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#### SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIRE

a Division of South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

#### Office of State Fire Marshal

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### **SC Department of Corrections Final Inspection Process**

- 1. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Division of State Fire, Office of State Fire Marshal will perform final fire inspections of new local jails and prisons as identified by the SC Department of Corrections to audit compliance with South Carolina Fire Code per SC Code of Law 24-9. State Fire Marshal Inspection Orders will be filed with the SC Department of Corrections who is responsible for prescribing corrective actions and time frames for compliance and issuing those orders to the appropriate facility representatives. The SC Department of Corrections retains the responsibility of approving and enforcing minimum standards in jails and prisons as described in SC Code of Law 24-9.
- 2. For state prisons, per the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, the Office of State Engineer will serve as the building official and will perform all final inspections per SC Code of Law 11-35-835. Should a state prison construction or renovation project be exempt from the oversight of the Office of State Engineer, the State Fire Marshal will perform those final fire inspections at the request of SCDC as described herein.

#### II. Requesting the Inspection:

- 1. Inspection request will be entered into the State Fire Marshal Information Management System (IMS) as a Building Inspection request by the Design Professional (DP), facility representative, or SCDC staff member. https://osfm.llr.sc.gov/
- 2. All systems must be ready for final inspection before the inspection will be made. To ensure that the facility, including all fire protection systems, are ready for final inspection, the following documentation will be uploaded into the IMS *at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled inspection date*. Failure to do so may result in the inspection being cancelled.

#### Required Documentation:

- a. Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion issued by the local Building Official. In absence of a local building official, the State Fire Marshal will accept a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion issued by a third-party inspection firm or other qualified representative of the building owner or design professional.
- b. Confirmation from the local Building Official or third-party inspection firm that there are no deficiencies effecting life safety or fire protection systems. This may be a letter, an email, an inspection report, or a deficiency log showing that all deficiencies have been corrected.







- c. For water-based fire protection systems: NFPA 13 or NFPA 24 Underground and Aboveground Contractors Materials and Test Certificates and Fire Pump Acceptance Test Results (when applicable).
- d. For fire alarm systems: NFPA 72 Certificate of Completion
- e. For Kitchen Fire Suppression Systems: A compliant Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression System Report.
- f. For Smoke Control Systems: Final test and acceptance documents.
- g. For Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement Systems: Final test and acceptance documents.
- h. Facility Emergency Plan
- i. Other documents at the request of the State Fire Marshal.

#### III. Scheduling the Inspection:

- 1. The State Fire Marshal will conduct the inspection within 14 days of the inspection request. The State Fire Mashal will assign a date to the inspection request and all parties associated with the request in the IMS will receive an email notifying them of the inspection date and the assigned Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) who will be responsible for the inspection. DSFMs will attempt to call the individual requesting the inspection to discuss available dates before scheduling.
- Within 48 hours of the scheduled inspection, if all of the required documents have not been submitted, the State Fire Marshal will attempt to reach out to the DP to check the status of the inspection readiness. If all life safety and fire protection systems will not be ready for inspection, the inspection will be cancelled. If the required documents are not uploaded within 24 hours of the inspection, the State Fire Marshal may cancel the inspection.
- 3. Cancelled inspections and failed inspections will require a new inspection request which will be conducted within 14 days of the request as described above.

#### IV. Conducting the Inspection:

- 1. The DP, facility representative, local building inspector or building official who issued the CO, and all necessary contractors and third-party inspectors must be present at the time of the inspection. SCDC is not required to be present.
- 2. The Deputy State Fire Marshal will lead this final fire inspection.
- 3. The "Three Strikes and You Are Out" rule will be applied to each system. Three deficiencies that cannot be immediately corrected will result in a failed inspection. The State Fire Marshal will not continue the inspection that results in the creation of a "punch list."

#### V. Results of the Inspection:

 Inspection reports will be available within 24 hours of the completion of the inspection and will be delivered to the SC Department of Corrections and other persons associated with the inspection request in the IMS. 2. SCDC is responsible for issuing its approval to allow occupancy of the inspected structure. SCDC may issue their approval with or without a final inspection from the State Fire Marshal.

