

Apply for a geologist license.

Online: [www.dol.wa.gov/business/geologist](http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/geologist)

Or mail your application and fee to:

**Geologist Licensing Board**  
**Department of Licensing**  
**PO Box 3777**  
**Seattle WA 98124-3777**

Mail all other supporting documents to:

**Geologist Licensing Board**  
**Department of Licensing**  
**PO Box 9012**  
**Olympia WA 98507-9012**

For questions or language help call: (360) 664-1497

## Geologist license requirements

To be licensed in Washington as a geologist, you must:

- Have a degree from an accredited college or university in geological sciences or a related degree as approved by the Board. Your degree must include 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of upper division geology courses or course work educationally equivalent in content and rigor as approved by the Board. For more detail on required course work, visit [www.dol.wa.gov/business/geologist](http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/geologist)
- Have at least 5 years of documented, verifiable professional geological experience. At least 3 years must be under the supervision of a licensed geologist.
- Pass the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®) Fundamental of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations, or an examination the Board approves as equivalent.
- Be currently licensed in another state, if applying by reciprocity.

## Alternative experience credit

- One year of full-time graduate study in geology or a qualified related area counts as one year of experience, up to a maximum of 2 years.
- Geological research or teaching at the university or college level is credited year for year if, in the judgment of the Board, it is comparable to experience obtained in the practice of geology or a specialty.

## How to apply for a license

1. Submit a completed Geologist License Application (sections 1 through 5) with a check or money order payable to the Department of Licensing to our office.
2. Complete the Applicant Information section of the Employment and Experience Verification form send to each of the verifiers listed on section 4 of this form. The person verifying will send the completed form directly to our office.  
**Employment and Experience Verification is not required if you are only applying for the Fundamentals of Geology Exam.**
3. If you have only one Employment and Experience Verification, complete the Applicant portion of the Personal Reference form and send to your reference to complete and submit to our office.
4. Request a certified copy of your transcript(s) be sent to our office. **Only sealed transcripts sent directly from the issuing college or university are accepted.** Educational equivalents are subject to approval and must be documented by providing a course syllabus, outline, or certificate of completion for non-academic courses.
5. After you are approved by the Board to take the ASBOG® exams, you will receive a copy of the ASBOG® National Examination Candidate Request Form from our office. Complete the lower section of the form and send it with the exam fees directly to ASBOG®. Exam admission letters for approved candidates will be sent approximately one month prior to the date of the exam.
6. **Reciprocity applicants only:** Complete the Applicant section of the Geologist Licensing and/or Exam History Certification and send to the state where you are currently licensed. They will complete the Certification Verification section and return the form to our office.



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**All applicants must pay the non-refundable application fee to take an exam.**

### Application fees

Geologist  by exam, **\$100 fee**  
 by reciprocity, **\$200 fee**

### Exam location and fees *(check all that apply):*

Location for exam:  West of Cascades  East of Cascades

Fundamentals of Geology for exam date \_\_\_\_\_. Pay exam fee to ASBOG when approved to sit for the exam.

Practice of Geology for exam date \_\_\_\_\_. Pay exam fee to ASBOG when approved to sit for the exam.

### Personal information

PRINT or TYPE Name as you would like it to appear on your license				Former name <i>(If applicable)</i>	
Full legal name (First, Middle, Last)					
Street address					
City		State	ZIP code	County	
(Area code) Daytime phone number		(Area code) Home phone number <i>(optional)</i>			
Date of birth <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>	Social Security number* (or ITIN, Green Card, Canadian SIN)		Email		
Military? <i>(check if applicable)</i> Current or former: <input type="checkbox"/> Military member <input type="checkbox"/> Military spouse or domestic partner					
If you are applying by <b>reciprocity</b> , indicate the state where you passed an exam for licensure	Exam state	License state	Date of original license	License number	

\*You are not required to have a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN or TIN) to apply for or be issued a license. If you do not have an SSN or ITIN, leave that section blank. If you do have a SSN, ITIN or TIN, you are required by federal and state law to provide it on the application (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(13) and RCW 74.20A.320).

**Educational background** *(attach additional sheets if required)*

Name of college, university, technical school	Location	Dates of attendance		Degree
		From	To	
Applicable education and supplemental training	Location	Date of attendance		Certificate/Degree etc.
		From	To	

**Legal background**

Answer the following

Answer the questions below. If you answer "Yes," attach a detailed explanation.

In this state or any other jurisdiction, are you or have you:

1. Within the last 10 years, had any action (fine, suspension, revocation, censure, surrender, etc.) taken against any professional or occupational license, certification, or permit held by you? . . . . .  Yes  No
2. Within the last 10 years, defaulted or been convicted of or entered a plea of no contest to a gross misdemeanor or felony crime? (Don't include traffic offenses.) . . . . .  Yes  No

**Qualifying experience**—List in chronological order (*most recent first*)

Include only **practical work experience** performing activities involved in the practice of **geology**. A resume alone is not enough.

Full name and complete current address of employer, including self employment and military service	Period of employment (month/year)	Total hours worked per week	Nature of service performed List types of projects, major duties	Verifier name and title
	From			
	To			
	From			
	To			
	From			
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If additional space is required, please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet.

**Certification**

Answer the following

1. Do you agree to abide by all the applicable laws and rules regarding the practice of geology and geology specialties? .....  Yes  No

2. Do you authorize any business associates (past and present) and any governmental agencies (local, state, or federal) to release to the Department of Licensing any information, files, or records which may be required for a background investigation? .....  Yes  No

3. Do you understand that if you provide any false information in this application, we may deny, suspend, or revoke your license to practice in Washington? .....  Yes  No

*I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 TYPE or PRINT Name  
**X**  
 Applicant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date and place

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