To be eligible to take the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Exam (FG) you must have accumulated 36 credits of upper division geology courses (300 or above) and 21 of those must be from the list below. All credits must be obtained by the application date (not the exam date).

- Earth Materials (combination of mineralogy and petrology)
- Economic Geology
- Engineering Geology
- Field Camp
- Geochemistry
- Geomorphology
- Geophysics
- Hydrogeology
- Mineralogy
- Petrology
- Sedimentology
- Stratigraphy
- Structural Geology

If you are eligible, review the exam application procedures and the application due dates and exam dates. Complete the Geologist-in-Training Certificate Application. You can mail your application or apply online. You are not applying for the PG yet, so ignore the work experience requirements section. Note that you have to submit official transcripts from your institutions (BS and MS) with your application.

To apply online, please use Chrome and visit:

https://professions.dol.wa.gov

Click on login or sign up, click on continue to SecureAccess Washington (SAW), login or create a SAW account with your personal information. Once you have done that, click on Add a New Service, browse a list of services by agency, find Department of Licensing (DOL), click on Apply next to Professional and Business Licensing, then click on the access for Professional and Business Licensing, complete the MFA, you should then be at the DOL Licensing page. Click on apply, geologists, Geologist in Training, general application and proceed from there.

It costs $135 to apply to the WA State DOL, the $135 application fee covers one attempt at the FG, one attempt at the PG and the first issuance of a license.

Once your application is approved, the Licensing Board will send you application materials for the ASBOG Fundamental Exam (it will cost another fee $275 to ASBOG for the exam and fee for the computer-based testing site). Note, the application will come by email, so if you are out of town (e.g., field camp), make the proper arrangements because if you do not pay ASBOG you cannot take the exam. After payment has been received by ASBOG, you will receive an exam admission letter by email about one month before the exam date.

If you pass the FG exam you will be a Geologist in Training (GIT). If you fail the FG Exam, you will be required to pay a reexam fee to DOL of $88 and the exam fee to ASBOG.