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20 CSR 2145-2.010 Grandfather Requirements
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20 CSR 2145-2.020 Educational Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule defines the educational requirements for a registered geologist or geologist-registrant in-training.

(1) To be eligible for licensure, an applicant must have received a degree at the baccalaureate, master’s or doctoral level from a school, college, university, or other institution of higher education in the United States; which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, was accredited by a regional accrediting commission recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(2) Upon request by the board, the applicant shall furnish to the board competent and substantial evidence that the college or university is accredited by a regional accrediting commission recognized by the United States Department of Education. Regional accrediting commissions acceptable to the board are as follows:

(A) Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools for the states of Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands;

(B) New England Association of Colleges and Schools for the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont;

(C) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission for the states of Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming;

(D) Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges for the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington;

(E) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia; and

(F) Western Association of Schools and Colleges for the states of California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of North Marianas Islands, and the Trust Republic of the Pacific Islands.

(3) A school, college, university or other institution of higher learning outside the United States which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, shall maintain a standard of training substantially equivalent to the standards of training of those institutions accredited by one (1) of the regional accrediting commissions recognized by the United States Department of Education and acceptable to the board.

(4) The applicant shall have completed at least thirty (30) semester hours or forty-five (45) quarter hours of credit in a course of study in geology.

(A) A course of study in geology, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall be clearly identified and designed to teach fundamentals of geology, and principles and practices of geology, and shall be designed to train the student to engage in the practice of geology.

(B) No credit will be given for workshops, continuing education, work experience or readings courses, even if credit is awarded by the educational institution and the offering appears on the transcript;

1. An independent study will be accepted by the board only if the applicant is awarded credit and a passing grade appearing on the transcript accompanied by a letter from the appropriate school official explaining the course was an in-depth study of geology or a branch of geologic study and work; and

(C) If an academic course title is not self-explanatory as to the content, content must be substantiated through course descriptions from official school catalogs or bulletins, course syllabi, or through written documentation from an appropriate school official;

(D) A course shall not be considered as complete or meeting any academic requirements unless the applicant’s official transcript clearly shows the course was awarded credit by the school and the applicant has received a passing grade; and

(E) It shall be the applicant’s burden to demonstrate his/her academic course work and training constituted a program of study in geology. The applicant shall request the school or university forward official transcripts and any other supporting evidence necessary to document the fact that these educational requirements have been met. A final determination of whether the program of study or course work which forms the basis of the applicant’s thirty (30) semester or forty-five (45) credit hours of study in geology is within the discretion of the board.

(6) The board will review an applicant’s educational credentials upon receiving official educational transcripts directly from the college, school, or university and upon payment of a fee for an educational review. All information must be submitted to the board no later than thirty (30) days before a regularly scheduled board meeting to be reviewed at that meeting.


20 CSR 2145-2.030 Post-Baccalaureate Experience in Geology

PURPOSE: This rule defines the requirements for post-baccalaureate experience.
20 CSR 2145-2.040 Examination

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the examination requirements and procedures for obtaining a registered geologist license.

(1) Every applicant for licensure by the board as a registered geologist, except those meeting the requirements for licensure by reciprocity or where test examination score has been endorsed by the board, shall take a written examination as prescribed by the board.

(A) To be examined, a candidate must complete an application on forms supplied by the board, pay the appropriate non-refundable examination fee, submit an official transcript as described in 20 CSR 2145-2.020 Educational Requirements, and be approved by the board.

(B) The applicant shall pass the National Geologist Examination as developed by the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG™) or its successor which consists of two (2) sections; Fundamentals of Geology, and Practice of Geology.

(3) The examinations shall be given at least twice each year at times determined by the board.

(A) The board shall notify all candidates in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the examination of the time and place of the examination.

(B) The candidate shall submit the applicable nonrefundable fees as prescribed.

(C) If the candidate fails to appear for the examination without submitting a written notice to the board at least seven (7) days prior to the examination, the examination fee shall be forfeited unless otherwise determined by the board.

(D) The board shall notify all candidates in writing of their success or failure on any examination.

20 CSR 2145-2.050 Reexamination

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the requirements and procedures for retaking the licensure examination for a registered geologist.

(1) Any applicant who fails the license examination may request to be reexamined as follows:

(A) To be reexamined, a candidate must notify the board and pay the appropriate non-refundable examination fee no less than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled examination;

(B) After paying the examination fee, a candidate may be reexamined within an eighteen (18)-month period of the date of the failed exam without filing a new application.

