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**76-02-01-01. Soils curriculum.**

An approved soils curriculum shall be a course of study required to earn the bachelor of science degree with a major in soils at the time of the applicant's graduation from the land grant college or university awarding the applicant's degree, or a course of study at least equal to the land grant college or university's curriculum if the degree is awarded by another college or university.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-12, 43-36-13

**76-02-01-02. Soil classifier-in-training application - Contents.**

The application for certification as a soil classifier-in-training shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the official transcript of credits for all degrees earned by the applicant. The applicant shall have three references who shall submit written and signed statements as to the applicant's character. The applicant shall provide a record and description of employment service.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-10

**76-02-01-03. Soil classifier application - Contents.**

The application for registration as a professional soil classifier shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the official transcript of credits for all degrees earned by the applicant. The applicant shall have five references, three of which are professional soil classifiers, submit written and signed statements as to the applicant's soil classifying experience or character. The applicant shall provide a record and description of employment service.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-10

#### **76-02-01-04. Application fees.**

Application for registration for professional soil classifier and for certification as a soil classifier-in-training shall be accompanied by an application fee of twenty-five dollars. Providing the applicant obtains a passing grade, the fee of twenty-five dollars includes the cost of examination in fundamentals of soil classification and the principals and practice of soil classifying. If an applicant fails to obtain a passing grade in the initial examination, the fee for each subsequent examination is ten dollars.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-14, 43-36-16

#### **76-02-01-05. Examination dates.**

An examination in the principles and practice of soil classifying shall be held on dates scheduled by the board at a place selected by the board. The board shall set the time, date, and place of all examinations at least thirty days prior to the date they will be given.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-16

#### **76-02-01-06. Examination contents and committee.**

The examination shall include both written and field problems and shall be prepared and administered by a committee of three professional soil classifiers selected by the board. The written examination on soil fundamentals of soil classification will be the same for both certification as a soil classifier-in-training and registration as a professional soil classifier. The committee shall be compensated with such per diem and expenses as needed.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-12

#### **76-02-01-07. Effect of passing examination.**

An examination applicant who obtained a passing grade in any examination has a period of one year from the date the applicant is notified that the applicant passed the examination to apply for either certification or registration.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-17

#### **76-02-01-08. Experience credit.**

Experience prior to the date of certification as a soil classifier-in-training will be credited toward the experience requirement for registration as a professional soil classifier.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-12

#### **76-02-01-09. Registration fee - Soil classifier.**

The registration fee for a professional soil classifier shall be one hundred dollars.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-15

**76-02-01-10. Registration fee - Soil classifier-in-training.**

The registration fee for a soil classifier-in-training shall be twenty-five dollars.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-15

**76-02-01-11. Registration fee - Nonresident soil classifier.**

The application fee of a legally qualified nonresident professional soil classifier not registered in North Dakota offering to practice soil classifying in North Dakota on a temporary basis shall be one hundred dollars for each six month period or fraction thereof in any calendar year.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-11, 43-36-24

**76-02-01-12. Renewal of registration - Fees.**

A certificate of registration for a professional soil classifier shall expire if renewal is not effected by December thirty-first. The holder of the expired certificate is to be legally notified if delinquent. The holder can only be reinstated by paying the renewal fee, plus an additional ten dollars delinquency fee by June thirtieth of the year delinquent. The fee to replace a certificate that has been lost, destroyed, or mutilated shall be ten dollars.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-18, 43-36-19

**76-02-01-13. Categories of renewal.**

The certificate of registration may be renewed under the category of practicing professional soil classifier or the category of nonpracticing professional soil classifier. A practicing professional soil classifier is defined as a professional soil classifier actively engaged and receiving compensation as a consultant.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-15

**76-02-01-14. North Dakota registrant residing in another state - Registration renewal.**

A professional soil classifier registered in North Dakota who takes up residency in another state may renew the certificate of registration annually by payment of renewal fees.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-18

**76-02-01-15. Roster of professional soil classifiers.**

The secretary of the board shall annually provide each registered professional soil classifier with a roster of the practicing and nonpracticing professional soil classifiers by February first.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-36-07

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-36-09