
Washington

Registration Status:	Practice Act
Effective Date:	July 1, 2001
Exemptions:	Geologic work performed by subordinates of a licensed geologist; federal employees; exploration of energy and mineral resources; geological research; teaching; the practice of engineering or other licensed profession; general scientific work; the giving of testimony or preparation and preservation of exhibits or documents for judicial purposes.
ASBOG® Membership:	Member Board
Update:	Regulation of geologists took effect July 1, 2001. An application form for licensure can be downloaded from the Washington State Geologist Web site at http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/geologist/ .

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Board Composition: Seven members: One public, five geologists, one *ex-officio* (State Geologist)

Requirements:

Education:	Graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in geology, engineering geology, hydrogeology or one of the related geological sciences, or educational equivalents, AND successful completion of a minimum of 24 semester/36 quarter hours or their equivalent of course work in geological science. This includes 14 semester/21 quarter hours of unduplicated credits from the board's core content list, which is comprised of courses covering physical geology, historical geology, structural geology, mineralogy/petrology, and sedimentary geology/stratigraphy.
Experience:	Five years of documented and verifiable professional geological practice or, if applying for a specialty, five (5) years of specialty practice satisfactory to the Board, after receipt of a bachelor's degree. The experience must include: (a) at least three (3) years of geological experience under the supervision of state-licensed geologists or specialty geologists or others who, in the opinion of the Board, are qualified to have responsible charge; (b) up to two years' credit for full-time graduate study in geology, engineering geology, hydrogeology or one of the related geological sciences approved by the board; and (c) if applying for two (2) specialties, at least five (5) years or 8,000 hours of experience in each specialty, for a total of ten (10) years or 16,000 hours experience.
Examination:	ASBOG® for geologists. Title of "Geologist-in-Training" after successful completion of the Fundamentals of Geology Examination. State-specific specialty examinations for engineering geologist and hydrogeologist.
First ASBOG® Exam:	October 2002
Continuing Education:	N/A
Grandfathering:	Phase 1: Began July 1, 2001, ended June 30, 2002. Phase 2: Began May 14, 2003, ended June 30, 2003.

Cooperative Licensure - (Comity/Reciprocity): Must meet Washington requirements.

Registrant Count:	Licensed Geologists – 1,805 (active) Licensed Licensed Hydrogeologists - 576 (active) Licensed Licensed Engineering Geologists - 342 (active)
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Information Updated: October 1, 2022
