

South Carolina Environmental Certification Board Spring 2015 Newsletter

Meeting Dates

The SC Environmental Certification Board will meet at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108, Columbia, SC, at 10 a.m. on the following dates:

May 12, 2015

September 1, 2015

November 10, 2015

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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:

- Monday, May 11, 2015, for Confederate Memorial Day.
- Monday, May 25, 2015, for Memorial Day.
- 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.



Online Applications Now Available

You can now submit applications online! Online applications are a fast, easy, and secure way to submit for certification to the Department. Please visit www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/ to start the application process.

You may also apply with a paper application. These applications are available at www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/index.asp?file=pub.htm. Please note that all applications have been updated as of March 2015 and previous versions will no longer be accepted by the Board.

Board Updates Forms

The Board has been working hard to make the certification process easier on you! Most of the forms on the Board's website have been updated and are now in a 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, Experience Verifications, 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/Environmental/index.asp?file=pub.htm.

License Renewals Due by June 30, 2015

Licensees will be mailed "reminder" cards the first week of April. These forms include a confidential user identification and password that are required to access the online system. You must have a credit card (MasterCard or Visa) or checking account in order to renew online. The online renewal system is compatible with Internet Explorer 7 or higher. The Board encourages you to join many of your fellow licensees by utilizing the secure online renewal system!

Paper renewal forms are also available at www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/. You must submit the completed 2015-2016 renewal form with a check or money order or your paperwork will be returned unprocessed.

Please contact the Board at (803) 896-4430 or at Contact.Environmental@llr.sc.gov with 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>.

The Board Wants to Remind You:

- Renewal payments must be submitted by June 30th, 2015. A penalty of **\$200** per license applies after that date.
- Exams are administered by Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP), twice a day, Monday through Saturday. If you need to schedule an exam, please contact AMP at 1-800-345-6559 or www.goAMP.com.
- 12 hours of continuing education must be completed by June 30, 2015.
- Home address changes can be made online or by mail. Employment changes should be mailed on company letterhead; updated addresses should be submitted within 15 days.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to wait a year to take the next exam?

No. You will have to wait a period of 7-10 business days to apply for the next exam.

When will I receive my renewal forms?

“Reminder” cards are mailed out the first week of April each year. You can submit online renewal payments, which are faster and easier.

Do I have to pay a fee to be upgraded to a level of certification?

No. However, you will need for the “Operator of Record,” to submit an Experience Verification for the level of certification you are requesting.

www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/DOTForms/ExperienceVerificationInstructions.pdf

Reciprocity Certification

Does South Carolina have a reciprocity agreement with other states? How do I apply for reciprocity? What are the requirements?

South Carolina does not have an agreement with any state; reciprocity is determined on an individual basis. The Board must first receive a complete application with a check or money order in the amount of \$50. Once your application is processed, a questionnaire form will be submitted to the reciprocating state regarding verification of licensure information. To be considered for certification via reciprocity, your license must be current in that state with no disciplinary actions.

Learn More About Continuing Education

The Board frequently updates our website with Continuing Education providers. We encourage you to utilize this resource if you are looking for a course in your area or online.

For additional information on courses that are relevant to water and/or wastewater treatment facilities, please refer to the ABC’s CE Course Topic Criteria available at:

www.abccert.org/abc_certification_program/Renew_your_ABC_Certification.asp

Are you unsure of the CE requirements for SC? Additional information is available at:

www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/index.asp?file=ECONTEd.HTM

Licensure Statistics as of March 1, 2015

Prefix	Subcategory	Active Licensees
EBL	A	945
EBL	B	421
EBL	C	396
EBL	D	556
EBL	T	304
EBW		34
EDS	A	406
EDS	B	211
EDS	C	381
EDS	D	558
EDS	G	144
EDS	T	344
EPC	A	432
EPC	B	212
EPC	C	284
EPC	D	590
EPC	T	316
EWD	A	234
EWD	B	222
EWD	C	41
EWD	D	84
EWT	A	611
EWT	B	209
EWT	C	343
EWT	D	456
EWT	E	40
EWT	T	224



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