

Order of the Commissioner Concerning Certification of Commercial Forest Practitioners

On June 29, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order No. 7DDD, wherein each commissioner was authorized to extend, as deemed reasonably necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic or its effects, any statutory or regulatory time requirements, decision-making requirements, hearings, or other time limitations or deadlines, procedures or legal process pertaining to matters under their respective jurisdiction, functions or powers for a period not to exceed 90 days, retroactive to June 28, 2020. Commissioners were authorized to issue any orders necessary to implement and effectuate the purposes of the Governor's Executive Order No. 7DDD. Commissioners are required to publicly post and maintain such orders on their respective websites. Under the authority granted pursuant to Executive Order No. 7M issued on March 25, 2020, the commercial forest practitioners had until June 28, 2020, to renew their certifications. With the action I am taking today, in accordance with the authority granted by the Governor on June 29, 2020, commercial forest practitioners will now have until September 9, 2020, in which to renew their certifications.

Commercial Forest Practitioners

In accordance with the authority granted pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7DDD, I hereby order a third temporary waiver of the requirements set forth in section 23-65h(c)(4) of the Connecticut General Statutes, for renewal of commercial forest practitioner certifications, effective retroactively to June 28, 2020, to extend the time for compliance, without additional approvals, until September 9, 2020. Work of commercial forest practitioners lends itself to the practice of social distancing. The commissioner retains the right to deny, suspend, or revoke a particular certification pursuant to Sec. 23-65o of the Connecticut General Statutes.

So ordered this 1st day of July, 2020.



Commissioner Katie S. Dykes