Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

Geologist in Training Program

Becoming a Geologist-in-Training (GIT) is a step on the path to full geological licensure in Alabama.

To apply – Students and geologists early in their careers may apply to the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists for GIT status. Academic transcripts are required and the applicant must pass the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam with a score of at least 70%.

For more information – See details at the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists web page – www.algeobd.alabama.gov. To better understand the ASBOG FG exam, see details at www.asbog.org.

Who can apply for Geologist-in-Training?

Individuals who are nearing graduation or have graduated from a university with a baccalaureate degree in geology or geological science. The applicants’ degree must include the following courses, according to Alabama law: Physical Geology - 4 semester hours or equivalent; Historical Geology - 4 semester hours; Mineralogy - 4 semester hours; Structural Geology - 3 semester hours; Stratigraphy - 3 semester hours; and Field Geology - 6 semester hours. In addition, the applicant should prepare for the ASBOG FG exam by taking courses in the topic areas of the exam. See the ASBOG web page for details of the exam topic areas. Professional references will be required. For details, see the ABLPG web page.

What are the benefits of becoming a GIT?

- Establish your credentials as a future professional geologist with licensure
- Employers know you are on the path to geological licensure
- Help start you on the five-year path to full licensure in Alabama