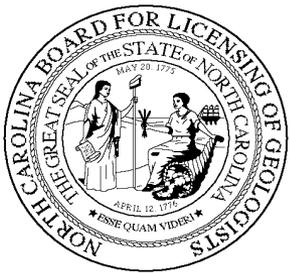


Licensure of Geologists in North Carolina (and elsewhere)

--Why it's important

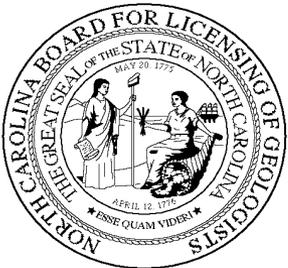
--How to become licensed



North Carolina Board of Licensing for Geologists

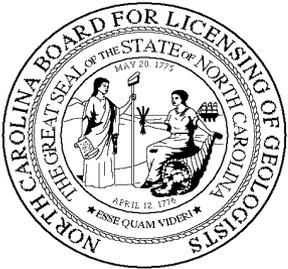
The Future Looks Promising for Careers in Geology!

- Projected 16% growth in geoscience jobs, 2012-2022, Job outlook – Faster growth than average (*Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook*).
- “Society needs more geoscientists than there are currently students” (*Environmental Science and Technology* 2010, 44 (2), pp. 550-555)

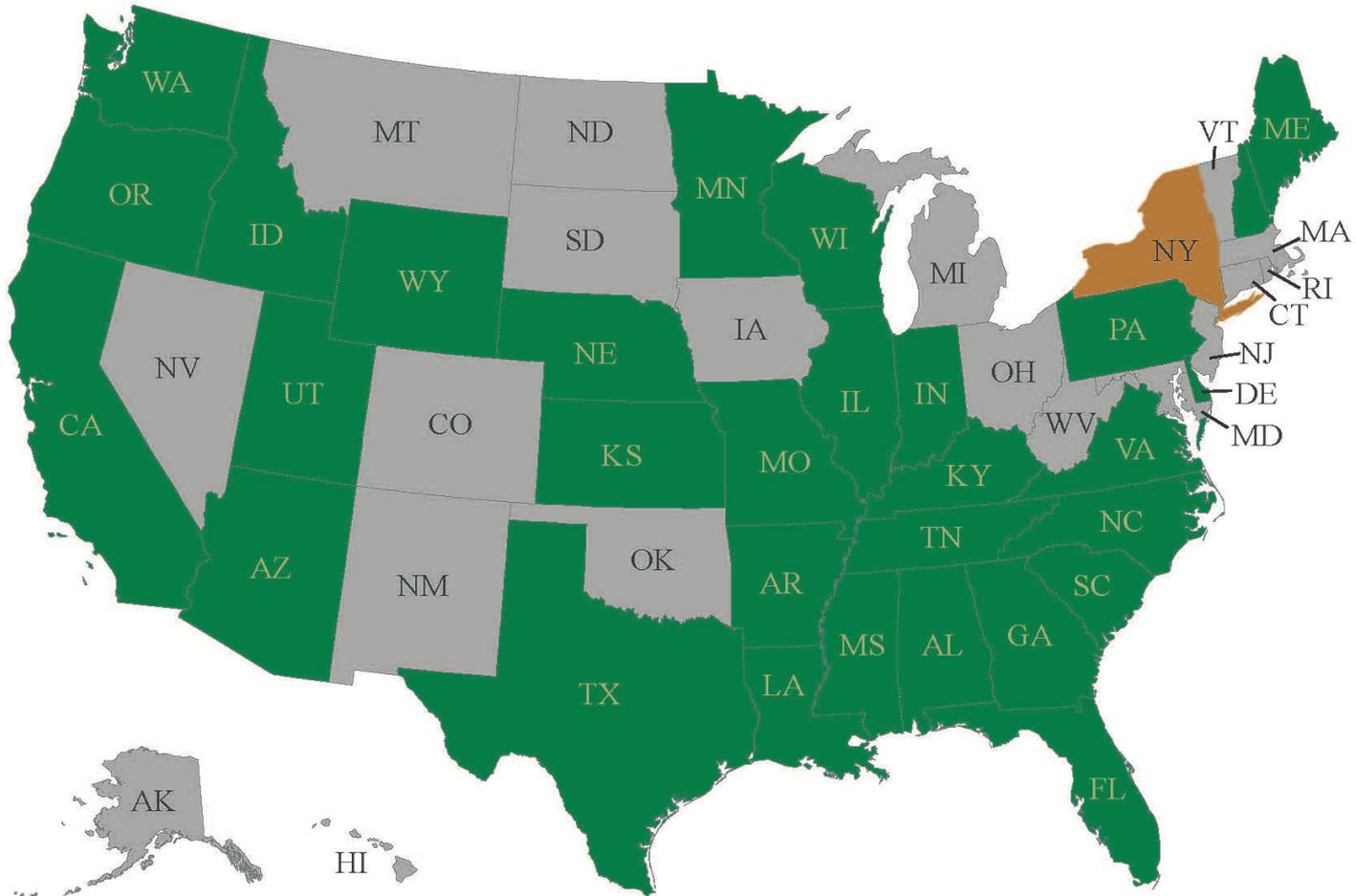


Why Pursue Licensure?

