

MEMO

TO: Members of the Soils Assessment Rules Advisory Committee  
FROM: Katherine Daniels, DLCD  
SUBJECT: Qualifications for participants under HB 3647  
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After considering the provisions of HB 3647 and consulting with Dawn Ferris of the Soil Science Society of America, I propose we discuss the following potential qualifications for individuals who would like to participate in soils analysis under HB 3647.\* Potential rule language could read:

(1) 'Professional soil classifier' means any person who has been determined by an independent panel of soils experts including members of the SSSA board and the Oregon State Soil Scientist to:

(a) Meet the SSSA certification requirements for "soil classifier" as the SSSA requirements exist on October 1, 2011, or

(b) Meet the SSSA certification requirements for "soil scientist" as the SSSA requirements exist on January 1, 2012.

(c) "Professional soil classifiers" as described in (a) and (b) above shall further:

(A) Have completed five semester hours in soil genesis, morphology and classification;

(B) Have three or more years of unsupervised field experience in soils classification in Oregon; and

(C) Be in SSSA good standing.

\* In an RFP we would probably ask for submittal of electronic transcripts, sample work and references that demonstrate compliance with the foregoing qualifications