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## Exciting Change Coming to National Geology Exams



The national Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) announced that the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) and Practice of Geology (PG) exams will be changed from paper and pencil to computer-based format starting with 2023 exam administrations. The Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners (Board) and other state geology boards will still need to approve candidates to sit for these exams but will no longer administer these exams.

ASBOG selected Prometric as its testing vendor. According to Prometric’s website, the company has nearly three decades of experience working with a multitude of industry sectors on test development and administration. Prometric has test centers across the United States as well as internationally. This includes centers in five Oregon cities: Portland, Eugene, Medford, Bend, and La Grande.

The Board believes the evolution of ASBOG exams to a computer-based format will be beneficial to candidates. First, candidates will be able to test in a format which most are very familiar and comfortable with, i.e., by computer. Second, candidates will gain the choice of where to sit for exam in Oregon or even in another state if preferred. The days of having only one testing location in Salem, OR will be over. Third, candidates approved to sit for exam by the Board will directly work with Prometric’s team to register for exam and receive all specifics about the exam site and administration from Prometric via online and email options. Fourth, the Board understands Prometric to have good experience with providing for exam administration safety and a wide range of testing accommodations. With respect to accommodations, candidates will continue to request accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act via the Board but then if approved will work directly with Prometric to get the right accommodations setup for their exams.

The Board anticipates having more to share on this transition to computer-based testing later in 2022. Note that candidates sitting for exam in the March and October 2022 administrations will NOT have the option of computer-based testing. After 2022, the ASBOG examinations will ONLY be administered by computer.



*National Association of State Boards of Geology*

See inside for more news about the national exams!



*The mission of the Board of Geologist Examiners is to help assure the safety, health, and welfare of Oregonians with regard to the public practice of geology.*

## National Geology Exam Task Analysis

ASBOG provides the licensing exams relied on by the Board to assess minimum competency for the Geologist-in-Training (GIT) and Registered Geologist (RG) registrations. ASBOG spends considerable time and effort maintaining and improving these exams through various processes to ensure the exams continue to test for relevant content. One such process is a periodic task analysis. A task analysis is a study designed to identify the tasks most commonly performed by geologic professionals and the underlying knowledge needed to perform these tasks. The results of a task analysis study form the basis for test blueprints that define the content and scope of the exams. ASBOG conducts these studies on a regular basis to keep abreast of advances or changes in geologic practice. ASBOG last completed a task analysis study in 2015 for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) and Practice of Geology (PG) exams and will embark on a new study in 2022. The FG exam will continue to be structured around academic knowledge, while the PG exam will continue to focus on the practical application of geological principles.

The Board shares this information about the ASBOG task analysis because a key component of the study will be a survey of practitioners to gain critical insight into the tasks most commonly performed and the relative importance of these tasks as well as relationship to protection of public health, safety, and welfare. The Board anticipates the ASBOG survey will be released in spring 2022. Participation in the survey by Board registrants will be important to ensure ASBOG obtains data representative of geologic practice in the Pacific Northwest. The Board will assist ASBOG in getting the survey invitations out to Board registrants when the time comes. The Board encourages registrants to participate in the ASBOG task analysis survey as a great way to give back to the profession.

## Continuing Education & 2022 Renewals

Any RG or CEG renewing registration in 2022 will need to certify compliance with continuing education requirements as part of the renewal process. If renewing online, the certification process is built into the renewal steps, and no additional action will be required. If renewing by mailing payment to the Board, then a signed renewal notice will need to be returned with the payment. This is because the renewal notice now includes the required continuing education certification. Renewal processing will be delayed if only the payment is received. Regardless of the renewal method used, each RG and CEG must certify either having completed the required 8 hr. of continuing education for the renewal year or having received an exemption from the Board.

Note: Continuing education logs and supporting documents do not get submitted with renewals. This documentation will only need to be submitted to the Board if selected for audit.



