

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

Rule No.: 364-X-5

Rule Title: Curricula Approved by the Board

_____ New X Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly Harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's Police power and the protection of the public health, Safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation Available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or Indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services Involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public Than the harm that might result from the absence of The proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely For the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary Effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer [Handwritten Signature]

Date: Febraury 11, 2015

(DATE FILED)
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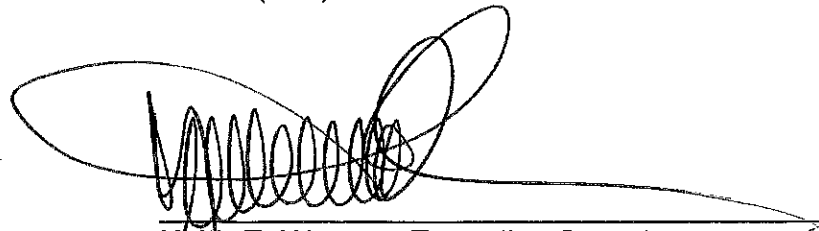
INTENDED ACTION: Amended

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Board proposes to amend its current requirement of mandatory courses for licensure as suggested courses which will allow the Board the authority to approve courses that are not current listed in the rule.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2015. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, Executive Director at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or via electronic mail at keith@warrenandco.com or via telephone at 334-420-7236.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Friday, April 3, 2015.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Keith E. Warren
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2777 Zelda Road
Montgomery, AL 36106
(334) 420-7236

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Keith E. Warren, *Executive Secretary*
Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

CHAPTER 364-X-5
CURRICULA APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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(1) In accordance with the Licensure Law, 34-41-1, Section 34-41-1 et seq. Code of Ala. 1975, an applicant is eligible for a license as a professional geologist in the State of Alabama if he/she meets one of the following educational requirements:

(a) Has graduated from an accredited college or university with a degree in geology, engineering geology, or one of the related geological sciences. The college or university shall be accredited or officially recognized and approved as appropriate within the state in which the college or university is situated.

(b) Has a degree with a major in geology, engineering geology, or one of the related acceptable geological sciences from a department offering a formal curriculum in geology, engineering geology, or a related geological science, such as geophysics, or has obtained a graduate degree in one of the above referenced disciplines. In any event, a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours (or its quarter-hour equivalent) of geology courses or the equivalent course work in the geological sciences leading to a degree from an accredited university or college is required.

(2) The following courses (or their equivalent) are ~~deemed mandatory~~ suggested for licensure.

Physical Geology	4 semester hours
Historical Geology	4 semester hours
Mineralogy	4 semester hours
Structural Geology	3 semester hours
Stratigraphy	3 semester hours
Field Geology	6 semester hours

Other courses, which may be considered toward the licensure requirements, shall include the following (or their equivalent)

Applied Geophysics
Economic Geology
Environmental/Engineering Geology
Geomorphology
Groundwater Hydrology, Hydrology, or Hydrogeochemistry
Paleontology
Petroleum Geology
Petrology, Petrography, or Sedimentary Petrology
Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology
Optical Mineralogy
Sedimentology

Other geologically related courses may be considered by the Board.

In no case will course work which is not specifically focused on the geological sciences be considered toward meeting the basic education requirements.

(3) Documentation of all educational qualifications will be through certified written references or certified transcripts submitted directly to the Board by the accredited university or college.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-41-9, 34-41-10.

History: NEW RULE: Filed May 10, 1996; effective June 14, 1996.

Amended: Filed March 5, 2002; effective April 9, 2002.