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Soil Science



Soil Science Exam Information

The exams for the Certified Professional Soil Scientist certification and state Soil Scientist licensing programs are developed and maintained by the Council of Soil Science Examiners (CSSE). The certification program, in its entirety, is overseen by the Soils Certifying Board of the Soil Science Society of America.

To achieve certification as a Certified Professional Soil Scientist (CPSS), you are required to pass the Fundamentals of Soil Science exam. Exams are offered twice per year in a range of locations across the United States and Canada. There may be different deadlines in these states.

You must pass the Fundamentals of Soil Science Exam before you can take the Professional Practice Exam. You may only take one exam per exam date.

Performance Objectives And Study Materials

The exams are based on performance objectives developed by the Council of Soil Science Examiners. It is recommended that the exam candidate work through the performance objectives and additional resources as supplemental information.

- Fundamentals Exam Performance Objectives
- Professional Practice Exam Performance Objectives
- Online Fundamentals Exam Prep Course

Resources to Study

- Fundamentals of Exam Resources
- Professional Practice Exam Resources

The Soil Science Exam

TBPG utilizes the Council of Soil Science Examiners (CSSE) exam, administered by CSSE. For more information on the exam, visit the CSSE website or call 608/273-8085. Proof of passing scores on both portions of the CSSE exam is required in order to be licensed in the soil science discipline. If you have passed the CSSE Soil Science licensing examinations, please download Form V – CSSE Verification of Exam Scores and submit completed form to CSSE for verification of exam scores. CSSE will forward verification directly to TBPG.

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