Professional Geologist Licensure Requirements and the ASBOG National Geology License Examinations

The purpose of professional licensing is to ensure a minimum level of competency for practitioners in a given field in order to protect the public. Having a license to practice geology is a requirement in the majority of United States, Canada and several other countries. In contrast to other professions, a disconnect has developed between applied geologists and academia. Professional licensing requirements are a fact of life for applied geologists. Unfortunately, many faculty members have limited understanding of the licensing requirements that their students must deal with once they graduate.

This course provides an overview of geology licensure qualification requirements in the United States and explores the national licensing examinations for geologists prepared by the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®). Speakers also demonstrate how data from the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination can be used as a curriculum assessment and curriculum modification tool.

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