To be eligible to take the ASBOG Fundamentals Exam 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, the exam application procedures, due dates and exam dates can be found here. Complete the Geologist-in-Training Certificate Application. You can mail your application, or apply online. 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 all of 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, 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 $100 to apply to the state licensing board, the $100 application fee covers 1 attempt at the FG, 1 attempt at the PG and the first issuance of their license.

Once your application is approved, the Licensing Board will send you application materials for the ASBOG Fundamental Exam (it will cost another fee ~$200 to take the exam). 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 don’t 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.