

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF RECIPROCITY
Between
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS (TBPG)
And
LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS (LBOPG)

UNDERSTANDING (Provision providing portability of licensees who were “grandfathered” or “without examination”):

The Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists and the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists hereby enter into a common understanding that:

- An individual holding a current license of Professional Geoscientist issued by the TBPG may be issued a license of a Professional Geoscientist by the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists **without examination** upon proper application, presentation of supporting documentation, and payment of any applicable fees, SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS in this agreement, and, as long as the applicant meets all criteria set forth in this **UNDERSTANDING**.
- An individual holding a current license of Professional Geoscientist by the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists shall become licensed as a Professional Geoscientist by the TBPG without examination upon proper application, presentation of supporting documentation, and payment of any applicable fees, SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS in this agreement, and, only if the applicant meets all criteria set forth in this **UNDERSTANDING**.
- The licensure or registration of an individual (**applicant**) by recognition of this **UNDERSTANDING** shall be referred to as licensure or registration “by reciprocity” or “by reciprocal agreement.”

TERMS:

Sending agency: The licensing jurisdiction that facilitates the endorsement of the applicant’s qualifications and submits the records to the other licensing jurisdiction.

Receiving agency: The licensing jurisdiction accepting the endorsement of the applicant’s qualifications and records from the other licensing jurisdiction.

Applicant: An individual making application for a geosciences license.

GENERAL:

A person applying for licensure in either jurisdiction must submit a completed application, required documentation, and fees to the receiving agency. The applicant must submit to the sending agency a written request and any applicable fees to have the sending agency send a copy of the applicant’s licensing record to the receiving agency.

RESTRICTIONS:

1. The receiving agency reserves the right to request additional information from an applicant.
2. The receiving agency reserves the right to review an applicant’s eligibility for licensure in accordance with applicable laws and rules of its jurisdiction.
3. The receiving agency, before issuing a license, reserves the right to require that an applicant meet a statutory licensing requirement that was not met in the sending jurisdiction or that the sending agency waived before issuing the license.
4. The receiving agency reserves the right to refuse to issue a license in accordance with applicable laws and rules of its jurisdiction.

CRITERIA:

1. An applicant must be currently licensed with the sending agency.
2. An applicant must have been licensed for five continuous years with the sending agency.
3. An applicant must be in good standing with the sending agency.