# Texas

### Registration Status:
- **Practice Act**

- **Effective Date:** September 1, 2001 (except as noted below)

- **Exemptions:** Specified in Texas Occupations Code §1002.252

- **ASBOG® Membership:** Member Board

- **Update:** Beginning September 1, 2003, a license is required to practice geoscience in Texas. Geoscience in Texas includes the disciplines of geology, geophysics, and soil science.

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### Board Composition:
- Six Professional Geoscientists and three public members

### Requirements:

- **Education:** Baccalaureate in Geology, Geophysics or Soil Science.

- **Experience:** Five years

- **Examination:** ASBOG®, CSSE (Soil Scientists) or Texas Geophysics Examination (Geophysicists)

- **First ASBOG® Exam:** March 2004

- **Continuing Education:** Fifteen Professional Developmental Hours are required each renewal period, including one hour of professional ethics.

- **Grandfathering:** Ended August 31, 2003

### Cooperative Licensure - (Comity/Reciprocity): Statute allows for comity/reciprocity. (Note: The Texas Geoscience Practice Act and Board Rules provide a waiver of certain requirements. See the agency website or contact staff for more details.)

### License Count:
- PGs: 3,614  
- GITs: 158  
- Geoscience Firms: 349

- **Information Updated:** September 1, 2019