

What qualifications are needed in Preparation for Registration as a Forester in South Carolina?

To become a Registered Forester, you must earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry, pass the SAF Certified Forester examination, and have two years of experience in professional forestry work under the supervision of a registered forester; OR have six years of experience in professional forestry work under the supervision of a registered forester and pass the SAF Certified Forester examination.

You will also need five professional/personal references, at least three of whom must be registered foresters with personal or professional knowledge of your forestry experience.

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.

What is the Cost of Registration as a Forester?

The Application Fee is \$30 and the Registration Fee is \$40 (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 \$20.

How Do I File a Complaint?

Instructions on filing complaints can be found online at:

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

We Want to Hear from You!

It is our hope that the information provided in this newsletter was beneficial to you as a Registered Forester in the great state of South Carolina! If you have questions for the Board or suggestions for a future newsletter, please submit information to contact.foresters@llr.sc.gov.

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