

Geologist Specialty License Application (Engineering and/or Hydrogeologist)

Apply for approval to take the specialty exams and apply for licensure as an engineering geologist and/or a hydrogeologist. This application may also be used to apply for a specialty license through reciprocity.

Online: <https://professions.dol.wa.gov>

Or mail your application and fee to:

**Geologist Licensing Board
Department of Licensing
PO Box 35001
Seattle WA 98124-3401**

Mail all other supporting documents to:

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

Or email: geologist@dol.wa.gov

For questions or language help call: 360.664.1497

Specialty license requirements

To be licensed in Washington as an engineering geologist or hydrogeologist, you must:

- Be licensed as a geologist in Washington
- Have completed **one** of the following advanced studies pertinent to your chosen specialty.
- 18 semester or 27 quarter hours of graded academic course work
 - 270 hours of seminars or workshops
 - 540 hours of on-the-job training under the supervision of a geologist licensed in your chosen specialty, or others qualified to have responsible charge, as determined by the Board
- Have at least 5 years of documented, verifiable experience in your chosen specialty, including at least 3 years under the supervision of a geologist licensed in your chosen specialty, or others qualified to have responsible charge, as determined by the Board. **If applying for 2 specialties, you must have at least 5 years of documented, verifiable experience in each specialty.**
- Pass exam for specialty. You can apply by reciprocity for specialty licenses if you have passed the applicable specialty exam **and** are currently licensed in California as an engineering geologist or hydrogeologist or in Oregon as an engineering geologist.

If you are not eligible but continue to apply and submit payment you will not receive a refund.

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 Specialty License Application with a check or money order payable to the Department of Licensing to our office.
2. Complete the List of Projects for the specialties you are applying for with your application. Also complete the Applicant information section of the Employment and Experience Verification form and send a copy of the List of Projects to each of the verifiers listed. The person verifying will send the completed form directly to our office.
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 transcripts 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.

*For a specialty license, you must have, or apply for, a Geologist license.

Fees (check all that apply):

Engineering geologist* ☐ by exam, **\$135 fee** ☐ by reciprocity, **\$203 fee**
Hydrogeologist* ☐ by exam, **\$135 fee** ☐ by reciprocity, **\$203 fee**

Licenses are available for self-printing with an online account.

If you want us to print and mail your license add a \$5 print fee for each copy to your payment.

☐ \$0 self-print license online.

☐ \$5 each. DOL print and mail license. Quantity_____ Total \$_____

Personal information

PRINT or TYPE Name as you would like it to appear on your license			Former name (If applicable)	
Full legal name (First, Middle, Last)				
Street address				
City		State	ZIP code	County
10-digit daytime phone number	10-digit home phone number (optional)		Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Social Security number* (or ITIN, Green Card, Canadian SIN)		Email		
Military? (check if applicable) Current or former: <input type="checkbox"/> Military member <input type="checkbox"/> Military spouse or domestic partner				
For Service members and their spouses: When a Service member and their spouse must move due to Military orders, Washington state may recognize their current license or certificate if they provide the following: 1. A copy of the military orders. 2. A license that is in good standing in all states where the individual held their license before. a. During application review, DOL may request an original Certificate of Licensure or Letter of Good Standing from each state.				

*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 a SSN, ITIN, or TIN, 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).

Personal information *(continued)*

b. There may be continuing education requirements needed for DOL to recognize the license.

3. Complete the following table if you hold a license in any state (excluding Washington).

State	License number	Expiration date (mm/dd/yyyy)

If you are applying by **reciprocity for a specialty license**, indicate the state where you passed a specialty exam for licensure below.

State	Specialty	Year licensed (yyyy)	License number
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Education background *(attach additional sheets if required)*

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

Legal background

Answer the following

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

1. Within the last 5 years, in this state or any other jurisdiction, have you 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 5 years, in this state or any other jurisdiction, have you defaulted, or been convicted of, or entered a plea of no contest to a gross misdemeanor or felony crime? (Don't include traffic convictions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Include only practical work experience performing activities involved in the practice of the specialty for which you are applying. 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
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If additional space is required, please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet.

Declaration

Answer the following

1. Have you read and do you agree to follow all the applicable laws and rules of this profession and do you understand the penalties for misconduct? ☐ 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

Applicant signature—Sign and date the declaration below.

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 (city or county) signed

Providing false information in this application may be cause for denial, suspension, or revocation of your professional license in the State of Washington.