

Application Requirements for License by Comity or ASBOG® Examination

Those seeking license to practice as a professional geologist or permission to sit for the ASBOG® Examination in North Carolina should complete the *Application for Individual License* and submit to the Board office with the \$55 application fee and all required documentation (as noted below). Applications and supporting documentation must be received at least one week prior to the Board meeting at which they are to be reviewed. Please refer to the Board meeting schedule (on the Meetings page of the Board's website) to determine when your application will be reviewed.

Requirements for Individual License

1. Degree in geology or at least 30 semester hours of completed geoscience courses, 24 of which must be upper level or graduate courses. Education must be documented with official transcripts, in a sealed envelope from the academic institution(s). Official electronic transcripts will also be accepted.
2. Five years of experience
 - a. Professional experience must be under the supervision of a licensed geologist or otherwise demonstrate responsible charge of geological work satisfactory to the Board. Professional experience must be documented by employers on the Board's *Employment Verification Form*.
 - b. Undergraduate study may qualify for up to two years of experience.
 - c. Graduate study may qualify for an additional two years of experience.
3. Five references from licensed geologists or engineers; at least two references must be obtained from licensed geologists familiar with your work. Use the Board's *Professional Reference Form*.
4. Must pass both parts of ASBOG examination (or comparable exam if applying by comity).

Individual Application for License by Comity

1. Must meet all requirements as listed above, and provide all supporting documentation, including official transcripts.
2. Must have verification of license from other state(s) with equivalent license requirements. This must include evidence of licensing by ASBOG exam or equivalent examination.
 - Applicants who were grandfathered in another state without any examination, or who were licensed by exam not deemed to be equivalent to the ASBOG, must apply to take the ASBOG exam.
 - NCBLG staff will request verification from other state Boards, but please note that some states require an official request and/or fee from their licensees in order to verify a license.

Application for ASBOG Exam

Part I/Fundamentals of Geology (FG)

1. Must present official transcript(s) indicating a degree in geology or at least 30 semester hours of completed geoscience courses, 24 of which must be upper level or graduate courses. Transcripts must be sent directly to the Board office from the academic institution(s), or must be in sealed envelope from the institution. Official electronic transcripts will also be accepted.
 - You are not required to submit employment verifications or references if only applying for the FG.
 - Those who pass the FG are awarded a Geologist in Training (GIT) Certificate.

Part II/Practice of Geology (PG)

1. Must fulfill requirements 1 through 3 for Individual License, as listed above, and provide all supporting documentation.
 - Individuals will not be permitted to take Part II before taking Part I of the ASBOG examination. Both parts can be taken together.
 - If you have already applied for Part I of the exam, you need not resubmit the application fee or transcripts when applying for Part II. You should submit an updated and notarized application.
 - Those who pass both parts of the ASBOG Examination are licensed without further review.

Submitting Applications

Completed applications and supplementary information should be sent to:

NCBLG
PO Box 41225
Raleigh, NC 27629-1225

Overnight deliveries should be sent to the Board's street address:

NCBLG
3733 Benson Drive
Raleigh, NC 27609

The Board will also accept references, employment verifications and electronic transcripts via email at:
barbara.geiger@ncblg.org

The \$55 application fee must be a check or money order, made out to NCBLG.