North Carolina Board
for Licensing of Soil Scientists

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Application for Full Licensing/Professional Status

FEE REQUIREMENTS

Please provide the following:
1. $50 Application Review Fee

Exam may be taken online once application has been approved by the NCBLSS.

Submit ORIGINAL copy of your completed application for review.
Include your Fundamental Score Sheet.

Date: _____

Full Name as to appear on certificate and seal: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Government Photo Identification:

Type: _____ Number: _____

Birth Date: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? __ Yes __ No

Have you ever been convicted of a Misdemeanor under Chapter 89F of the NC Soil Scientist Licensing Act? __ Yes __ No

If yes explain:

If already approved for In-Training status, please attach a copy of your Fundamental exam score sheet and proceed directly to the work experience section of the application.

Education

State the chronological order of attendance at each educational institution beyond high school:

School	Dates Attended (mo/yr)	Major	Degree	Date of Degree (mo/yr)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please submit official college transcripts from all educational institutions attended with this application.

1. Qualifying Coursework: Soil Science

State quarter hours earned as semester hours--multiply quarter hours earned by 0.667 to give semester hours.

89F-10(2): 15 Semester hours of Soil Science Coursework Required.

A syllabus for any non-soil science course must be submitted with this application.

School	Course	Date Completed	# Semester Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

_____ _____ _____ _____

Total Semester Hours of Qualifying Soil Science Coursework: _____

2. Qualifying Coursework: Sciences

State quarter hours earned as semester hours--multiply quarter hours earned by 0.667 to give semester hours.

89F-10(2): 30 Semester Hours of Agricultural, Biological, Physical or Earth Sciences Coursework Required.

School	Course	Date Completed	# Semester Hours

Total Semester Hours of Qualifying Sciences Coursework: _____

Qualifying Work Experience

Qualifying Work Experience earned under the supervision of a Licensed Soil Scientist [ref 89F-10(4) three years {36 months} are required]. Qualifying work experience does not begin until the completion of all education requirements. *Applicants with advanced degrees in soil science must petition the Board to substitute an advanced degree for professional work experience [ref 89F-10 (4)(b)].*

Name of Current Employer: _____

Address: _____

_____

Telephone Number: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____

Number of years of Soil Scientist experience at this employer: _____

Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____
Description of Soil Scientist work and the percent of work time (number of hours per week) dedicated to those responsibilities.

Describe other responsibilities (non-soil scientist) and the percent of work time (number of hours per week) dedicated to those responsibilities.

Name of Employer: _____

Address: _____

_____

Telephone Number: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____

Number of years of Soil Scientist experience at this employer: _____

Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

Description of Soil Scientist work and the percent of work time (number of hours per week) dedicated to those responsibilities.

Describe other responsibilities (non-soil scientist) and the percent of work time (number of hours per week) dedicated to those responsibilities.

Name of Employer: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone Number: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____

Number of years of Soil Scientist experience at this employer: _____

Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____
Description of Soil Scientist work and the percent of work time (number of hours per week) dedicated to those responsibilities.

Describe other responsibilities (non-soil scientist) and the percent of work time (number of hours per week) dedicated to those responsibilities.

References:

Download and print four blank Reference Forms. Give a Reference Form to each reference to be completed. **At least two of the references must be Licensed Soil Scientists *or persons who are eligible for Licensure* (Ref 89F-10 (1).** You are responsible for ensuring the Licensing Board receives your references by the application submission deadline.

Name of reference #1: _____

Name of reference #2: _____

Name of reference #3: _____

Name of reference #4: _____

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD FOR LICENSING OF SOIL SCIENTISTS

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

SECTION .0400 - STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

.0401 CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

(a) A soil scientist shall conduct his practice in order to protect the public health, safety, life and welfare. The soil scientist shall at all time recognize his primary obligation to protect the life, safety, health, and welfare of the public in the performance of his professional duties.

(b) A soil scientist shall perform his services only in areas of his competence and:
(1) shall undertake to perform assignments only when qualified by education or experience in the specific technical field of soil science involved.
(2) shall not affix his signature or seal to any document dealing with subject matter to which he lacks competence by virtue of education or experience, nor to any such plan or document not prepared under his direct supervisory control except that the soil scientist may affix his seal and signature to documents depicting the work of two or more professionals provided he designates by note under his seal the specific subject matter for which he is responsible.

