

APPENDIX II-C

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____ Rule Number Soil 300 various

<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p>Board of Natural Scientists c/o Office of Professional Licensure & Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301</p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: RSA 310-A:82, II and III; RSA 310-A:86, I; RSA 310-A: A:85 & 87; RSA 310-A:92, I (g) and (h)</p> <hr/> <p>3. Federal Authority: <u>n/a</u></p> <hr/> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p>Adoption _____</p> <p>Repeal _____</p> <p>Readoption _____</p> <p>Readoption w/amendment <u>X</u></p>
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5. Short Title: **Certification Requirements**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

The Board of Natural Scientist (Board) is proposing to readopt with amendments various sections of Soil 300 as follows:

Readopt with amendment Soil 301.01 describing the application process to become a Soil or Wetland Scientist Apprentice including all required documentation, the applicant’s responsibility, and the Boards processing of the completed application. The rule is being modified to incorporate the use of the Universal Application for Initial Licensure and the addendum to the universal application, point to the OPLC rules for required fees, remove references to the processing of applications, and make various editorial changes;

Readopt with amendment Soil 301.02 describing the application forms for initial licensure. The rule is being readopted with amendment to make various editorial changes and correct rule citations;

Readopt with amendment Soil 301.03 describing fees for applications and exams. The rule is being readopted with amendment to make editorial changes;

Readopt with amendment Soil 301.05 and renumber as Soil 301.04 describing the “Professional Reference Form”. The rule is being readopted with amendment to make editorial changes.

Readopt with amendment Soil 302.01 describing the candidate requirements for a soil scientist. The rule is being readopted with amendment to made editorial changes;

Readopt with amendment Soil 302.02 describing experience requirements for soil scientist candidates. The rule is being readopted with amendment to add the requirement that graduates of an accredited 4 year college leading to a baccalaureate degree consisting of 15 semester hours in soil science shall have 3 additional years of soil science experience. The rule is also being amended to make various editorial changes;

Readopt with amendment Soil 302.03 describing the soil scientist candidate education requirements. The rule is being readopted with amendment to remove that the applicant is submitting proof of education to meet the education requirements cited in law and state that the submission of the documents is to show that applicant is competent to practice as a soil scientist;

Readopt with amendment Soil 302.04 describing wetland scientist experience requirements. The rule is being readopted with amendment to make various editorial changes;

Readopt with amendment Soil 302.05 describing wetland scientist candidate mapping and education requirements. The rule is being readopted with amendment to make various editorial changes;

Readopt with amendment Soil 303.01 describing the examination requirements for soil scientist candidates. The rule is being readopted with amendment to change NH RFP process to NH request for proposal process, correct a rule citation, and make an editorial change.

Readopt with amendment Soil 303.02 describing the examination requirements for wetland scientist candidates. The rule is being readopted with amendment to indicate the OPLC will notify the candidate that they are eligible to sit for the examination and to indicate that the OPLC will contract on behalf of the Board for the exam to be administered;

Readopt with amendment Soil 303.03 describing the reexamination for those who failed to pass the examination. The rule is being readopted with amendment to remove the information on how the exam is contracted;

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

This proposal affects applicants for soil or wetland scientist apprentice and soil scientist and wetland scientist.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Statute Implemented
Soil 301.01	RSA 310-A:82, I, 310-A:86
Soil 301.02	RSA 310-A:82, I, 310-A:86
Soil 301.03	RSA 310-A:92, I (g)
Soil 301.04 (formerly Soil 301.05)	RSA 310-A:82, I, II, 310-A:86
Soil 302.01	RSA 310-A:84, I, II, 310-A:85
Soil 302.02	RSA 310-A:84, II and RSA 310-A:86
Soil 302.03	RSA 310-A:84, II and RSA 310-A:86
Soil 302.04	RSA 310-A:82, RSA 310-A:84 II-a, II-b
Soil 302.05	RSA 310-A:82, RSA 310-A:84, II-a, II-b
Soil 303.01	RSA 310-A:82, III, RSA 310-A:84 I
Soil 303.02	RSA 310-A:82, III, 310-A:84, II-a
Soil 303.03	RSA 310-A:82, III, RSA 310-A:84, I, II & III

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7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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TTY/TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964 or dial 711 (in NH)

8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Monday, December 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

Fax E-mail Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time:	Wednesday, December 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Physical Location:	Office of Professional Licensure and Certification 7 Eagle Square
Electronic Access (if applicable):	N/A

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # 24:207, dated 10-3-2024

1. **Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**
There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.
2. **Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**
No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.
3. **Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**
 - A. **To State general or State special funds:**
None.
 - B. **To State citizens and political subdivisions:**
None.
 - C. **To independently owned businesses:**
None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

These rules do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution. These rules do not mandate or assign this program to any political subdivision in any way.