# Christine's Corner— Notes from the Administrator

The Board has a new student outreach presentation developed and piloted via two virtual trainings for students offered in 2021. The Board is interested in holding additional virtual trainings in 2022 and invites universities, colleges, and businesses to partner with the Board. If you work with students or emerging professionals who would benefit from learning about the path to geologist registration, please consider contacting the Board to discuss what training arrangements might be possible. Drop an email to the Board office at [osbge.info@bgelab.oregon.gov](mailto:osbge.info@bgelab.oregon.gov) indicating interest in a future virtual training or give Board staff a call at 503-566-2837.



On another note, the Board's quarterly meeting schedule for 2022 has been set and post-ed on the Board website. The meeting dates are: 3/11, 6/3, 9/9, and 12/2. The Board anticipates providing a virtual participation option for these meetings. With continuing education requirements in effect, Board registrants may want to take note of the ability to obtain continuing education credit for attending Board meetings or participating in a Board committee, task force, or work group. Credit is granted at a 1:1 ratio for up to 2 hours of credit per renewal year. Regardless of possible credits, the Board always welcomes registrants to attend meetings.

**Feedback? Questions?**

**Contact Board Staff:**

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## Welcome New Registrants!



### RG by Passing Exam

Aiken, Cheyne, G2792, 12/02/2021  
 Allan, Jonathan, G2791, 11/24/2021  
 Blauch, Garrett, G2664, 12/02/2021  
 Dahl, Douglas, G2796, 12/07/2021  
 Duru, Dennis, G2797, 12/07/2021  
 Gray, Michael, G2790, 11/23/2021  
 Hampson, Robert, G2799, 12/08/2021  
 Jacobson, Robert, G2652, 12/08/2021  
 Klopfenstein, Andrew, G2798, 12/07/2021  
 McCarley, Justin, G2534, 12/08/2021  
 Webb, Brian, G2577, 12/02/2021  
 Wentworth, Andrew, G2651, 12/09/2021

### RG by Cooperative Registration

Bruner, Daniel, G2784, 09/09/2021, ID  
 Christopher, Charles, G2802, 01/05/2022, WA  
 Engels, Jeff, G2787, 11/04/2021, CA  
 Satterwhite, Zanna, G2785, 10/12/2021, WA

### CEG by Passing OR CEG Exam

Cole, Ryan, E2645, 12/22/2021  
 Diringier, Sebastian, E2657, 11/24/2021  
 Kimmes, Noah, E2730, 12/22/2021  
 Munsey, Jake, E2521, 12/09/2021

### CEG by Cooperative Registration

Gray, Michael, E2790, 12/08/2021, CA

### GIT by Passing Exam

Carlson, Tima, T2789, 11/23/2021  
 Chapman, Steven, T2793, 12/02/2021  
 Daly, Owen, T2794, 12/02/2021  
 Eisenberg, Jane, T2795, 12/02/2021  
 Fredericy, Aaron, T2801, 12/16/2021  
 Martzolf, Andrew, T2788, 11/12/2021  
 McLean, Alexander, T2786, 10/20/2021





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New  
Year**



## Lapsed Registrations

08/31/ - 12/31/2021 renewals (data as  
01/05/2022) **Name, Regis. #, Expiration Date**

