

Geologist in Training Registration &  
National Geology Licensing  
Examination

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# Early Path Forward for Geology Students & Graduates

- General licensure
- Geologist In Training registration
- Why get a license?
- Application process
- Examination & review information



# What Exams Are Required for Licensure?

The National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) national examination consists of two parts:

- Fundamentals of Geology
- Practice of Geology

# What purpose does the Board of Professional Geologists serve?

- Regulates Professional Geologists in the State of Florida
  - Approves all applications for professional geologist licensure by examination, endorsement, or geologist-in-training registration
  - Develops language for proposed rules pertaining to geologists
  - Conducts disciplinary proceedings
- Website: [www.MyFloridaLicense.com](http://www.MyFloridaLicense.com) > Our Businesses & Professions > Geologists



# New Legislation Establishes Geologist In Training (GIT) Registration

- Senate Bill 404 signed into law June 2014
- Law became effective January 1, 2015



# What's Changed in Licensure ?

- Applicants can begin GIT registration with at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours from an approved geology curriculum
- Allows applicants to take the fundamentals portion of the geology licensure examination and be registered as a GIT with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- Reduces professional geological work experience requirement from 7 to 5 years

# Why Licensure/Registration?

- Demonstrates competence in the understanding and practice of geology
- Is intended to protect public health, safety and welfare and the environment by determining and applying sound geological procedures by qualified, reputable professionals
- Indicates education and experience to qualify for licensure/registration
- Grants a privilege to practice



# Examples of Geology as a Profession

- geologic mapping
- groundwater resource and development protection
- mineral-resource evaluation
- oil and gas development
- safe oil, gas, water, or mineral drilling
- accurate and reliable information to government agencies for public use
- environmental geology issues
- land surface stability
- solid waste siting
- toxic, nuclear, and hazardous waste disposal siting
- contaminated soil and groundwater investigations
- mined-land reclamation
- acid mine drainage
- dam and impoundment construction
- highway construction

# What are the benefits of being a registered GIT?

- Elevates professional standing/credibility
- Demonstrates commitment to becoming a P.G.
- Increases marketability
- Provides potential salary benefits

# How Do I Apply?

- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) is currently accepting applications
- <https://www.myfloridalicense.com>
- Fill out the application and remit application fee

# How to Know If Your Application for Testing Has Been Approved

- Letter of approval to take the examination will be mailed to you. Prior to the examination date, you will receive an admissions card confirming the date, time and location.



# Testing Location

- Kissimmee – Osceola Heritage Park
- There are no computer based exams



# Exam Dates 2015-2017

Exams are offered twice a year.

[http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/servop/testing/documents/exam\\_deadlines.pdf](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/servop/testing/documents/exam_deadlines.pdf)

## National Examinations Administered By DBPR

*To ensure scheduling for the next examination administration, please mail your application in sufficient time for processing and board review, if required.*

<i>Profession</i>	<i>National Vendor</i>	<b>Examination Dates</b>	<b>Completed Application Deadline</b>	<b>Exam Booklet Order Deadline For DBPR Only</b>
Geology	ASBOG	Fundamentals (FG) and Practice (PG)	90 Days Before Actual Exam Date	45 Days Prior to the examination
		October 2, 2015	July 4, 2015	August 18, 2015
		March 18, 2016	December 17, 2015	Feb. 02, 2016
		September 30, 2016	June 30, 2016	August 16, 2016
		March 17, 2017	December 15, 2016	Jan. 31, 2017
		October 6, 2017	July 6, 2017	August 22, 2017

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# How to Prepare for Exam

- Start early –study consistently- form a study group
- Take review courses early on...
- Refer to textbooks and internet resources
- Search Internet for study hints
- Take practice exams
- No programmable calculators or reference material allowed in exam – memorize!
- Fundamentals test is 140 questions – 4 hours (less than 2 minutes per question)
- Consult geological associations

# Resources

ASBOG site ([www.asbog.org](http://www.asbog.org))

- Review all links for useful information
- Candidates handbook has tips and sample problems

Content Domains	FG%	PG%
A. General and Field Geology	20	21
B. Mineralogy, Petrology, and Geochemistry	11	5
C. Sedimentology, Stratigraphy, and Paleontology	12	5
D. Geomorphology, Surficial Processes, and Quaternary Geology	13	8
E. Structure, Tectonics, and Seismology	11	9
F. Hydrogeology	11	19
G. Engineering Geology	11	17
H. Economic Geology and Energy Resources	11	16
TOTALS	100	100

- Refer to ASBOG and AIPG/FAPG website for additional reference materials

Questions?