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# Colorado

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**Registration Status:** Statutory Definition

Effective Date: 1973

Exemptions:

ASBOG® Membership: No

Update: Currently, Colorado does not require licensure or registration of geologists. Colorado Revised Statutes do require that geologic reports be prepared or authorized by a professional geologist. Professional Geologist is a term defined in Colorado statutes. The references for these laws are shown here.

34-1-201. Definitions. As used in this Part two, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Geologist" means a person engaged in the practice of geology.

(2) "Geology" means the science which treats "of the earth" in general, the earth's processes and its history, investigations of the earth's crust and the rocks and other materials which compose it, and the applied science of utilizing knowledge of the earth's history, processes, constituent rocks, minerals, liquids, gases and other materials for the use of mankind.

(3) "Professional geologist" is a person who is a graduate of an institution of higher education which is accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency, with a minimum of 30 semester or 45 quarter hours of undergraduate or graduate work in a field of geology and whose post-baccalaureate training has been in the field of geology with a specific record of an additional five years of geological experience to include no more than two years of graduate work.

34-1-202. Reports containing geologic information. Any report required by law or by rule and regulation and prepared as a result of, or based on, a geologic study or on geologic data or which contains information relating to geology, as defined in section 34-1-201(2) and which is to be presented to or is prepared for any state agency, political subdivision or the state or recognized state or local board or commission shall be prepared or approved by a professional geologist, as defined in Section 34-1-201(3).

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## Board Composition:

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### Requirements:

Education: College graduate with a minimum of 30 semester or 45 quarter hours of undergraduate or graduate work in a field of geology. College must be accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency

Experience: Five years of geological experience to include no more than two years of graduate work.

Examination: No

Continuing Education:

Grandfathering:

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## Cooperative Licensure - (Comity/Reciprocity):

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### Registrant Count:

*Information Updated:* October 14, 2016

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