

Louisiana Penalties and Sanctions for Complaints and Audits

Violation		Misconduct		Sanction (s)	
Unlicensed Practice		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Administrative Costs
PG License or use of title	Unlicensed practice or offer to practice or use of title (including practicing/offer to practice while license is expired –whether or not it is still renewable); indicating that the person is qualified to practice	Notice of complaint and order to correct or cease practice	Private or Public Reprimand; Cease and Desist Order	Administrative Penalty/violation, not to exceed \$5000	Upon Adjudication
GIT use of title	Use of Geoscientist-in-Training title without being certified	Notice of complaint and order to correct or cease practice	Private or Public Reprimand; Cease and Desist Order	Administrative Penalty/violation, not to exceed \$5000	Upon Adjudication
License Application					
PG/GIT Applicant	Attempting to obtain a license/obtaining a license by fraud/misrepresentation; Cheating on an exam /not following exam rules	Denial of application, 5 year waiting period	Administrative Penalty, not to exceed \$5000, refuse to issue license		Upon Adjudication
PG/GIT Applicant	Applicant is denied a license because they are unsuitable (as opposed to not meeting the qualifications) New applicant violations; Use this field for any issues with a PG applicant	Refuse to issue License			Upon Adjudication
Continuing Education					
PG CE	Continuing Education non-compliance - PDH	Warning letter listing non-compliance, 60 days to correct	After 60 days, license suspended for up to 120 days, may renew if requirements fulfilled, \$50 late fee	After 120 days, license revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG CE	Failure to respond	Warning letter 30 days to respond	Second warning letter and suspension of license for 120 days, may renew if requirements fulfilled, \$50 late fee	After 120 days, license revoked	Upon Adjudication
Professional Conduct		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Administrative Costs
PG Cooperation	Not cooperating with investigations - complying with Board orders	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Competance	Performing work outside of area of competence	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Reckless	Reckless or unsafe work or oversight	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Dishonesty	Dishonestly perform or omit an act, make an assertion in practice to defraud, deceive, create misleading impressions	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Conflict	Conflict of interest	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication

PG Abet	Participate, aid, or abet others to violate law/rules	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Failure to report	Failure to report violations to Board	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Records	Incomplete or incorrect record keeping	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Environmental	Environmental considerations	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Jurisdiction Violation	Unauthorized work in other jurisdiction (s)	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Criminal Conviction	Criminal violations relating to public practice of geosciences	Public notice and Revocation of License	Revocation of License	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Substance Abuse	Conviction of possession of illegal substances	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Confidentiality	Failure to keep client confidentiality	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
PG Contact	Improper or out of date information	Letter of Advisement or; Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	License revoked	Upon Adjudication
License Display and Seal Use					
PG License Display	Altered or false license certificate	Letter of Advisement	Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	Upon Adjudication
PG Seal Use	Improper use or display of seal	Letter of Advisement	Private or Public Reprimand	\$100 Administrative Penalty/violation	Upon Adjudication
<p>Note: The Board may use any or all of the sanctions available under the Geoscience Practice Act</p> <p>Louisiana Statue RS 37:711.24 specifies that the administrative penalty authority is up to \$5000 per violation per day that the violation continues. Effective 9/1/2019, the Administrative Code penalty authority is increased to up to \$1500 per violation per day. Please note that each day the violation continues is considered to be a separate violation for the purpose of imposing a penalty. Repeat violations or mitigating or aggravating circumstances may affect the sanctions imposed.</p> <p>Repeat violation penalties shall multiply by like number of offenses. Depending on the severity of the offense, the board may elect to impose a higher stage.</p>					