

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF RECIPROCITY
BETWEEN
THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS
AND
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

The Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists and the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists hereby enter into a common understanding concerning licensure of Professional Geoscientists by reciprocity or comity, subject to the provisions listed below:

1. Evidence of a valid license from one of the States is required for licensure by reciprocity in the other. The applicant requesting reciprocity must be in good standing with the State in which that person holds their current license as a professional geologist or geoscientist.
2. Written examinations administered by either Board shall be accepted by the other Board in considering the applicant's application for licensure by reciprocity/comity, if both Boards agree that the other's examination or examinations are mutually acceptable. If both Boards use the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examinations, both Boards will accept the passing results without further review.
3. Either Board may require an additional examination related specifically to the practice of professional geoscience or a particular discipline of geoscience in that State as appropriate. Each Board has the option of reviewing and accepting the examination and passing test scores from a specific discipline of geoscience during review of an applicant's information submitted for reciprocity/comity consideration.
4. Applicants for licensure by reciprocity that were licensed under the grandfather provisions of the state in which they currently hold a license may be exempted from a written examination(s) upon verification of at least five (5) years of responsible professional work experience since the date of their initial licensure, that licensure was maintained continuously during those five (5) years and that no substantiated complaints or disciplinary action(s) have ever been taken against the licensee.
5. Each Board reserves the right to accept an application for licensure by reciprocity/comity to request additional information from the applicant or reject an application for cause as governed by their respective laws and/or rules.
6. The applicant seeking licensure under the terms and conditions of this agreement shall direct the State in which she/he is currently licensed and cause to have certified copies of the contents of his/her licensure file sent directly to the State in which she/he wishes to be licensed, as his/her expense.
7. Each Board will inform the other Board of any disciplinary action(s) taken against any licensed geologist that were licensed/registered under the terms and conditions of this agreement.
8. Each Board will develop and maintain documentation of the individuals that are approved for licensure under the terms and conditions of this agreement and will make this information publicly available and available to the other Board.

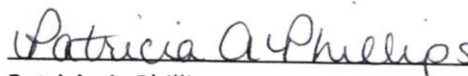
Signed:



John E. Johnston III, Chairman
Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists

4/18/16
Date

Signed:



Patricia A. Phillips
Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists

4/13/16
Date