#### VI. Appeals:

1. The DP or Contractor who disagrees with the results of an inspection or the actions of any DSFM may immediately appeal in writing by emailing the Assistant State Fire Marshal (ASFM) and describing the basis of the appeal and the suggested next action. The ASFM will consult with interested parties and provide a response to the appeal as soon as possible and no more than 72 hours after the receipt of the appeal. If the ASFM is not being available, the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal (CDSFM) will answer the appeal.

a. ASFM: <u>Nathan.ellis@llr.sc.gov</u>b. CDSFM: Curtis.smith@llr.sc.gov

#### VII. Plan Reviews:

- Complete Building Plan Review. The State Fire Marshal expects that the appropriate Building
  Official will perform a complete plan review identifying code deficiencies and requiring corrected
  plans to be submitted and approved prior to issuing building permits. In accordance with SC Code
  of Law 6-9, the building official for local jails and detention centers will be the local municipal or
  county building official. The State Fire Marshal shall be provided a set of the approved plans for
  inspection purposes, per 24-9-40.
- Fire Sprinkler Plan Review. In accordance with SC Code of Law 40-10, State Fire will review fire sprinkler plans when requested by the AHJ. The process for submitting fire sprinkler plans into the IMS has not changed. Guidance can be found on our website.\_ <a href="https://statefire.llr.sc.gov/osfm/index.aspx">https://statefire.llr.sc.gov/osfm/index.aspx</a>

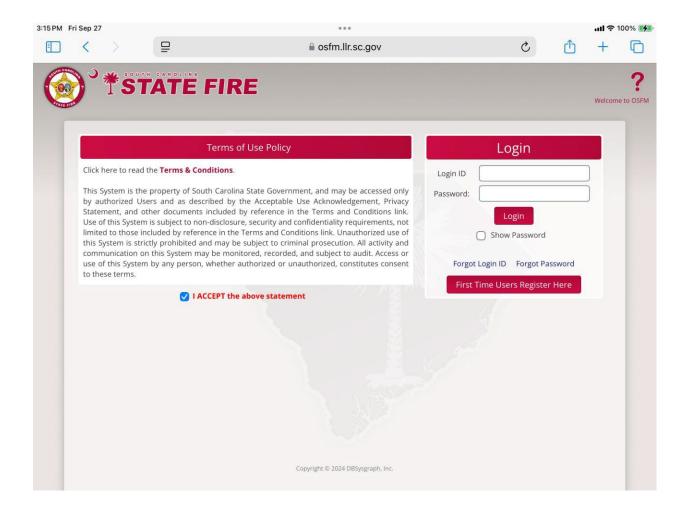






## Jails and Prison Construction Final Inspection Request Guide for State Fire IMS

You will need to create an account in the State Fire IMS if you don't already have one. The web site is: <a href="https://osfm.llr.sc.gov">https://osfm.llr.sc.gov</a>.

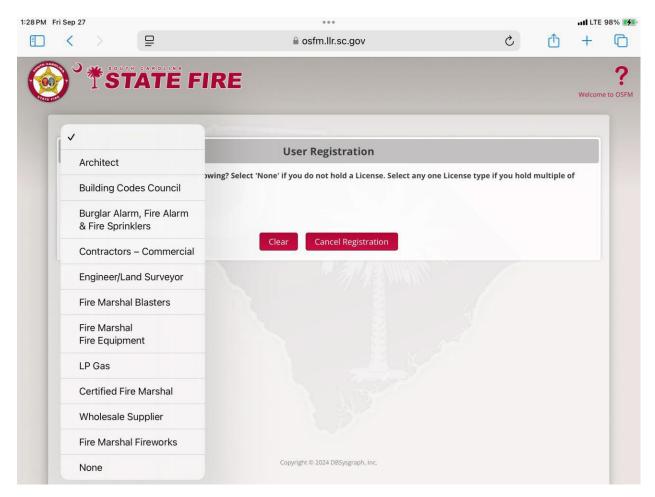


Click on "First Time Users Register Here".









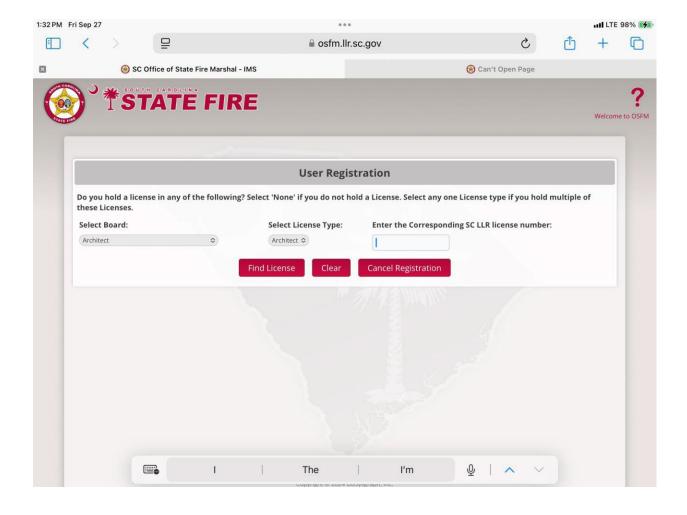
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Fill out all information and click the "find license" button to fill in your credentials.