- **REQUIRED** for many positions in > 30 US states, including North Carolina, and Canada
- Impressive professional accomplishment, often associated with pay increase and/or promotion
- Can be licensed in other states via reciprocity/comity



United States & Puerto Rico

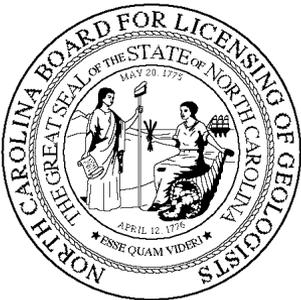


- ASBOG Member Board Regulatory State (MBR) (31)
- Visitor State Regulatory (VSR) (1)
- Visitor State Non-Regulatory (VSNR) (19)

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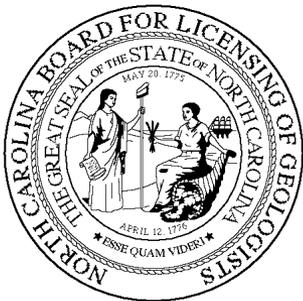
North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists

- Established by the Geologists Licensing Act, NC General Statute 89E
- Requirements, NCAC 21 Chapter 2100
- Professional Code of Conduct for licensed geologists:
“...to safeguard the life, health, property and welfare of the public and to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity, skills, and practice in the profession of geology...”



North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists

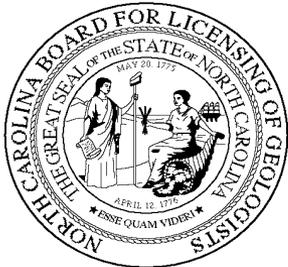
- Offers licensure for North Carolina geologists and corporations engaged in geologic work
- Five members appointed by the governor, plus the State Geologist (ex officio)
- Member, Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)
- Administers exams for licensure in NC



The Licensing Exam

NCBLG administers the ASBOG exam

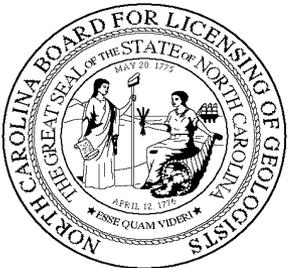
- Two tests:
 - Fundamentals of Geology (FG) - Part I
 - Practice of Geology (PG) - Part II
- Each test is multiple-choice
- Four hours to take each test
- Exams given in March and October



The Licensing Exam –FG

Minimum Requirements to Apply:

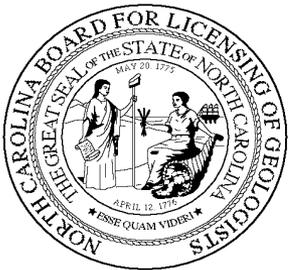
- Graduation from college or university with BS degree in geology or have completed 30 credit hours in geology of which 24 are advanced level.
- FG should be taken immediately after graduation.



The Licensing Exam –PG

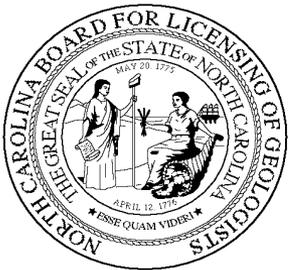
Minimum Requirements to Apply:

- FG requirements **PLUS:**
- Three years of geological experience after graduation. A master's degree in geology fulfills two years of the experience requirement.
- Job experience verification is required.
- Five references from geologists or professional engineers.



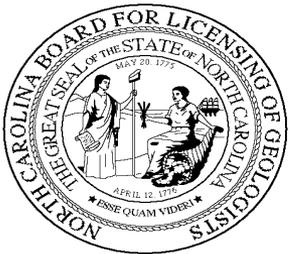
How to Apply

- Application instructions available on NCBLG website (<http://www.ncblg.org>)
- Be aware of deadlines for submittal – deadline to order for March 2016 exam is January 29, but first must be approved by the Board to take the exam. One-time application fee is \$55.
- Submitted applications are reviewed and candidates approved by the Board.
- Exams given in March and October at the McKimmon Center.
- Parts I (\$180) and II (\$280) both given each time; candidates can take one or both on a given day.

