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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
Department of Commerce and Insurance  
Professional Soil Scientists Licensing Program  
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APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTIST

Instructions for completing applications

1. Applicant for licensure shall fill out each application blank completely.
2. Check or money order in the amount of \$400.00 (\$100.00 non-refundable application fee and \$300.00 initial license fee) made payable to the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, must accompany the application.
3. The application must be typewritten or legibly printed and all questions must be answered and submitted to the board office. You may obtain and complete the application and associated forms from our website at [www.tn.gov/commerce/boards/soil](http://www.tn.gov/commerce/boards/soil)
4. Applicant should read thoroughly and understand TCA 62-18-201 through TCA 62-18-219, – Soil Scientists Licensure Act of 2009 before filing an application with this board.

Enclosed herewith is the application fee, in the amount of \$400.00, payable to the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance. If this applicant is approved for licensure in Tennessee, he/she shall be required to pay an additional fee for the written and field exam as required by TCA 62-18-208(3) before a license is issued.

1. Full name (as you wish it to appear on your license):

\_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Middle

Last

Suffix

2. Please check box to indicate preferred mailing address:

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_
4. Citizen of (State or Foreign Country): \_\_\_\_\_ 5. State of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you licensed/registered/certified as a Professional Soil Scientist elsewhere? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES  
If YES, show the following:

NAME OF STATE OR COUNTRY	REGISTRATION DATE	CERTIFICATE/LICENSE NUMBER	EXPIRATION DATE

7. Have you ever been refused a license or had revocation or other disciplinary proceedings filed against you?  
\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you ever been judged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education – Give names and locations of college(s) or university. **CERTIFIED COPIES OF TRANSCRIPT(S) REQUIRED.**

NAME OF INSTITUTION	MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY	YEARS COMPLETED	CREDIT/QUARTER HOURS COMPLETED	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR GRADUATED



**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT**

It is unlawful for any person to practice soil science in this state unless such person is licensed under the provisions of TCA 62-18-201, et seq. A certificate of licensure is not transferable.

Carefully read all information released by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance pertaining to registration and determine your ability to qualify for licensure in this state.

**APPLICATION AND LAW AND RULES STATEMENT**

As evidenced by my signature below, I hereby make application for registration as a soil scientist and agree not to practice in the State of Tennessee until I become registered. I hereby certify that all information disclosed in this form is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge

I attest that I have read, reviewed, and am familiar with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 18 and the Rules of the Soil Scientist Profession and do hereby subscribe to and agree to abide by the provisions therein.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation Instructions**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If you are a natural person applying for a license, registration, certification or other benefit you must:

1. Attest, under penalty of perjury, to your status as either a United States citizen, a qualified alien as defined in Tennessee's Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act, or a foreign national not physically present in the United States, by selecting your status in Part A below signing on the line labeled "Applicant's Signature," printing your name on the line labeled "Printed Name" and putting the current date on the line labeled "Date."

**AND**

Do **one (1)** of the following:

2. If you are claiming United States citizenship, present one (1) of the forms of identification provided for in Part B below. **If you provided your Social Security Number as part of your application for licensure, registration, certificate or other benefit, no additional documentation is required; however, please be aware that efforts may be made to verify any such number.**
3. If you are claiming qualified alien status, present two (2) forms of documentation of identity and immigration status, as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program, as provided in Part C below.
4. If you are claiming qualified alien status but you are unable to present two (2) forms of documentation provided for in Part C of this form, then you shall present at least one (1) such document that shall then be verified through the SAVE program.  
or
5. If you are claiming you are foreign national not physically present in the United States, contact the program issuing the license, registration, certification or other benefit for which you are applying to provide such documentation as may be required to verify such status.

**Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation**

**Part A. Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation**

**I hereby attest under penalty of perjury that I am (select one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ A United States citizen;

\_\_\_\_\_ A qualified alien as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-58-102;<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ A foreign national not physically present in the United States. Further, I understand that should I ever become physically present in the United States while I hold this license, registration, certification or other benefit I agree to immediately contact the issuing agency and provide documentation to confirm my status as a qualified alien.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Submitting false information or omitting pertinent or material information in connection with this application or any violation of the Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act may result in the revocation of any license, registration, certification or other benefit issued to the applicant. A person who willfully makes a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation of United States citizenship may be prosecuted under 18 U.S.C. § 911 and/or the False Claims Act, T.C.A. §§ 4-18-101, et seq.**

<sup>1</sup>

Qualified alien means "A qualified alien as defined by 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)" or "An alien or nonimmigrant eligible to receive state or local public benefits under 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a)." Pursuant to those statutes, this includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- An alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq.];
- An alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1158];
- A refugee who is admitted to the United States under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C.A. § 1157];
- An alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)] for a period of at least 1 year;
- An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1253] (as in effect immediately before the effective date of section 307 of division C of Public Law 104-208) or section 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1231(b)(3)] (as amended by section 305(a) of division C of Public Law 104-208);
- An alien who is granted conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1153(a)(7)] as in effect prior to April 1, 1980;
- An alien who is a Cuban and Haitian entrant (as defined in section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980);
- A nonimmigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, et seq.];
- An alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1182 (d)(5)] for less than one year.

## **Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Additional Required Documentation**

**Part B.** If you are claiming United States citizenship, you must present **one (1)** of the following:

- A valid Tennessee driver license or photo identification license issued by the Department of Safety;
- A valid driver license or photo identification license from another state where the issuance requirements are at least as strict as those in Tennessee, as determined by the Department of Safety;
- An official birth certificate issued by a state, jurisdiction or territory of the United States, including Puerto Rico, United States Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, or Guam; provided that Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010, shall **not** be recognized;
- A United States government-issued certified birth certificate;
- A valid, unexpired United States passport;
- A United States certificate of birth abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545);
- A report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States (FS-240);
- A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561);
- A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570 or N578);
- A United States citizen identification card (I-197, I-179);
- Any successor document of those listed at Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-58-103(c)(4)-(9); or
- **A social security number that may be verified with the Social Security Administration in accordance with federal law (if you provided your social security number as part of your application for licensure, no additional documentation is required; however, please be aware that efforts may be made to verify any such number).**

**Part C.** If you are claiming qualified alien status, you must present **two (2)** forms of documentation of identity and immigration status, as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program. Such forms of identification may include:

- I-327 (Reentry Permit);
- I-551 (Permanent Resident Card);
- I-571 (Refugee Travel Document);
- I-766 (Employment Authorization Card);
- Certificate of Citizenship;
- Naturalization Certificate;
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 Language);
- Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94);
- Unexpired Foreign Passport;
- WT/WB Admission Stamp in Unexpired Foreign Passport
- I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status);
- DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status);
- Any other document determined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program created pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

**Part D.** If you are claiming qualified alien status, but you are unable to present two (2) forms of documentation as described in Part C, then you shall present at least **one (1)** such document as described in Part C, which shall then be verified through the SAVE program.

**Part E.** If you are claiming that you are a foreign national not physically present in the United States, please contact the program issuing the license, registration, certification or other benefit for which you are applying to provide such documentation as may be required to verify such status.