

### **Application for Certification as a Soil Classifier-In-Training**

Applicants for Certification as a Soil Classifier-In-Training must have one of the following qualifications:

- (1) A Bachelor's degree or equivalent in a curriculum approved by the Council; or
- (2) A curriculum not approved by the Council and specific record of four years of soil classification experience of which two years are under the supervision of a registered soil classifier or someone who meets the minimum academic and experience requirements of a registered soil classifier; and
- (3) Passing score on the Fundamentals of Soil Science Examination, written by CSSE.

Certification as a Soil Classifier-In-Training is valid for a period of two years. Once this certification expires, applicants must pass the Professional Practice of Soil Science Examination, written by CSSE.

### **Application Process**

To apply for certification as a Soil Classifier-In-Training in the State of South Carolina applicants must submit the following materials:

- (1) The completed application from the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Resumes may not serve as a substitute for the experience portion of the application. Incomplete applications will be returned.
  - (a) The application fee of \$25.00. **Please make checks payable to LLR – Soil Classifiers Advisory Council.**
- (2) Original college transcript(s).
- (3) Three professional references.
  - (a) Relatives, members of the Department, and members of the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council may not provide references for applicants.
  - (b) The Soil Classifiers Reference Form is available for applicants to forward to their references. The applicant fills out the top portion with their name and address and forwards the form to their references. The reference will complete the rest of the form and return it directly to the Council office. Reference forms can be returned by mail, E-mail or FAX.

- (4) Verification of passing scores on the fundamentals portion of the CSSE, or in the fundamentals of soils from a state with requirements substantially equivalent or more stringent than those of this State.

Applications for Soil Classifiers-In-Training will be reviewed by the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council.

- (1) If additional information is required, the applicant will be contacted by E-mail.
- (2) If approved, the applicant will be notified in writing and request payment of the \$25.00 licensure fee. **Please note that certification numbers, wall certificates and seals are not issued to Soil Classifiers-In-Training.**
- (3) If an application hearing is required for Council approval, the applicant will be notified by email with instructions on requesting a hearing for the next available Council meeting.