Geologist, Professional

Professional Geologists study composition, structure, and history of the earth’s crust; examine rocks, minerals, and fossil remains to identify and determine the sequence of processes affecting the development of the earth; apply knowledge of chemistry, physics, biology, and mathematics to explain these phenomena and to help locate mineral and petroleum deposits and underground water resources; prepare geologic reports and maps, and interpret research data to recommend further action for study.

Legislation
Statute: NH RSA 310-A:118
Administrative Rules: Chapter Geo 100 - 500

Licensure Requirements
• Must be of good professional character
• A Bachelor’s degree in geology or a related field which included 30 credit hours or 45 quarter hours in geology from an accredited four-year college
• All candidates must pass the Fundamentals of Geology and the Practice of Geology written examinations
• Five years of experience in the practice of geology, of which at least three years must have been under the supervision of a professional geologist

Examination
Written examination required, offered twice a year (March and October)

Continuing Education
A minimum of 24 professional development hours per biennium

Reciprocity
Permitted, providing requirements of the licensing jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to those of this state, and verification of licensure and examination are submitted to the Board

Active Licenses
588

Related Training
Geology/Earth Science, General; Geochemistry; Geophysics and Seismology; Geochemistry and Petrology

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Board of Professional Geologists
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Fees

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Additional Information Sources

National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)
<www.asbog.org>

Geological Society of New Hampshire
<www.gsnh.org>

American Institute of Professional Geologists
<www.aipg.org>