(c) A soil scientist shall issue public statements only in an objective and truthful manner and:
(1) shall be completely objective and truthful in all professional reports, statements or testimony. He shall include relevant and pertinent information in such reports, statements or testimony.
(2) when serving as an expert or technical witness before any court, commission, or other tribunal, shall express an opinion only when it is founded upon knowledge of the facts in issue, upon a background of technical competence in the subject matter, and upon conviction of the accuracy and propriety of his testimony.
(3) shall issue no statements, criticisms, or arguments on soil science matters connected with public policy which are inspired or paid for by an interested party or parties unless he has prefaced his comment by identifying himself, by disclosing the identities of the parties on whose behalf he is speaking, and by revealing the existence of any pecuniary interest he may have in the instant matters.
(4) shall not attempt to injure, maliciously or falsely, directly or indirectly, the professional reputation, prospects, practice or employment of another soil scientist, nor shall he criticize another soil scientist's work in public. If he believes that another soil scientist is guilty of misconduct or illegal practice, he shall present such information to the North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists.

(d) A soil scientist shall avoid conflicts of interest and:
(1) shall promptly inform his employer or client of any business association, interest, or circumstances, which could influence his judgment or the quality of his services.
(2) shall not solicit or accept financial or other valuable considerations from material or equipment suppliers for specifying their products without full disclosure.
(3) shall not solicit or accept gratuities, directly or indirectly, from contractors, their agents, or other parties dealing with his client or employer in connection with work for which he is responsible.
(4) when in public service as a member, advisor, or employee of a governmental body or department, the soil scientist shall abstain from voting on matters involving services provided by him or his organization in private soil science practices.
(5) shall not solicit or accept a contract from a governmental body on which a principal or officer of his organization serves as a member without full disclosure to affected parties.
(6) shall not attempt to supplant another soil scientist in a particular employment after becoming aware that the other has been selected for the employment.

(e) A soil scientist shall solicit or accept work only on the basis of his qualifications and:
(1) shall compete for professional employment on the basis of qualification and competence for proper accomplishment of the work. He shall not solicit or submit proposals for professional services containing a

false, fraudulent, misleading deceptive or unfair statement or claim regarding the cost, quality or extent of services to be rendered.
(2) shall not falsify or permit misrepresentation of his, or his associates', academic professional qualification. He shall not misrepresent or exaggerate his degree of responsibility in or for the subject matter of prior assignments. Brochures or other presentations incident to the solicitation of employment shall not misrepresent pertinent facts concerning employers, employees, joint ventures, or his or their past accomplishments with the intent and purpose of enhancing his qualifications and his work.
(3) shall not knowingly associate with or permit the use of his name or firm name in a business venture by any person or firm which he knows, or has reasons to believe, is engaging in business or professional practices of a fraudulent or dishonest nature.
(4) if the soil scientist has knowledge or reason to believe that another person or firm may be in violation of any of these provisions or of the North Carolina Soil Scientist Licensing Act, he shall present such information to the Board and shall cooperate with the Board in furnishing such further information or assistance as may be required by the Board.

(f) A soil scientist whose professional registration is revoked or suspended by another jurisdiction shall be subject to disciplines by the Board if the registrant's actions violate G.S. 89F or the rules in this Chapter. Conviction of a felony without restoration of civil rights, or the revocation or suspension of the license of a soil scientist by another jurisdiction, if for a cause which in the State of North Carolina would constitute a violation of G.S. 89F or of these Rules, shall be grounds for a charge of violation of the rules in this Chapter.

Notarized Signature:

I, _____, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the information submitted and that I have read, understood, and signed the 'Code of Professional Conduct' [Section .0401 "Code of Professional Conduct"].

Applicant Signature: _____

State of _____

County of _____

I, _____, a Notary for said county do hereby certify that _____ personally appeared before me and being by me duly sworn, stated that he/she executed the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this _____day of _____ 20____.

_____(Official Seal)
Notary Public

My commission expires _____