

LICENSING OF GEOLOGISTS

Engineering Geologists, Environmental Geologists and Hydrogeologists have to understand the licensing requirements in the states that they practice. If you are interested in pursuing a career in engineering geology, environmental geology, or hydrogeology, having a license makes you more competitive.

AEG (Association of Engineering & Environmental Geologists) maintains an up-to-date website on licensure/registration information.

<http://www.aegweb.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3695>

The AEG's position on licensing is as follows:

The Engineering Geologist, Environmental Geologist and/or Hydrogeologist, in partnership with other involved professions and disciplines, must bear a share of the responsibility where the works of man interact with the geologic environment insofar that geologic principles are used in the investigation, evaluation and prediction of surface and subsurface water and contaminants, waste management, aggregate production, and geologic hazards; and in the evaluation, planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of fixed engineering projects. Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists promotes the licensing of Geologists, Engineering Geologists and Hydrogeologists in each state by appropriate registration laws which rely on experience and examination. Uniformity in registration or licensure throughout the United States is to be strived for, in order to promote reciprocity based on equitable education, experience and examination, similar to that recognized between most states for the engineering profession. (modified from AEG Policy on Registration, 1987)

As noted by AEG, 31 states license geologists, and 29 of these states are members of the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG). On the AEG website are links to each state Board of Licensing. ASBOG provides guidance on examinations, an overview of requirements and licensing status for different states, and a "Professional Geologists Candidate handbook" (link below).

<http://www.asbog.org/documents/2008%20Candidate%20Handbook--Final%200806.pdf>

New York State does **not** license geologists. However, the New York State Council of Professional Geologists (NYSCPG) supports the licensing of geologists. NYSCPG was formed in 1995 to promote the following:

- Strengthen and advance the geologic sciences as a profession
- Promote the protection of public health and welfare and the environment through the professional practice of geologic sciences
- Promote high standards of ethical conduct among its members and within the profession of geology
- Promote the legal standing of geologists and their ability to practice geology in New York State
- Promote the licensing of geologists in New York State through statutory regulation

If you are interested in being a professional Engineering Geologist, Environmental Geologist and/or Hydrogeologist in New York, then you should consider joining NYSCPG. More information about NYSCPG is available at their website:

<http://www.nyscp.org/>

If you are interested in being a professional Engineering Geologist, Environmental Geologist and/or Hydrogeologist in New York or elsewhere, AEG is a professional society to consider joining. On the AEG website the following question is asked:

<http://www.aegweb.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3544>

- Why should you join AEG while you are still a student?
- Answer: to help you prepare for and land the job you really want.

PREPARATION FOR LICENSING EXAMS

AEG helps students and practicing geologists prepare for licensing exams through an organization named "Reg Review, Inc."

<http://regreview.com/>

The 2009 National Geology Licensing exams will be on March 6 and Oct 2 in all states with registration.

WINTER 2009 REVIEW COURSES for the ASBOG GEOLOGY LICENSING EXAM

The Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) is pleased to announce the Winter 2009 series of review courses for the ASBOG geology licensing exam taught by REG REVIEW, Inc. AEG and REG REVIEW, Inc. have partnered to provide these courses since 1992. In the Winter of 2009, review courses will be offered in Portland, OR - for the Pacific Northwest region, Orlando, FL and Charlotte, NC - for the Southeast region, Baltimore (BWI), MD - for the Central East Coastal region, Manchester, NH for the Northeast region, Indianapolis, IN - for the North Central region, Kansas City, MO - for the Central Midwest region, Dallas, TX for the South Central region, Denver, CO - for the Central Western region, as well as Northern and Southern California locations in Sacramento and Santa Ana.

Course dates and locations are as follows:

Central US Courses - Winter, 2009

2009NCUS-1 - Indianapolis, IN, January 8, 2009, 8am to 4pm
2009SCUS-1 - Dallas, TX, January 9, 2009, 8am to 4pm
2009CUS-1 - Kansas City, MO, January 10, 2009, 8am to 4pm
2009CWUS-1 - Denver, CO, January 11, 2009, 8am to 4pm

West Coast Courses - Winter, 2009

2009PNW-1 - Portland, OR, January 16, 2009, 8am to 4pm
2009SC-1 - Santa Ana, CA, January 17, 2009, 8am to 5pm
2009NC-1 - Sacramento, CA, January 18, 2009, 8am to 5pm

Eastern US Courses - Winter, 2009

2009SEUS-1 - Orlando, FL, January 23, 2009, 8am to 4pm
2009SEUS-2 - Charlotte, NC, January 24, 2009, 7:30am to 3:30pm
2009CEUS-1 - Baltimore-Washington Area, January 25, 2009, 8am to 4pm
2009NEUS-1 - Manchester, NH, January 31, 2009, 8am to 4pm

We are also teaching a course for the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources
2009PR-1 - February, 2009, 8am to 4pm

California Courses are \$515 for AEG members, \$530 for nonmembers.
ASBOG Courses are \$445 for AEG members, \$460 for nonmembers.
Preregistration deadlines for the Winter, 2009 courses are a postmark date of December 18, 2008 for all Central U.S. and West Coast courses, January 2, 2009 for Eastern US courses, and January 16, 2009 for the Puerto Rico course.

REG Review, Inc. has been teaching these courses in California since 1985. In March 2000, we began to direct our teaching towards the ASBOG geology licensing exam. The pass rate for students in classes since then has ranged from 85 to 99%. The courses are taught by Patti Sutch, California PG 3949, CEG1641, and CHG 25, and Lisa Dirth, California PG 3951, CEG 1240, and North Carolina RG by ASBOG exam.

Current information on study manuals, flash cards, and courses, including specific locations, may be found online on REG REVIEW, Inc's website at <http://regreview.com> To contact REG REVIEW Inc.: e-mail - regreview@aol.com, mailing address - 178 Bowles Rd, Newbury, NH 03255 , telephone - East Coast call Lisa Dirth at 603-763-3272, (fax) 603-763-3341. West Coast (evenings) Patti Sutch at 916-456-4870.

Please pass this information on to any geologist that you know is taking the state licensure examinations. Thanks.

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