

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COMITY**

Between

The Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Geologists

And

The Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists

The Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Geologists and the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists hereby enter into a common understanding concerning licensure of Professional Geologists and Professional Geoscientists by comity, subject to the provisions listed below:

1. Proof of a valid license from one of the States is required for licensure by comity in the other State. The applicant requesting comity must be in good standing in the State in which that person holds their current license a Professional Geologist or Professional Geoscientist.
2. Written examination administered by either Board shall be accepted by the other Board in considering the applicant's application for licensure by comity, if both Boards agree that the other's examination or examinations are mutually acceptable. If both Boards use the ASBOG national examinations, both Boards will accept the passing results.
3. Either Board may require an additional examination related specifically to the practice of professional geosciences or a particular discipline of geosciences in that State as appropriate. Each Board has the option of reviewing and accepting the examination and passing test scores from a specific discipline of geosciences during review of an applicant's information submitted for comity consideration.
4. Applicant for licensure by comity that were licensed under the "grandfather" provisions of the State in which they currently hold a license may be exempted from a written examination(s) upon verification of the following:
  - at least seven (7) years of responsible professional work experience since the date of their initial licensure,
  - that licensure was maintained continuously during those seven (7) years, and
  - no substantiated complaints or disciplinary actions(s) have ever been taken against the licensee.
5. Each Board reserves the right to require additional information from any applicant applying for comity.
6. Each Board reserves the right to reject an application for cause as governed by their respective laws and/or rules.
7. The applicant seeking licensure under the terms and conditions of this agreement shall direct the state in which they are currently licensed and cause to have certified copies of the contents of their licensure file sent directly to the State in which they wish to be licensed at their expense.
8. Each Board will inform the other Board of any disciplinary action(s) taken against any licensed geologist or geoscientist licensed under the terms and conditions of this agreement.
9. Each Board will develop and maintain documentation of the individuals that are approved for licensure under the terms and conditions of this agreement and will make this information publicly available and available to the other Board.



Mike Lybrand Chairman,  
Arkansas Board of Registration  
for Professional Geologists



William R. Finley, Chairman  
Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists

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# State of Arkansas

BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

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**March 22, 2018**

Brenda Macon  
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Dear Ms. Macon,

Enclosed you will find the signed Statement of Understanding for Comity between Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Geologists and the Louisiana Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. We do apology for taking a long time to return with the signature. It was held up in legal for review.

You may contact our office at 501-563-0150 for any questions or concerns you may have.

Kind Regards,

*Cathy Turner*

Administrative Specialist III