*These new emergency new rules were filed with the Texas Register 9/28/2017 to become effective on 9/28/2017 and to continue effective for 120 days.*

**22 TAC §851.81.  Certain Fees Temporarily Suspended.**

The following applies between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

(a) TBPG staff are authorized to provide, upon request and at no cost to the licensee, a replacement Professional Geoscientist license certificate, Geoscientist-in-Training certification certificate, or a Geoscience Firm registration certificate to any licensee whose certificate was damaged or lost in or as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

(b) TBPG staff are authorized to provide, upon request and at no cost to the licensee, a replacement Professional Geoscientist license certificate expiration card, Geoscientist-in-Training certification certificate expiration card, or a Geoscience Firm registration expiration card to any licensee whose certificate expiration card was damaged or lost in or as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

(c) TBPG staff are authorized to provide, upon request and at no cost to the licensee, a replacement Professional Geoscientist wallet license expiration card or a Geoscientist-in-Training certification wallet expiration card to any licensee whose wallet expiration card was damaged or lost in or as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

**22 TAC §851.82. Certain Expiration Dates Extended.**

(a) Each Professional Geoscientist license, Geoscientist-in-Training certification, and Geoscience Firm registration in a Governor-designated disaster county that was scheduled to expire between August 31, 2017 and November 30, 2017 shall expire on December 31, 2017.

(b) A list of the Professional Geoscientist licenses, Geoscientist-in-Training certifications, and Geoscience Firm registrations whose expiration dates are extended by this section shall be made available on the TBPG website in a searchable format.

(c) Upon the renewal of each Professional Geoscientist license, Geoscientist-in-Training certification, and Geoscience Firm registration described by paragraph (a) of this section, the renewal fee shall be the annual renewal fee for the license, certification, or registration listed in §851.80.

(d) Late renewal fee. Licenses described in paragraph (a) of this section that expire December 31, 2017 and that are renewed on or after March 1, 2018, will be subject to the 60-day late renewal fee.

**22 TAC §851.83. Certain Licensees Temporarily Exempt From Continuing Education Requirements.**

(a) Continuing Education:  A Professional Geoscientist or a Geoscientist-in-Training who resides in a Governor-designated disaster affected county is temporarily exempt from the continuing education requirement as long as the license or certification is renewed on or before August 31, 2018.

(b) A list of the Professional Geoscientists and Geoscientists-in-Training who are temporarily exempt from the continuing education requirements under this section shall be made available on the TBPG website in a searchable format for a period of time that the Executive Director determines is necessary.