

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

RULE NO. & TITLE: 364-X-5-.01 Curricula Approved by the Board.

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

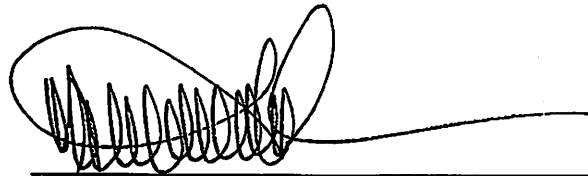
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Board proposes to update the language for geological courses from "deemed mandatory" to "preferred by the Board."

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, *Executive Secretary*, 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or via electronic mail at keith@alstateboard.com or via telephone at 334-420-7236.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

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(1) In accordance with the Licensure Law, Section 34-41-1 et seq. Code of Ala. 1975, an applicant is eligible for a license as a professional geologist in the State of Alabama if he/she meets the following educational requirements:

(a) Has graduated from an accredited college or university with a degree in geology, engineering geology, or one of the related geological sciences. The college or university shall be accredited or officially recognized and approved as appropriate within the state in which the college or university is situated.

(b) Has a degree with a major in geology, engineering geology, or one of the related acceptable geological sciences from a department offering a formal curriculum in geology, engineering geology, or a related geological science, such as geophysics, or has obtained a graduate degree in one of the above referenced disciplines. In any event, a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours (or its quarter-hour equivalent) of geology courses or the equivalent course work in the geological sciences leading to a degree from an accredited university or college is required.

(2) The following courses (or their equivalent) are ~~deemed mandatory~~ preferred by the Board for licensure.

Physical Geology	4 semester hours
Historical Geology	4 semester hours
Mineralogy	4 semester hours
Structural Geology	3 semester hours
Stratigraphy	3 semester hours

Field Geology

6 semester hours

Other courses, which may be considered toward the licensure requirements, shall include the following (or their equivalent)

Applied Geophysics
Economic Geology
Environmental/Engineering Geology
Geomorphology
Groundwater Hydrology, Hydrology, or Hydrogeochemistry
Paleontology
Petroleum Geology
Petrology, Petrography, or Sedimentary Petrology
Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology
Optical Mineralogy
Sedimentology

Other geologically related courses may be considered by the Board.

In no case will course work which is not specifically focused on the geological sciences be considered toward meeting the basic education requirements.

(3) Documentation of all educational qualifications will be through certified written references or certified transcripts submitted directly to the Board by the accredited university or college.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-41-9, 34-41-10.

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