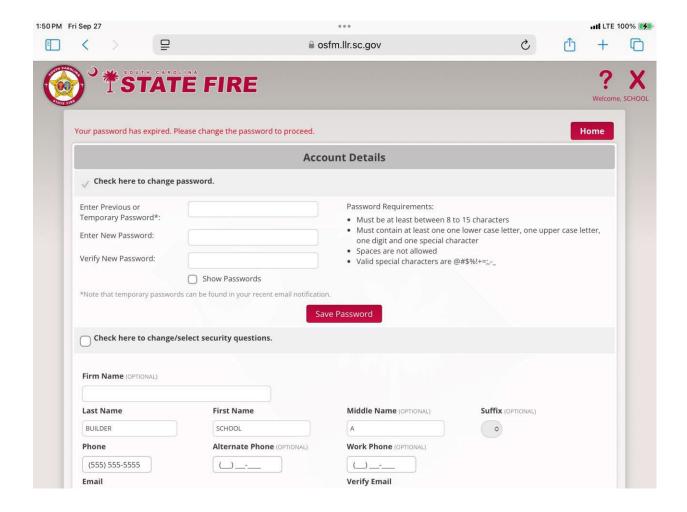


After filling in all contact fields and creating account, you will receive an email with your temporary password. Login to IMS with this temporary password and you will be brought to this screen to create a permanent password and verify your personal information. Save the new password and select "next".







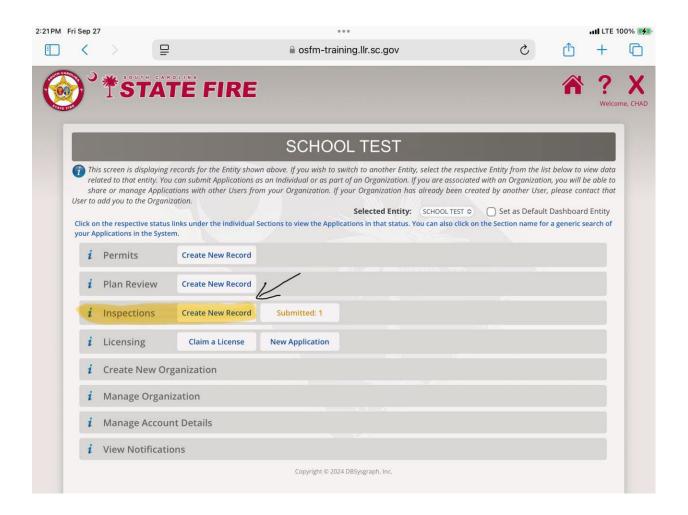


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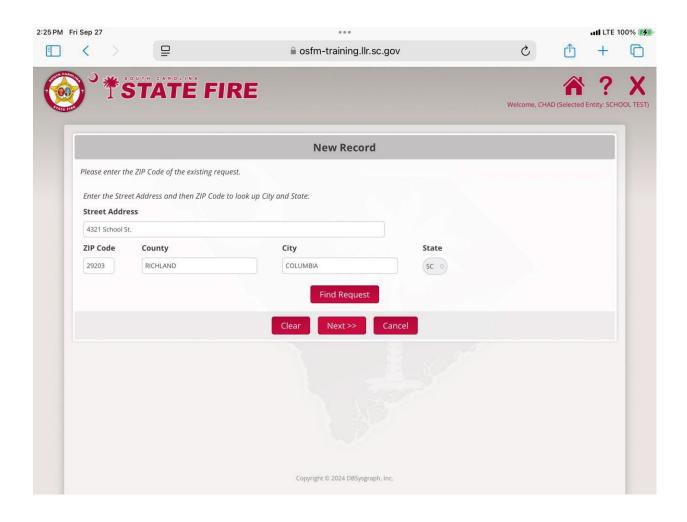


Fill out the address information for the inspection location and click "next".







