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**STATE OF UTAH**  
**DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST EXAMINATIONS**  
**CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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## EXAMINATIONS BY PSI

This Candidate Information Bulletin provides you with information about the examination process for Professional Geologist Licensure in the State of Utah.

The Division has contracted with PSI licensure:certification (PSI) to assist with the examination process.

Following are licensing examinations offered for the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®):

- Fundamentals of Geology Examination (FG)
- Practice of Geology Examination (PG)

## GUIDELINES FOR LICENSE APPLICATION/QUALIFICATION

### HOW TO OBTAIN A LICENSE

1. Submit the "Verification of Eligibility" form (found at the end of this Candidate Information Bulletin). **MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT THE CORRECT VERIFICATION FORM FOUND ON PAGE 4 OR 5 DEPENDING ON IF YOU ARE TAKING THE FG OR PG EXAMINATION.**
2. Submit the Registration Form including the examination payment (found at the end of this Candidate Information Bulletin).
3. Send both forms to PSI:

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(800) 733-9267 • Fax (702) 932-2666  
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## EXAMINATION REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you have been approved by PSI you will be sent a confirmation email. Upon receipt of your confirmation email, you will be responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take the examination.

2017 Exam Date	Registration Deadline
March 17	January 31
October 6	August 22

2018 Exam Date	Registration Deadline
March 16	January 30
October 5	August 21

## INTERNET REGISTRATION

For the fastest and most convenient test scheduling process, PSI recommends that candidates register for their examinations using the Internet. To register over the Internet, candidates will need to have a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover). Candidates register online by accessing PSI's registration website at [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com). Internet registration is available 24 hours a day. To register by Internet, complete the steps below:

1. Complete the registration form online and send it to PSI via the Internet.
2. Upon completion of the online registration form, you will be given the available examination dates and locations for scheduling your examination. Select your desired testing date.

## FAX REGISTRATION

For fax registration, you will need a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

1. Complete the Examination Registration Form, including your credit card number and expiration date.
2. Fax the completed form to PSI (702) 932-2666. Fax registrations are accepted 24 hours a day.
3. Please allow 4 business days to process your registration. After 4 business days, you may call PSI to schedule the examination at (800) 733-9267.

## STANDARD MAIL REGISTRATION

1. Complete the Examination Registration Form found in this Candidate Information Bulletin. **BE SURE TO READ ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE EXAMINATION REGISTRATION FORM. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU UNPROCESSED.**
2. Fees may be paid by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover), company check or cashier's check. Make check or money order payable to PSI and print your social security number on it to ensure that your fees are properly assigned. **CASH and PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
3. Return the completed original form to PSI with the appropriate examination fee.
4. Please allow 2 weeks to process your Registration before scheduling your examination.

## TELEPHONE REGISTRATION

For telephone registration, you will need a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

1. Complete the Examination Registration Form, including your credit card number and expiration date, so that you will be prepared with all of the information needed to register by telephone.
2. PSI registrars are available at (800) 733-9267, Monday through Friday between 5:30 am and 8:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm, Mountain Time, to receive the information listed on your Examination Registration Form and to schedule your appointment for the examination.



## EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and exam accommodations will be made in meeting a candidate's needs. Applicants with disabilities or those who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination must fill out the form at the end of this Candidate Information Bulletin and fax it to PSI (702) 932-2666. This form also includes out-of-state testing requests.

### EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (800) 733-9267. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You may also check our website at [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com).

### SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CONFIDENTIALITY

PSI will use your social security number only as an identification number in maintaining your records and reporting your examination scores to the state. A Federal law requires state agencies to collect and record the social security numbers of all licensees of the professions licensed by the state.

## EXAMINATION SITE LOCATION

Note: The following directions are generated from the most current mapping services available. However, new road construction and highway modifications may result in some discrepancies. If you are not familiar with the specific area of the testing site, please consult a reliable map prior to your test date.

### **North Salt Lake City**

25 North 400 West, Suite 7  
North Salt Lake City, UT 84054

*(The city of North Salt Lake not Salt Lake City proper. The PSI test site is in Davis County just north of the Flying J Refinery.)*

*From Salt Lake City and the South.*

*Merge on to I-15N. Take exit 312 and merge on to US89 North for about 1.8 miles. Turn left onto E Center St and go west for about .6 miles. Turn right on to 400 W.*

*From the North*

*Merge onto I-15 S Salt Lake. Take the Center St., exit 314. Turn right onto W Center St. Turn right onto 400 W.*

*From I-80 East merge to I-215 North. Take the Redwood Rd/UT-68 exit 28 and turn right onto Center Street.*

*PSI is on the Northwest corner of 400West and Center Street.*

## REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you should arrive at least 30 minutes before your appointment. This extra time is for sign-in, and identification. ***If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.***

### REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

***You must provide 2 forms of identification.*** One must be a VALID form of government issued identification (driver's license, state ID, passport, military ID), which bears your signature and has your photograph. The second ID must have your signature and preprinted legal name.

