How to Access GeoRef

Internet Subscription

a. World Wide Web
Annual subscriptions to access GeoRef on the World Wide Web are available from several vendors with subscription rates determined by the type and size of the subscribing organization. Subscribers are classified as academic, government/non-profit, or commercial. Tiered pricing for academic institutions is based on the total number of students with geoscience majors and faculty in the geoscience department. Subscription rates for government, non-profit, and commercial organizations are scaled to the size of the organization.

The following vendors make GeoRef available on the web

ProQuest / Dialog
2250 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 300
Morrisville, NC 27560
Phone 1-800-334-2564; 1-919-804-6400
Fax 1-919-804-6410
URL http://www.dialog.com
GeoRef Tutorial

EBSCO Publishing
10 Estes Street
Ipswich, MA 01938
Phone 1-800-653-2726; 1-978-356-6500
Fax 1-978-356-6565
URL http://www.ebscohost.com/academic/georef
GeoRef Tutorial

Engineering Village
360 Park Ave South, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10010
Phone 1-800-221-1044; 1-212-633-3795
URL http://www.EngineeringVillage.com
GeoRef Tutorial
With an Internet subscription, an organization, for a single site, such as a university campus, or for multiple sites, can provide access to GeoRef for individuals in the organization. Access is domain-enabled or through a login and password. Searching of GeoRef is through standard web browsers. However, each of the providers has its own search software, screen design and features.

b. Electronic Reference Library (ERL)

An alternate way to access GeoRef on the Internet is Ovid-SilverPlatter's Electronic Reference Library (ERL) service. This service uses a client-server architecture, and includes the same search interface as is found on the GeoRef CD. For contact information, see above under "a".

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Other Network Search

GeoRef is available online through two pay-as-you-go search services. These search services charge for the time used online and/or the number of references retrieved. To obtain a password to search GeoRef online, you must have an account with one of the search services listed below. Check with your technical information manager or librarian to see if your organization already has such an account. If not, contact the vendors directly.

Online Search Services Offering GeoRef

ProQuest / Dialog
2250 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 300
Morrisville, NC 27560
Custom Search

For those who need only an occasional search of the GeoRef database, it is often easier to request a GeoRef Custom Search. What this means is that a member of the GeoRef staff will conduct the search according to your specifications. The search results will be delivered by e-mail.

For pricing contact ml@americangeosciences.org
To order a Custom Search contact Sharon Tahirkheli at sn@americangeosciences.org or Monika Long at ml@americangeosciences.org.

Prepayment is required. VISA or MasterCard accepted. Checks must be in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. Bank and made payable to American Geosciences Institute. Send check to Monika Long, American Geosciences Institute, 4220 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302-1502.

"I want to compliment the GeoRef service that AGI provides. As a small two person geologic consulting firm in the mining field, to research background geologic information for a project is time consuming. GeoRef is an excellent way to obtain a bibliography of past and current technical work associated with a specific location. We needed geologic information for a site in Oregon, contacted AGI and within a day received the bibliography we needed. Not only timely, but this is an efficient and cost-effective way for an individual, small or large firm to obtain background geologic information for a project. Personnel at AGI were very helpful. I highly recommend utilizing the GeoRef service provided by AGI."

— Dorian E Kuper
Kuper Consulting LLC

Database License

GeoRef is available directly from AGI for loading on an organization's network -- LAN or wide area. The network can include one or multiple sites. The database license includes delivery of the entire GeoRef database of over 4.2 million references, on DVD, and weekly updates sent via ftp. The price also includes a print and machine-readable copy of the GeoRef Thesaurus and the GeoRef Serials List. Complete documentation of the fields and format of the file is also included.

GeoRef is available in ASCII or XML, in GeoRef Export format or in USMARC format. The license does not include a search program. To implement this version of GeoRef, an organization should be prepared to load the complete GeoRef file and procure or develop a search and display program.

Pricing is based on type of organization, i.e. academic, for-profit, or non-profit. Within academic organizations, there are three price tiers based on number of students (including both graduate and undergraduate majors) and faculty in the geoscience / earth science departments.
In for-profit and non-profit organizations, price is based on number of scientists and engineers.

The annual database license fee for 2021 for single-site academic institutions only is:

Tier 1: $2550
Tier 2: $4320
Tier 3: $6470

In general, pricing for a multi-site network is based on a sum of the prices for each site, with a discount for volume.

For a price for your organization and further information, contact:

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