

## Requirements for Certification as a Soil Classifier-In-Training

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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 (4) years of soil classification experience of which two (2) 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 the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA).

Certification as a Soil Classifier-In-Training is valid for a period of two (2) years. Once this certification expires, applicants must pass the Professional Practice of Soil Science Examination, written by CSSE; or an examination in the professional practice of soils.

### 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) Verification of passing scores on the Fundamentals of Soil Science Examination.

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 disapproved, the applicant will be notified in writing with the reason for the disapproval and the requirements needed to qualify for certification.