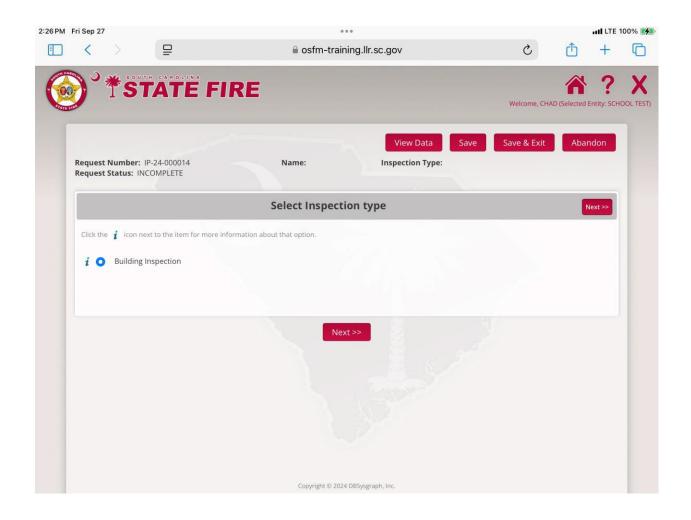


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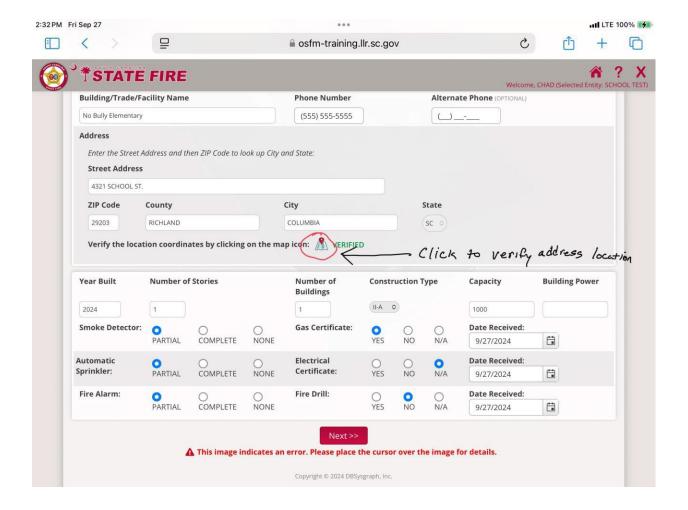


The next screen is all the information on the facility. After filling in all the pertinent information, you will need to verify the coordinates with the address before moving forward (See the circled area in the slide). After you have verified this information, you can select "next" to move on.







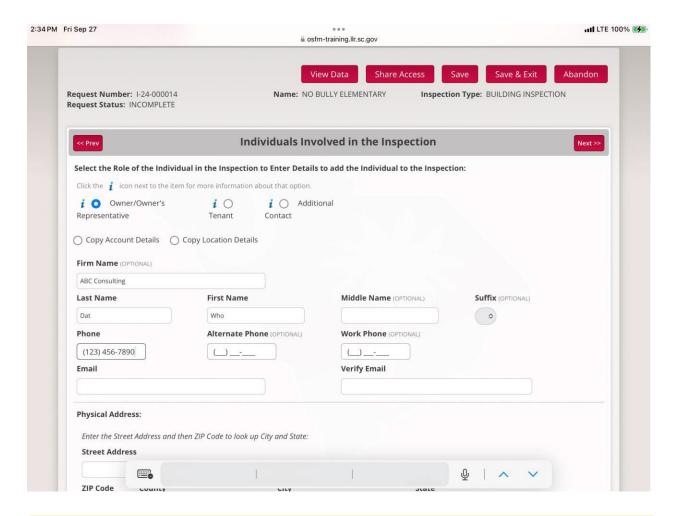


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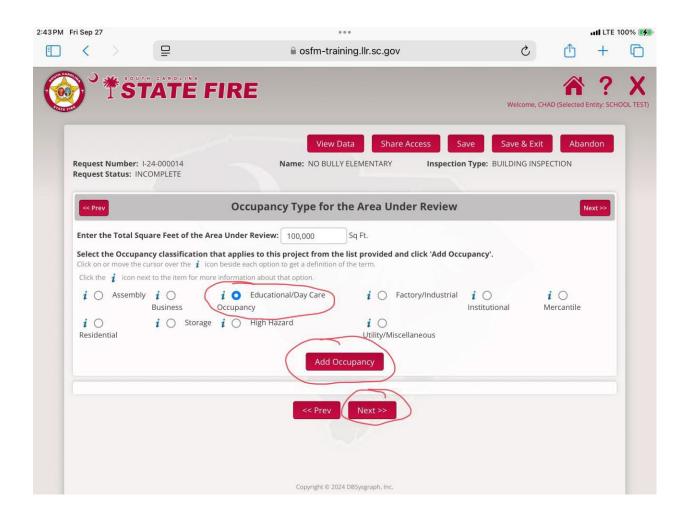
Be sure to include the Design Professional, the third party inspection firm contact person, and each Chapter 9 Systems contractor who must be present at the time of the requested inspection.