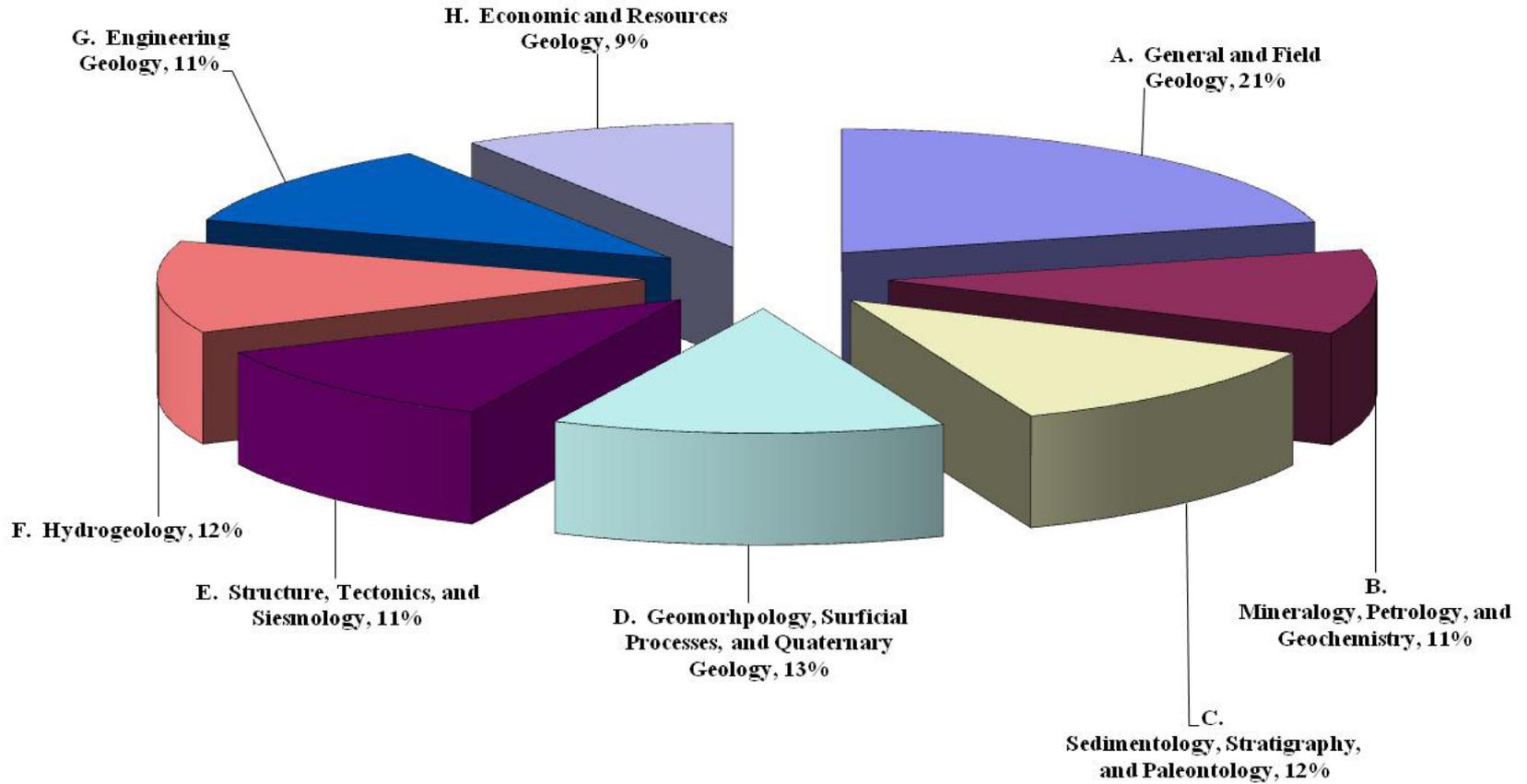


The Licensing Exam –What’s On It?

