

## Crematory Operator Registration

In accordance to the Safe Cremation Act, individuals performing cremations must hold a Crematory Operator Registration with the SC Board of Funeral Service. Registration Requirements and Applications are available on the Board's website at <https://llr.sc.gov/fs/pub.aspx>.

**An individual cannot perform cremations after December 31, 2024 unless they have been issued a Crematory Operator Registration by the Board.** Individuals failing to be registered by this deadline may be subject to Board action for unlicensed practice.

### Education Requirement:

Individuals seeking to obtain a Crematory Operator Registration must complete both a Board approved crematory operator training course, **and** receive training by the manufacturer on the use of the equipment to be used to perform cremations.-. Registered Crematory Operators must have **both** trainings to be in compliance with State law.

### Approved Courses:

As of October 16, 2024, the Board approved crematory operator training courses are the [NFDA Cremation Certification Program](#) and [CANA's Crematory Operator Certification Program](#). Additional courses may be approved by the Board.

Interested cemetery operator training course providers may submit a request for Board approval of their training course to the Board office at [contact.funeral@llr.sc.gov](mailto:contact.funeral@llr.sc.gov). The request for approval must include a course description, course objectives, curriculum outline, evaluation/assessment, list of course developers and qualifications, and list of course presenters.

### Practice Prior to Registration:

Individuals **may not** perform cremations prior to receiving their Crematory Operator Registration. Filing an application with the Board is not sufficient to allow an individual to perform or to continue to perform cremations. Confirmation that registration has been issued can be found by the applicant in the [Online Services Login Portal](#) and [Licensee Lookup](#).

### Cremations Performed by Unregistered Individuals:

The Safe Cremation Act, [S.C. Code § 32-8-385](#), requires all cremations be performed by individuals registered with the Board. Individuals who perform cremations without being registered with the Board are in violation of the law and may be subject to action by the Board. In addition, the Facility's Manager of Record may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with State law.