



North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists

POLICY STATEMENT CONCERNING ADMISSION TO THE EXAM AFTER THREE FAILURES

Rule 21 NCAC 21.0301(c) reads in part:

A person who has failed an examination is allowed to take the examination again at the next regularly scheduled examination period. A person having a record of three failures will not be allowed to take the examination again until a written appeal is made to the Board and qualifications for examination are reviewed and affirmed by the Board. The applicant must demonstrate to the Board that actions have been taken to improve the applicant's possibility of passing the exam.

The method of demonstrating actions to improve possibility of passing are further defined as herein:

- A. **AFTER THREE FAILURES:** The candidate must write a formal letter of appeal and document some study or experience leading to improved chances of passing. Self-study is minimally accepted, but formal study is encouraged.
- B. **AFTER FOUR FAILURES:** The candidate must write a formal letter of appeal and document some relevant experience plus at least one formal course of study equivalent to three semester hours credit in an institution of higher education.
- C. **AFTER FIVE FAILURES:** The candidate must write a formal letter of appeal and document some relevant experience and document at least one additional formal course of study equivalent to three semester hours credit at an institution of higher education.
- D. **AFTER SIX OR MORE FAILURES:** The candidate must write a formal letter of appeal, document some relevant experience, document participation in at least one additional formal course of study equivalent to three semester hours credit at an institution of higher education, and formally meet with the Board to discuss reasons that the candidate should be allowed to further pursue licensure.
- E. The board may deny admission to the exam for candidates who in spite of experience and additional formal study show no progress toward passing the exam.

EFFECTIVE DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 1992