

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL
GEOLOGISTS RULES,
CHAPTER 265-4, REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE UNDER TITLE OF
REGISTERED GEOLOGIST
RULE 265-4-.03 APPLICATIONS AMENDED**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists proposes rule changes to the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists' rules, Chapter 265-4 Applications - (hereinafter "proposed rule adoption"). The Board voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing at a meeting on August 2, 2007.

The proposed rule amendments will delete specific application deadline dates, and replace with the date shown on current applications that are available at the website and at the Board Office.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board's web page at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/geologists>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board's office at 478-207-1402.

A public hearing will be held at 9:35 a.m. on October 18, 2007 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 11, 2007. Written comments should be addressed to Don Munday, Acting Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1410.

The proposed rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists at its meeting on October 18, 2007,

scheduled to begin at 9:40 a.m. at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Geologists Board has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments to Rule 265-4-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-19-6 and 43-19-11.

The Board will consider at its meeting on October 18, 2007, whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-19-6 and 43-19-11.

Additionally, at its meeting on October 18, 2007, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-19-6 and 43-19-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The Board will consider whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in their respective fields of licensure.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-1402.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 13th day of September, 2007.

**Don Munday
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards**

Posted: September 13, 2007

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS RULES FOR
REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE UNDER TITLE OF REGISTERED
GEOLOGIST CHAPTER 265-4**

Rule 265-4-.03 Applications. Amended.

Purpose: Provides parameters for submission of applications.

Main Features: Deletes specific application deadline dates, and replaces with the date shown on current applications that are available at the website and/or at the Board Office.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS RULES FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE
UNDER TITLE OF REGISTERED GEOLOGIST**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.

265-4-.03 Applications. Amended.

(1) An application for registration as a geologist shall be made under oath, shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his geological work. The application shall be accompanied by an application fee fixed by the Board and an official transcript of all undergraduate or post graduate college credits used to support meeting eligibility requirements.

(2) Application for registration as a geologist shall be filed on a form prescribed by the Board.

(3) Applications for permission to take the examination, or any parts thereof, must be received in the Board office or bear a United States Postal Service postmark which is a date on or before the deadline date. ~~The deadline date for initial application for each part of the examination is seventy five (75) days prior to the date of the examination. The deadline date for re-examination application for each part of the examination is forty five (45) days prior to the date of the examination~~ all parts of the examination shall be the printed deadline date shown on the current application at the Board's website and/or available at the Board's current office.

(4) An application which is not submitted in proper and complete form will not be accepted by the Board and will be returned by the ~~Joint Secretary~~ Division Director with a statement of the reason thereof.

(5) The Board will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be made in writing and received in the Board office by the application deadline along with the appropriate documentation as indicated in the *Request of Disability Accommodation Guidelines*.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-19-6 and 43-19-11