# 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:

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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:**

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

## Regrant Count:
- Licensed Geologists – 1,805 (active) Licensed
- Licensed Hydrogeologists - 576 (active) Licensed
- Licensed Engineering Geologists - 342 (active)

**Information Updated:** October 1, 2022