

322A.040 Requirements for registration.

- (1) In order to qualify for registration, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:
 - (a) Successful completion of a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours or forty-five (45) quarter hours of course work in geology, culminating in a baccalaureate or advanced degree in geology, geophysics, geochemistry, or geological/geotechnical engineering from an accredited college or university. At the discretion of the board, courses dealing with applied geological science that are given under the auspices of an academic department other than geology may be considered toward the fulfillment of this requirement. During the twelve (12) month period beginning one hundred and eighty (180) days after July 14, 1992, the board may waive the education requirements for persons who derive their livelihood from the public practice of geology who do not meet the education requirements, but who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board their competency and who have at least eight (8) years of experience in geology.
 - (b) Five (5) years of experience in professional geologic work. Professional geologic work may include the instruction of geology at the college or university level, the geological research of persons at the college or university level, geological work performed while in the employment of the United States, state, or local governments. In counting years of experience, the board may give one (1) year of credit each for a master's degree or doctoral degree in geology, geophysics, geochemistry or geological/geotechnical engineering.
 - (c) A passing score on an examination required by the board that has been designed to demonstrate that the applicant has the necessary knowledge and skill to exercise the responsibilities of the public practice of geology.
 - (d) Enrollment by the board as a geologist-in-training.
- (2) During the twelve (12) month period beginning one hundred and eighty (180) days after July 14, 1992, the board shall waive the examination requirement for applicants qualified by education and experience as provided in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) Credit toward the experience and education requirements shall be subject to evaluation and approval by the board.
- (4) Documentation of competency and integrity may be required by the board.
- (5) Upon application, registration may be provided to those registered or certified as geologists in another state having standards at least equal to those provided in this section. During a twelve (12) month period beginning one hundred and eighty (180) days after July 14, 1992, registration may be provided to those holding a valid certification from the American Institute of Professional Geologists or the Division of Professional Affairs of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

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