

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologist

Initial Licensure and Exam Process

1. Registration as a Professional Geologist

All applicants applying for a Professional Geologist registration must have graduated from an accredited geologic curriculum of four or more years, approved by the board; and provide proof to the board of five years work experience (four years with a master's degree in geology). Applicants must pass both portions of the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examinations.

(1) Submit application with a money order, personal, or certified check in the amount of **\$200.00**** for a two-year Professional Geologist registration.

Examinations: The Board requires applicants to successfully complete both ASBOG examinations – Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology. The Fundamentals of Geology exam fee is \$150.00 and the Practice of Geology exam fee is \$250.

Do not send the examination fee with the application. Once the applicant is approved to take the examinations, an Examination Candidate Request Form will be sent to the applicant with instructions on ordering and making payment for the examinations. Checks for the Examination Fees must be made payable and sent directly to ASBOG with the Candidate Request Form.

For Regular Mail Delivery submit to: ASBOG-Post Office Box 5219-Douglasville,GA. 30154. **For Overnight Street Delivery** VIA FEDEX, UPS, etc., submit to: ASBOG-6000 Stewart Parkway, P. O. Box 5219-Douglasville,GA. 30154

(2) Applicants requesting a Professional Geologist registration must submit Employment Verification(s) showing a minimum of 5 years work experience in the field of geology, after graduation, from an approved college. Send form(s) to present or previous employers who will need to complete all required information and forward directly to the Board's office.

(3) Professional References: Three references are required and must be submitted by geologists or engineers. References must be persons who have known the applicant a minimum of one year and can attest to applicant's character and reputation.

(4) Applicants are required to have Verification of Registration/Licensure forms forwarded directly to the Board's office from all states where they are registered as a Geologist.

(5) Applicants must request the school or college send their transcripts directly to the Board's Office.

(6) Return completed Supplemental Application form listing the names of all companies, individuals, and institutions from which the Board will receive verification to complete your application.

2. Registration as a Geologist-in-Training

All applicants applying for a Geologist- In-Training Registration must have graduated from an accredited geologic curriculum of four or more years, approved by the board. Applicants must pass the Fundamentals portion of the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examination.

(1) Submit application to the Board along with a money order, personal, or certified check in the amount of \$75.00.

Examination: The Board requires applicants to successfully complete the Fundamentals portion of the ASBOG examination. The examination fee is \$150.00. Do not send the examination fee with the application. Once the applicant is approved to take the exams, an Examination Candidate Request Form will be sent to the applicant with instructions on ordering and making payment for the examinations. Checks for the Examination Fees must be made payable and sent directly to ASBOG with the Candidate Request Form.

(2) Professional Reference: Three references are required and must be submitted by geologists, or engineers.

(3) Applicants must request the school or college send their transcript(s) directly to the Board's Office.

(4) Return completed Supplemental Application form listing the names of all companies, individuals, and institutions from which the Board will receive verification to complete your application.

3. Registration through Reciprocity

All applicants applying for a Professional Geologist registration through reciprocity must have graduated from an accredited geologic curriculum of four or more years, approved by the board; and must provide proof to the board of five years work experience (four years with a master's degree in geology). South Carolina currently has reciprocity with; North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. (Reciprocity with these states exempts testing only.) Georgia and North Carolina applicants who were registered under the grandfather provisions must provide verification of at least five years of responsible professional work experience after the date of registration. Virginia applicants who were registered under the grandfather provisions must provide verification of at least seven years of responsible professional work experience after the date of registration.

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