

**Georgia State Board of Registration for Geologist
Conference Call - Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Geologist was held on **Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017**, via teleconference.

Board Members Present:

Ben Bentkowski
Martha Carr
Lillian Fuller, President
Dr. Stephen Henderson
Dr. James Kennedy
Ken Simonton

Absent Board Members:

Dr. Randy Kath, Vice President

Administrative Staff Present:

Darren Mickler - Executive Director
Logan Malcom – Board Support Specialist
Ava Walker – Licensure Analyst
Stephanie Posey – Licensure Analyst
Janet Jackson – Senior Assistant Attorney General

Open Session

After a discussion of proposed New Rule 265-5-.03, Dr. James Kennedy made a motion to post the following rule. Ben Bentkowski seconded that motion.

Rule 265-5-.03 Licensure of veterans and military spouses.

(1) As used in this Rule:

- (a) “Military” means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (b) “Military spouse” means the spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.
- (c) “Registered Geologist” or “RG” means a person who is registered as a geologist under the provisions of Chapter 19 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
- (d) “Service member” means an active or reserve member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (e) “Transitioning service member” means a member of the military or active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

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(2) Expedited applications. Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of a license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets all requirements for a license issued under Chapter 19 of Title 43.

(3) Licensure by reciprocity of service members, transitioning service members, and military spouses. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may qualify for a license by reciprocity where the applicant:

- (a) holds a license in good standing from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meets or exceeds the requirements under Georgia law to obtain a license as a RG;
- (b) submits to the Board a verification of licensure from the appropriate licensing agency of another state showing that the applicant's active license is in good standing in that state;
- (c) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (d) submits a completed application for licensure by reciprocity on a form approved by the Board, pays the required fee, and requests a license by reciprocity.

(4) Education, training, and experience obtained while in the military. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may obtain credit for education and experience obtained while in the military that is required for licensure by Chapter 19 of Title 43 if he or she:

- (a) submits documentation of graduation from a college or university with the major and/or hourly requirements that substantially meet or exceed the requirements under Georgia law for licensure as a RF;
- (b) submits documentation showing years of experience doing geological work performed under the supervision of a person whose credentials are acceptable to the Board which meet the requirements for licensure under Georgia law;
- (c) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (d) submits proof of passing the examination required for licensure; and
- (e) submits a completed application on a form approved by the Board for approval to take the licensure examination or for licensure and pays the required fee.

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Authorization: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-19-6, 43-19-10, 43-19-11, 43-19-12, 43-19-13, 43-19-14, 43-19-15, and 43-19-19.

Dr. James Kennedy made a motion, Ben Bentkowski seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Lillian Furlow, President
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These minutes were accepted on: June 7, 2017