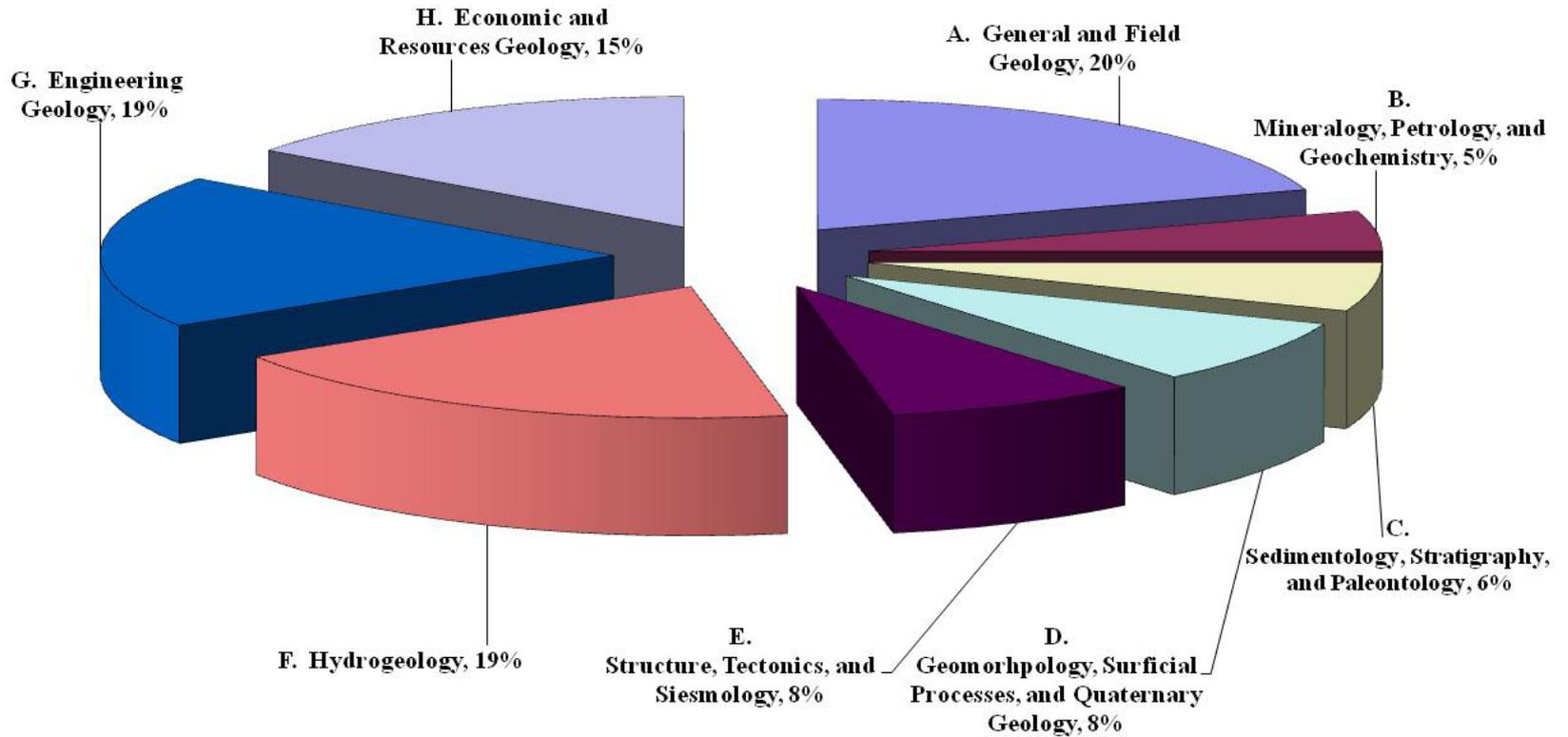
- Content Based on ASBOG Task Analysis Survey:
 - Conducted every 5 years; most recent TAS 2015
 - Surveys academic and professional geologists in the US and Canada
 - Rates importance of 43 geologic tasks in a series of ‘domain areas’ for protecting the general public
 - Includes ethics issues faced by geologists
- FG focus: information gained in an academic setting
- PG focus: skills/knowledge applied in work setting



**Figure 17 - ASBOG® Task Analysis 2015
FG Test Blueprint - Domain Percentages**



**Figure 18 - ASBOG[®] Task Analysis 2015
PG Test Blueprint - Domain Percentages**



The Licensing Exam –Tips for Preparation

- Take the FG as soon as feasible
- Download ASBOG's Candidate Handbook:
 - Detailed instructions for taking the exam
 - Information on the exam blueprints and topics
 - Sample questions
- REVIEW!
- http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.aegweb.org/resource/resmgr/Additional_Resources/asbog_study_hints_0812.pdf
- ASBOG data show that first-time candidates perform better than return candidates:

