



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board for Professional Soil Scientists and Wetland Professionals
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC145-20
Regulation title	Professional Soil Scientists Regulations
Action title	Reduce Fees for Certification of Soil Scientists
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The proposed amendments to the regulation are limited to adjusting the current fees for initial certification, renewal, and reinstatement. The fees for certification as a Professional Soil Scientist will be reduced to comply with the provisions of the Callahan Act (§ 54.1-113 of the *Code of Virginia*).

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

At its meeting on April 21, 2010, the Board for Professional Soil Scientists and Wetland Professionals voted to reduce the certification fees in the Professional Soil Scientists Regulations.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

No family impact has been identified.