Al-Johar, Mishal, G2334, 12/31/2021; Anderson, James, E1271, 12/31/2021; Arola, Craig, G2073, 08/31/2021; Belding, Robert, G1078, 11/30/2021; Bretherton, Bart, G1738, 10/31/2021 (retired); Clark, Anne, G1826, 11/30/2021; Clayton, Clifford, G0290, 10/31/2021 (retired); Coles, David, G2009, 12/31/2021 (retired); Cremer, Christopher, T2682, 12/31/2021; Daniel, Clayton, E0519, 10/31/2021; Danko, Brett, G1259, 10/31/2021; Delavan, Dean, G0141, 10/31/2021; Dirkin, David, G2223, 08/31/2021; Dudziak, Suzanne, G1273, 12/31/2021; Ellen, Stephen, E0720, 10/31/2021 (retired); Ferreira, Gabriella, G2500, 12/31/2021; Fischbein, Steven, G1073, 10/31/2021; Flynn, James, G1483, 12/31/2021; Funk, Alan, E0387, 10/31/2021; Graham, Della, G2209, 12/31/2021; Gullixon, C. Fred, E1083, 11/30/2021; Gustafson, Lewis, E0701, 10/31/2021 (retired); Hackenberry, Paul, G0490, 10/31/2021; Haight, James, G0681, 10/31/2021 (retired); Harvey III, Andrew, G1160, 10/31/2021; Henry, Jacob, G2139, 12/31/2021; Hollenbaugh, Kenneth, G0297, 10/31/2021 (retired); Holsten, Douglas, E0972, 08/31/2021; Isselhardt, Courtney, G0327, 10/31/2021 (retired); Jeffrey, Joel, G1219, 12/31/2021; Jones, Stanton, G1220, 12/31/2021; Kablanow II, Raynold, G1248, 09/30/2021; Kramer, Daniel, E2330, 12/31/2021; Lanzarotta, Jennifer, T2411, 12/31/2021; Laufenberg, Matthew, T2691, 12/31/2021; McLucas, Glennda, G0834, 10/31/2021; Moran, Allan, G0313, 10/31/2021 (retired); Lee, Morgan, T2693, 12/31/2021; Lodej, Marek, G2545, 12/31/2021; Martin, Allen, G1474, 12/31/2021; Mulhern, Tracey, G2077, 09/30/2021; Neal, Kenneth, E0189, 10/31/2021 (retired); Nicks, Ronald, E0319, 10/31/2021 (retired); Palmer, Stephen, E2155, 12/31/2021; Parmenter, Amy, G2065, 11/30/2021; Patterson, Savannah, T2619, 11/30/2021; Portwood, Barbara, E0877, 12/31/2021; Reich, David, E1227, 12/31/2021; Reiter, Bruce, G1151, 09/30/2021 (retired); Rinne, Richard, E0017, 10/31/2021 (retired); Rodine, James, E0160, 10/31/2021; Rosenberg, Russell, G2601, 12/31/2021; Rowland, Richard, E0630, 10/31/2021; Schmierer IV, William, G2442, 11/30/2021; Schroeder, Michael, G1230, 12/31/2021; Schwalm, Albrecht, G2194, 10/31/2021 (retired); Seeley, Marc, E0089, 10/31/2021; Sheridan, Christopher, G2299, 12/31/2021; Shorey, Edwin, E0194, 10/31/2021 (retired); Sullivan, Barbara, E1253, 11/30/2021; Swain, Lisa, G2044, 11/30/2021; Swanson, Frederick, E0276, 10/31/2021 (retired); Swanston, Douglas, E0227, 10/31/2021; Todd, Timothy, G1495, 12/31/2021; Varnum, Nick, G1166, 12/31/2021; Villa, Mark, G2098, 11/30/2021; Villeneuve, Christina, G2689, 12/31/2021; Vyverberg, Kristy, G1381, 12/31/2021; Wallin, E., G2051, 11/30/2021; Wayland, Thomas, G2255, 12/31/2021; Weirup, Luke, G2451, 10/31/2021; Wendell, William, G0672, 10/31/2021

## Calendar

Next Board Qtrly.Mtg.  
03/11/2022

ASBOG/EG Exams  
03/18/2022

ASBOG Exam Review  
04/07-04/08/2022

Holiday Closures  
01/17/22, 2/21/2022

The Board office continues to be closed to the public due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Re-opening information will be posted on the Board website as soon as known. Board staff remain available to assist the public by phone, email, or appointment.



WINTER 2022