

Board Meeting Dates for 2010

- May 25
- August 19
- December 9

Board meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are open to the public. Meetings are held at the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia SC.

Board of Registration for Geologists Website

Please visit the Board's web site, www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/geologists/ for information regarding licensing, disciplinary actions, forms, filing a complaint, laws, board meeting minutes and other topics.



Online Services

Licensees should utilize the Board's website, <https://verify.llronline.com> to request license verifications. Requests are processed and mailed within seven to 10 business days. There is a \$20 fee for each license verification request. The Online Services website also contains information on change of address requests, licensee lookup and online renewal information.

Continuing Education

Geologists are required to obtain 32 hours of continuing education between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2011, in order to renew. Continuing education is prorated for newly registered geologists. The Board's Revised Continuing Education Guidelines provides details regarding CE courses/seminars, prorated CE hours and acceptable forms of attendance verification. The CE guidelines are available on the Board's website, www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Geologists/forms/CE%20Guidelines%202006a.pdf.

All Employers Must Comply with S.C. Immigration Act by July 1, 2010

The "South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act" that was signed into law by Governor Mark Sanford on June 4, 2008 will soon be applicable to all businesses in South Carolina regardless of the number of employees.

Compliance with this law began July 1, 2009, for private employers who employ 100 or more employees. For private employers who employ less than 100 employees, the compliance date is July 1, 2010.



The law requires all employers to verify the legal status of new employees and prohibits employment of any worker who is not legally in this country and authorized to work. The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Office of Immigrant Worker Compliance is charged with investigating complaints and conducting random audits of private employers to assure compliance. Failure to comply can result in severe monetary penalties and revocation of an employer's right to operate their business.

During the first year, LLR investigators found that most large employers (more than 100 workers) were in compliance with the law. When violations were found they generally were because

- employers who were using E-Verify to verify their employees, did not do so within the five-day timeframe required by the law.
- employers who were using driver's licenses to verify employees, did so using a driver's license from a state not on the approved list.

For more information on the law, visit www.llronline.com/immigration/.

Wallet Cards are Available for LLR Licensees



The S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) has heard from many licensees that they would like a wallet card identifying them as licensed in their chosen occupation or profession, and we listened.

Licensees now have the capability through LLR's Website to download and print a wallet card as a courtesy. The cards can be printed from your printer at your convenience, and you will need Adobe Reader installed on your PC to view and print the card. For best results, use card stock instead of copy paper to print a more durable card.

Instructions to Print Your Wallet Card

- Go to <https://verify.llronline.com>.
- Click on the "Print License Card" link on the left of the screen.
- Login with your username and password or last five digits of SSN and last name/company name.
- Click Login.
- A list of all active licenses will appear on screen.
- Click the PDF icon to the right for the license you want to print.
- The wallet card will open in a new Adobe Reader window.
- Print the wallet card.
- Logout.