

1 **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF COOPERATIVE LICENSURE BETWEEN**
2 **U.S. JURISDICTIONAL ENTITIES (U.S. STATES AND ITS TERRITORIES)**

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4 **between**

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6 **the (State or Territory) Board of Professional Geologists**

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8 **and**

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10 **the (State or Territory) Board of Professional Geologists**

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12 The Boards of Licensure* for Geologists (or similar designation) of (state or territory
13 name) and (state or territory name) hereby enter into a common understanding
14 concerning licensure of Licensed** Professional Geologists by cooperative licensure,
15 aka reciprocity or comity, subject to the provisions listed below:

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- 17 1) Any written Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examination(s)
18 administered by either Board shall be accepted by the other in considering
19 applicants for licensure by cooperative licensure.
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 - 21 2) Either Board may require an additional examination(s) related specifically to the
22 practice of professional geology in that state (territory).
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 - 24 3) Evidence of a valid certificate of licensure from one of the states (and/or
25 territories) is required for licensure by cooperative licensure in the other. The
26 candidate requesting cooperative licensure must be in good standing with the
27 state (or territory) in which that person holds a current licensure as a
28 professional geologist.
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 - 30 4) Applicants for licensure by cooperative licensure who were licensed under the
31 grandfathering (grandparenting) provisions of the state (or territory) in which
32 s/he currently hold a license may be exempted from a written examination(s)
33 upon verification of the applicant meeting all of the following conditions:
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 - 35 a) Educational requirements in the state (territory) where cooperative
36 licensure is desired;
 - 37 b) At least five (5) years of responsible geologic/geoscientific professional
38 work experience since the date of her/his licensure;
 - 39 c) Licensure was maintained continuously during those five (5) years;
 - 40 d) No substantiated complaints and/or disciplinary action(s) have ever been
41 taken against the licensee (registrant) in any jurisdiction.
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43 Further, before issuing a license, the board where cooperative licensure is
44 desired reserves the right to require that an applicant meet any or all of the

45 statutory licensing requirements that were not met, waived, or otherwise
46 modified in the state (territory) where the applicant is currently licensed.

- 47 5) Applicants must submit a completed application, required documentation, and
48 fees to the board in which s/he desires to be licensed. The applicant seeking
49 licensure under the terms and conditions of this agreement shall direct the state
50 (or territory) in which s/he is currently licensed to send certified copies of the
51 contents of her/his licensure file(s) sent directly to the state (or territory) in which
52 s/he wishes to be licensed, at her/his expense.
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- 54 6) Each board reserves the right to accept an application for cooperative licensure,
55 to request additional information from the applicant, or reject an application for
56 cause as governed by their respective laws or rules.
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- 58 7) Each board will inform the other board, as soon as practicable, of any
59 disciplinary action(s) taken against any licensed geologist that was licensed
60 under the terms and conditions of this agreement.
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- 62 8) Each board will develop and maintain documentation of the individuals that are
63 approved for licensure under the terms and conditions of this agreement and will
64 make this information available to the other board.
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- 66 9) This agreement shall be in full force and effect on (Month, Day), 20___ and shall
67 remain in full force and effect unless cancelled, in writing, and by majority vote of
68 either Board.

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Date

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75 Chairman/President
76 Board of Licensure
77 for Professional Geologists

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- 80 * - Every instance of the term "licensure" may be replaced by other similar
81 terms, i.e. registration or certification
- 82 ** - Every instance of the term "licensed" may be replaced by other similar
83 terms, i.e. registered or certified
- 84 *** - Every instance of the term "geologist" may be replaced by other similar
85 terms including geoscientist.