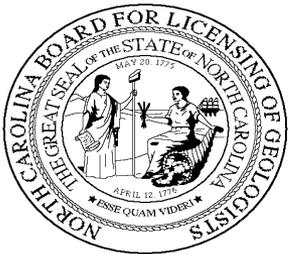
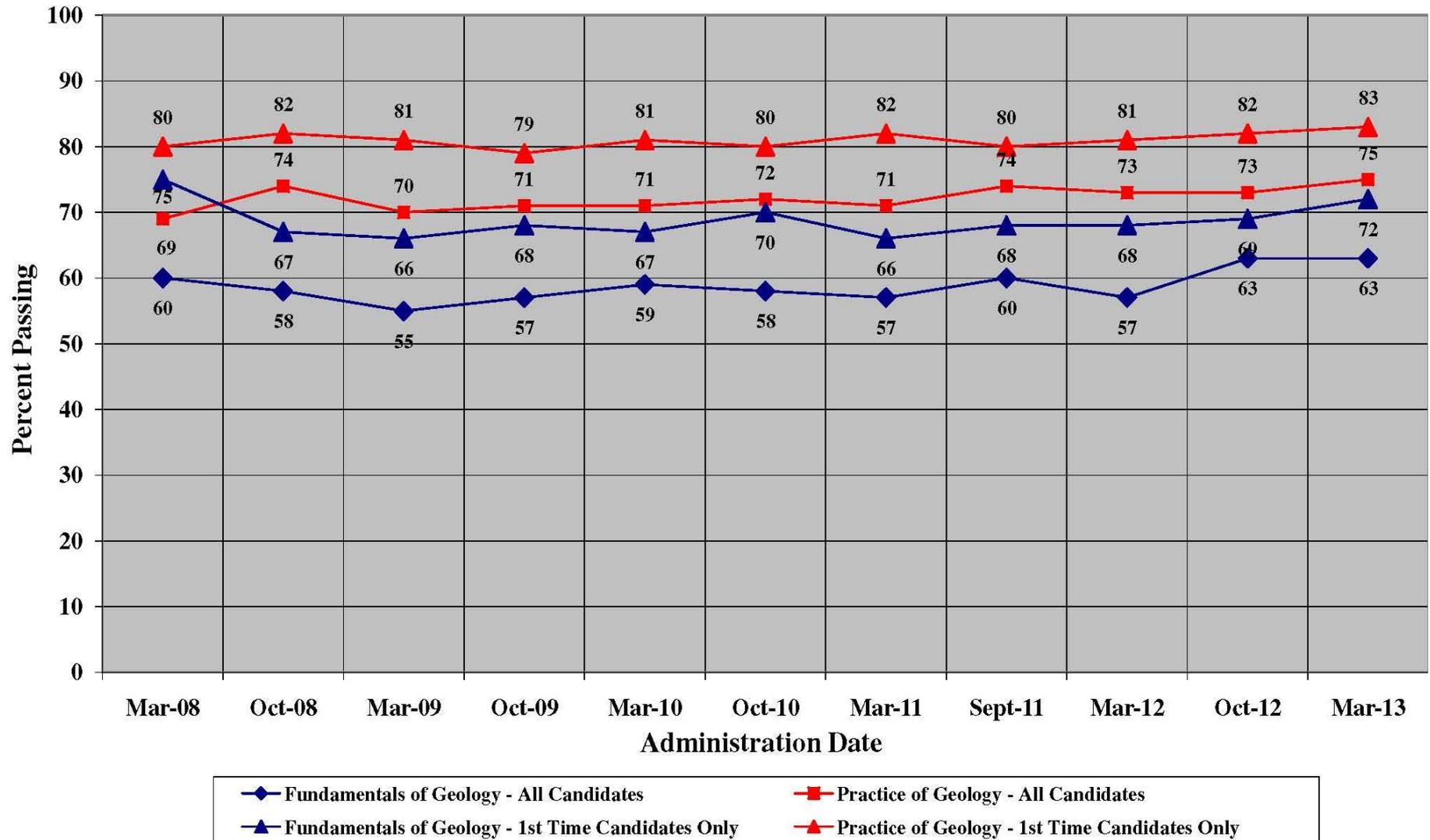


Figure 2
ASBOG® FG & PG Examinations
Passing Rates by Administration
1st Time Candidates vs. All Candidates
(March 2008 - March 2013)



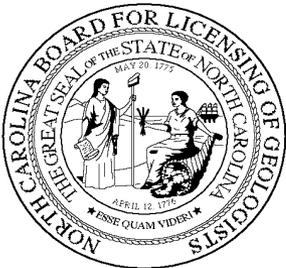
Information Resources:

- **North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists**

- Board Administrator, Upton Associates
- PO Box 41225, 3733 Benson Dr, Raleigh NC 27609
- 919-850-9669
- <http://www.ncblg.org>

- **Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)**

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Questions?

