## Washington

**Registration Status:**
- Practice Act

**Effective Date:**
- July 1, 2001

**Exemptions:**
- Geologic work performed by subordinates of a 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 speciality, five (5) years of speciality practice satisfactory to the Board, after receipt of a Bachelors 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) specialities, at least five (5) years or 8,000 hours of experience in each speciality, for a total of ten (10) years or 16,000 hours experience.

**Examination:**

**First ASBOG® Exam:**
- October 2002

**Continuing Education:**
- N/A

**Grandfathering:**

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

### Registrant Count:
- Licensed Geologists – 2,237 (active) Licensed
- Licensed Hydrogeologists - 772 (active) Licensed
- Licensed Engineering Geologists - 459 (active)

**Information Updated:**
- September 16, 2019