The next section is the area and type of occupancy to be inspected. Select correct type and click," Add Occupancy" before you can click, "next".







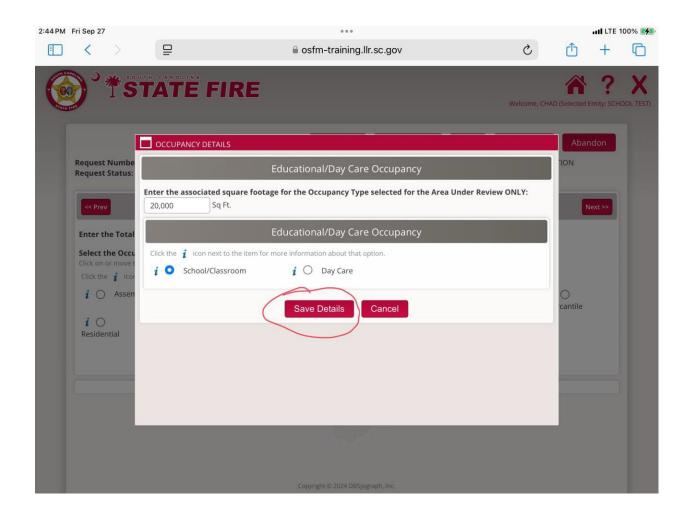


Next, select the area to be inspected if not the entire facility and "save details".







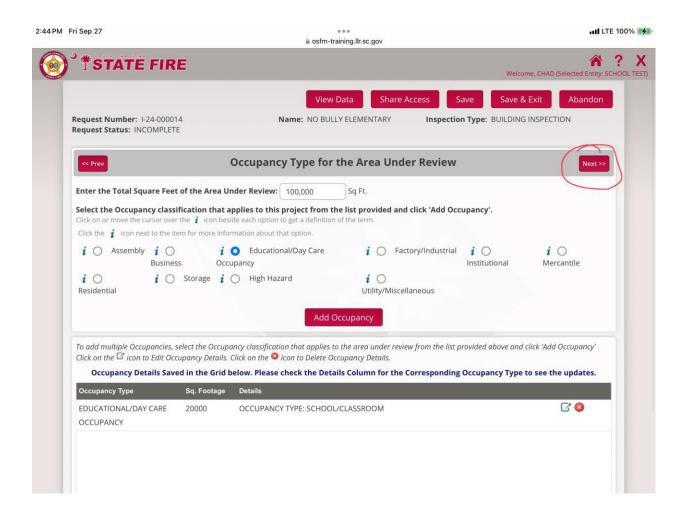


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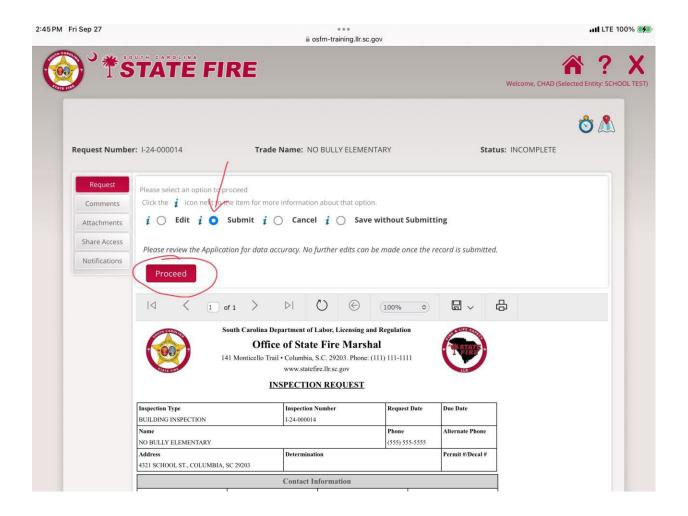


In this last screen, verify the face of the inspection request, select "submit", and then click, "proceed".









Use the Attachments tab on the left to upload the documents that are required prior to 24 hours before the scheduled final inspection.