If you cannot provide the required identification, you must call (800) 733-9267 at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled appointment to arrange a way to meet this security requirement. ***Failure to provide all of the required identification at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment, and you will not be able to take the examination.***

### SECURITY PROCEDURES

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- Only non-programmable calculators that are silent, battery-operated, do not have paper tape printing capabilities, and do not have a keyboard containing the alphabet will be allowed in the examination site.
- Candidates may take only approved items into the examination room.
- All personal belongings of candidates, with the exception of close-fitting jackets or sweatshirts, should be placed in the secure storage provided at each site prior to entering the examination room. Personal belongings include, but are not limited to, the following items:
  - **Electronic devices of any type**, including cellular / mobile phones, recording devices, electronic watches, cameras, pagers, laptop computers, tablet computers (e.g., iPads), music players (e.g., iPods), smart watches, radios, or electronic games.
  - **Bulky or loose clothing or coats** that could be used to conceal recording devices or notes, including coats, shawls, hooded clothing, heavy jackets, or overcoats.
  - **Hats or headgear not worn for religious reasons** or as religious apparel, including hats, baseball caps, or visors.
  - **Other personal items**, including purses, notebooks, reference or reading material, briefcases, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, other writing devices, food, drinks, and good luck items.
- Person(s) accompanying an examination candidate may not wait in the examination center, inside the building or on the building's property. This applies to guests of any nature, including drivers, children, friends, family, colleagues or instructors.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the examination center.



## TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR YOUR LICENSE EXAMINATION

- During the check in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any prohibited items. Candidates may also be asked to empty their pockets and turn them out for the proctor to ensure they are empty. The proctor may also ask candidates to lift up the ends of their sleeves and the bottoms of their pant legs to ensure that notes or recording devices are not being hidden there.
- Proctors will also carefully inspect eyeglass frames, tie tacks, or any other apparel that could be used to harbor a recording device. Proctors will ask to inspect any such items in candidates' pockets.
- If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall put them in the provided secure storage or return these items to their vehicle. PSI will not be responsible for the security of any personal belongings or prohibited items.
- Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the examination room shall immediately have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the examination sponsor of the occurrence.
- Any candidate seen giving or receiving assistance on an examination, found with unauthorized materials, or who violates any security regulations will be asked to surrender all examination materials and to leave the examination center. All such instances will be reported to the examination sponsor.
- Copying or communicating examination content is violation of a candidate's contract with PSI, and federal and state law. Either may result in the disqualification of examination results and may lead to legal action.
- Once candidates have been seated and the examination begins, they may leave the examination room only to use the restroom, and only after obtaining permission from the proctor. Candidate will not receive extra time to complete the examination.

## SCORE REPORTING

To assure national uniformity, ASBOG® provides DOPL with a nationally recommended passing score. A scaled score of 70 has been established as a standard of minimum competency and 100 is the highest score possible. However, the legal authority for making registration/licensure decisions rests solely with DOPL and not with ASBOG®.

Examination scores will be mailed approximately 60 days following the examination.

The following suggestions will help you prepare for your examination.

- Planned preparation increases your likelihood of passing.
- Start with a current copy of this Candidate Information Bulletin and use the examination content outline as the basis of your study.
- Read study materials that cover all the topics in the content outline.
- Take notes on what you study. Putting information in writing helps you commit it to memory and it is also an excellent business practice. Discuss new terms or concepts as frequently as you can with colleagues. This will test your understanding and reinforce ideas.
- Your studies will be most effective if you study frequently, for periods of about 45 to 60 minutes. Concentration tends to wander when you study for longer periods of time.

## EXAMINATION REFERENCE MATERIAL AND CONTENT OUTLINE

The examinations are CLOSED book. A non-programmable calculator that is silent, battery-operated, does not have paper tape printing capabilities, and does not have a keyboard containing the alphabet will be allowed in the examination site. A protractor, straight edge, engineer's scale, and colored pencils should be brought to the examination, as they may be useful for some questions.

