

Occupational Authorizations

for the meeting of the

ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 1:30 PM

Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists

REGISTERED GEOLOGIST

Authorization Type: Registration # of Individuals Regulated: 402

Entity Division Name: Labor and Licensing

Scope of Practice: The primary mission of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is to regulate the public practice of geology in Arkansas by registration and certification of qualified geologists and promulgate and enforce the regulations that provide the standards for practicing geology in Arkansas.

Statutory Requirement(s): The primary mission of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is to regulate the public practice of geology in Arkansas by registration and certification of qualified geologists and promulgate and enforce the regulations that provide the standards for practicing geology in Arkansas.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Yes

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Application Fee (nonrefundable)	\$20.00	Once
Fee	Professional Geologist Renewal	\$60.00	Annually
Fee	Geologist-in-Training Renewal	\$30.00	Annually
Penalty	Late Fee	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Professional Geologists License Fee	\$60.00	Once
Fee	Geologists-in-training License Fee	\$30.00	Once

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	Geologist-Rules-7.22.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

ALC – Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee Occupational Entity Questionnaire

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year? **Consumers could be at risk if that person was not qualified and had not been vetted by the board. To my knowledge, there have been no instances of harm.**
2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? **There have been no complaints filed in the last 4 years.**
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4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year? If so, why? **No application has been denied when the requirements are met.**
5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses? How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves? **For FY25 we collected approximately \$32,689 in fees. We have approximately \$73,000.**
6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? For what purpose? **We use our funds to operate.**
7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded? **We are funded by licensing fees. We could not reduce fees and not be underfunded.**
8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities? **If the applicant meets the requirements, they are approved. We do not track that information.**

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9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships? **No, the requirements could not be met through an apprenticeship or other non-traditional means.**
10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders? **Any downgrade to the occupational authorization would put an undue burden on the public practice of Geology.**