(2) A candidate who fails any section of the initial examination and two (2) subsequent reexaminations shall be disqualified from retaking the examination a fourth time, until submitting a written plan for passing the examination and meeting with the board if requested.


20 CSR 2145-2.051 Application for Licensure

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedure for application for licensure as a registered geologist.

(1) Applications for licensure must be made on the forms provided by the Missouri Board of Geologist Registration.

(2) An application will not be considered officially filed with the board unless it is typewritten or printed in black ink, signed, notarized, accompanied by all documents required by the board, and the application fee.

(3) The applicant will be informed by letter of the results of the board review of the application.

20 CSR 2145-2.055 Complaints, Appeals and Challenges of Examination

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the procedures by which an examination candidate may make a complaint about the examination administration, appeal the examination content and/or make a challenge to the examination.

(1) Examination Administration Complaints.
   (A) A candidate may file a complaint regarding the administration of the examination by sending a letter to the Missouri Board of Geologist Registration (MBGR), in which the candidate will describe the basis for the administrative complaint and will include pertinent information. The letter of complaint must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) business days after the date of the examination and must be sent via traceable mail with delivery-signature of receipt required (e.g., certified mail).
   (B) The MBGR through the executive director will investigate the challenge and will have a hearing at a mutually agreeable time to determine the validity of the challenge. The MBGR will hold the hearing and will respond to the candidate via traceable mail with delivery-signature of receipt (e.g., certified mail). The challenge within sixty (60) business days.
   (C) In making said challenge, the candidate agrees to abide by the decision of the MBGR.


20 CSR 2145-2.060 Licensure by Reciprocity

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedures to apply for licensure by reciprocity.

(1) An applicant may make application for licensure by reciprocity upon submission of the following to the board:
   (A) Application form as provided by the board with supporting supplementary documentation, as requested;
   (B) Proof of certification or registration from another state showing that the applicant is in good standing with the other state;
   (C) Documentation that the licensing or registration requirements of the applicant’s state of licensure are substantially similar to the requirements of the board at the time the applicant seeks licensure by the board; and
   (D) Applicable fees

(2) The board will consider the registration or licensing requirements of the other state to be substantially similar to the requirements of the board if the applicant for licensure by reciprocity has met the following criteria, at the time of application to the board:
   (A) Proof of graduation from an accredited college or university;
   (B) College and university transcripts showing successful completion of at least thirty (30) semester or forty-five (45) quarter hours, or their equivalent, in geology courses which are on topics involving the investigation and interpretation of the earth, including bedrock, overburden, groundwater and other liquids, minerals, gases, and the history of the earth and its life;
   (C) Detailed summary of actual geologic work showing that the applicant has completed at least three (3) years of post-baccalaureate work in the practice of geology in responsible charge; and
   (D) Proof of having achieved a passing score on the Fundamentals of Geology and the Practice of Geology as developed by the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG™), or, evidence that the state of licensure, at the time of application to the Missouri Board, requires its applicants to successfully pass the ASBOG™ exam, or, evidence of successful completion of a state administered exam, approved by the board, which tests the applicant’s knowledge.


PURPOSE: This rule outlines the requirements and procedures for notifying the board of name and address changes.

(1) An individual practicing under a license issued by the board shall ensure that the current license bears the current legal name of that individual.

(2) A registered geologist or geologist-registrant in-training whose name is changed by marriage or court order shall promptly—
   (A) Notify the board of such change and provide a copy of the appropriate document indicating such change; and
   (B) Request a new license bearing the individual’s new legal name.

(3) A registered geologist or geologist-registrant in-training whose address has changed must inform the board of all such changes by notifying the board’s office in writing within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the change.


that involve the practice of geology, as defined in section 256.453(7), RSMo. The registered geologist should identify, on the title page or index, the geologic portions of the documents that he/she, or someone under his/her immediate personal supervision, prepared. The registered geologist may identify those portions of the documents that neither he/she nor someone under the registered geologist’s immediate personal supervision prepared.

(4) If two (2) or more registered geologists provide reports, plans, drawings, maps or other documents, each registrant shall date, sign and seal those documents using the appropriate disclaimer identifying each registrant’s responsibility.

(5) Any documents not prepared by the registered geologist or under his/her personal supervision shall not be signed or sealed by the registered geologist.

(6) Any registered geologist who does not have a current license in this state is prohibited from using his/her seal on any documents until the license is renewed or otherwise reinstated.