Examination	# of Questions	Time Allowed
Fundamentals of Geology Examination (FG)	140	4 Hours
Practice of Geology Examination (PG)	110	4 Hours

Note: a break will be given between examinations.

### CONTENT OUTLINE

A study guide is available from ASBOG®'s Web site at [www.asbog.org](http://www.asbog.org).

The outline below lists the content domains covered in each examination. While the subject matter is the same for both examinations, the percentage weights for each area differs per examination.

#### Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology Examination Content Domains

- A. General Geology: Field Geology, Geophysics, Imagery, Modeling, & Graphical Methods
- B. Mineralogy, Petrology, & Petrography
- C. Sedimentology, Stratigraphy, & Paleontology
- D. Quaternary Geology, Geomorphology, & Surficial Processes
- E. Structure, Tectonics, & Seismology
- F. Hydrogeology & Environmental Geochemistry
- G. Engineering Geology
- H. Economic Geology & Energy Resources



# Fundamentals of Geology Examination (FG)

## Verification of Eligibility for FG Examination

To be eligible to sit for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) Examination, you are responsible to verify under penalty of perjury that you satisfy the education requirement for licensure as a geologist in Utah. To determine whether you satisfy the education requirement, check the box below that applies to your education.

Select one of the following:

- I am a graduate, or in the final year, of a bachelor's or graduate degree program in geology from an accredited institution.
- I am a graduate, or in the final year, of a bachelor's or graduate degree program in the geosciences from an accredited institution that includes completion of a minimum of 24 semester or 36 quarter hours in upper level or graduate geology courses, which includes one or more of the following subject areas: structural geology, geophysics, sedimentology, stratigraphy, paleontology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, engineering geology, environmental geology, hydrogeology, hydrology, geomorphing, remote sensing, economic geology, petroleum geology, and field geology.

If you are uncertain whether you satisfy the education requirement outlined above, you may review the laws that outline the requirements in the Geologist Licensing Act (Utah Code 58-76) and the Geologist Licensing Act Rule (Utah Admin. Code R156-76) available at [www.dopl.utah.gov](http://www.dopl.utah.gov). You may also contact the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) at [doplbureau3@utah.gov](mailto:doplbureau3@utah.gov) or 801-530-6628 to request assistance.

### Certification of Exam Eligibility Requirements

By signing below, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read and understand the education requirements as stated in Utah law and as explained in this form. I assert that my education qualifies me to sit for the FG exam. I also understand and agree that the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) has sole authority to determine whether I have met all requirements as mandated in law upon application for licensure as a geologist in Utah.

Date on which you met Utah's FG exam eligibility requirements: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YY

### Certification

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury as evidence by the signature below that all statements and certifications in this application are true and correct.

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Print Name

Signature

Date







9. You may pay by credit card, money order, cashier's check or company check only. Cash and personal checks are not accepted.

If paying by credit card, check one:  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification No: \_\_\_\_\_ *The card verification number may be located on the back of the card (the last three digits on the signature strip) or on the front of the card (the four digits to the right and above the card account number).*

Billing Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

10. *I am submitting the Exam Accommodation Request form and required documentation.*

Yes  No

11. **Affidavit:** I certify that the information provided on this registration form (and/or telephonically to PSI) is correct. I understand that any falsification of information may result in denial of licensure. I have read and understand the examination information bulletin.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and forward this registration form with the applicable examination fee to:  
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## EXAM ACCOMMODATION REQUEST FORM

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Applicants with disabilities or those who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination may request exam accommodations.

Candidates who wish to request exam accommodations because of a disability should fax this form and supporting documentation to PSI at (702) 932-2666.

### Requirements for exam accommodation requests:

You are required to submit documentation from the medical authority or learning institution that rendered a diagnosis. Verification must be submitted to PSI on the letterhead stationery of the authority or specialist and include the following:

- Description of the disability and limitations related to testing
- Recommended accommodation/modification
- Name, title and telephone number of the medical authority or specialist
- Original signature of the medical authority or specialist

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State, Zip Code

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check any exam accommodations you require (requests must concur with documentation submitted):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (as accommodation for visual impairment or learning disability) | <input type="checkbox"/> Extended time (Additional time requested: _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large-print written examination  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                      |

- Complete and fax this form, along with supporting documentation, to (702) 932-2666 or email it to [examaccommodations@psionline.com](mailto:examaccommodations@psionline.com).
- After 4 days, PSI Exam Accommodations will email you confirmation of approval with instructions for the next step.

**DO NOT SCHEDULE YOUR EXAMINATION UNTIL THIS DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BY PSI EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS.**

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