# Virginia

## Registration Status:
Title Regulation

**Effective Date:** 1981

**Exemptions:** Voluntary certification, therefore, no registration/certification requirements.

**ASBOG® Membership:** Member Board

### State Contact:
- **Name:** Kate Nosbisch
- **Title:** Executive Director
- **Address:** Virginia Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists, Perimeter Center, Suite 400, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA 23223-1463
- **Phone:** (804) 367-8514
- **Fax:** (866) 465-6206
- **E-mail:** geology@dpor.virginia.gov
- **Web site:** [www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/SSWPG](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/SSWPG)

### Board Composition:
Three licensed professional soil scientists, three certified professional wetland delineators, three geologists, three citizen members and the State Geologist shall serve as an ex-officio member.

### Requirements:

#### Education:
Hold a Baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university, with a major in geology, engineering geology, geological engineering or a related geological sciences. In the absence of one of the aforementioned degrees, each applicant shall provide evidence of the satisfactory completion of 30 semester hours (or the equivalent) of geological science courses, including, but not limited to, the following subjects: stratigraphy, structural geology, mineralogy, paleontology, petrology, geomorphology, and field geology. At least 12 of the 30 semester hours must have been completed in four the seven listed subjects.

#### Experience:
Must have at least seven years of geological work which shall include either a minimum of three years of geological work under the supervision of a qualified or certified professional geologist, or a minimum of three years of experience in responsible charge of geologic work. The adequacy of the position and the required supervision and experience shall be determined by the Board. Each year of full-time undergraduate study shall count as one-half year of experience, up to a maximum of two years, and each year of full-time graduate study shall count as one year of experience, up to a maximum of three years. Credit for undergraduate and graduate study shall in no case exceed a total of four years toward meeting the seven-year experience requirement.

#### Examination:
- **ASBOG®**
- **First ASBOG® Exam:** April 1998
- **Continuing Education:** No
- **Grandfathering:** No

### Cooperative Licensure - (Comity/Reciprocity):
No

### Registrant Count:
PGs: 951

**Information Updated:** October 1, 2021