

ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Exam Application Procedures

Note that these procedures are subject to change. Please check the [DOL website](#) prior to submitting your applications for any updates.

To be eligible in WA State to take the [ASBOG](#) Fundamentals of Geology (FG) Exam as a student 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, apply to the Washington State Department of Licensing (Geologists: [DOL](#)). Start by reviewing the exam application procedures and the DOL [application due dates and exam dates](#). Complete the **Geologist-in-Training Certificate Application**. You can apply online.

To apply online, please use Chrome and open the SAW site: <https://professions.dol.wa.gov>

Click on login or sign up, click on continue to Secure Access Washington, login or create a SAW account with your personal information. Once you have an account, 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.

Note that you must submit **official transcripts** from your institutions (BS and MS) with your application. Have WWU submit an [official PDF transcript](#) by email to: GEOLOGIST@DOL.WA.GOV. Do not request a transcript until your most up to date grades are recorded.

The DOL may take weeks (or more) to process your application and will notify you by email when completed. **If the DOL approves your application**, you will receive application materials for the ASBOG FG 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 ASBOG FG Exam the DOL will email you a Geologist in Training (GIT) license pdf. If you fail the FG Exam, you will be required to pay a reexam fee to the DOL of \$88 and the exam fee to ASBOG.

Application Fee Reimbursement

If you are an enrolled student save all application receipts. If you apply as a student, send Bob Mitchell (rjmitch@wwu.edu) an email **after you get your FG exam results**. Include in the email PDFs of your receipts (DOL and ASBOG) and the ASBOG FG exam results notification. If you pass the FG exam, the department will reimburse you 100% of the application fees and 50% if you fail.