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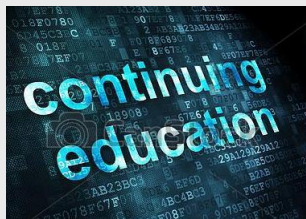
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Four year rule review.

Each state agency in Texas is required to review their rules every four years, per Texas Government Code 2001.039. TBPG will begin a review of its rules beginning February 2018. You are invited to participate.



For more information, please see our [Rule Review](#) web page, which gives different resources that can assist you to understand the process, and how you can participate.



What is a Renewal Period?

Is it the same as a calendar year?

A renewal period is not a calendar year, unless it is coincidentally so.

With the second renewal of a license, the expiration date is adjusted such that each licensee's expiration date becomes the end of the licensee's birth month. A renewal period begins when a license is issued and with each renewal and ends when the license is renewed again, normally approximately one year later.

A licensee who has not completed the required continuing education (and cannot certify having done so) may complete the continuing education while the license is expired and then renew once the continuing education has been completed (and the licensee can certify that the continuing education requirement was met). If a license is renewed after being expired for nine months, then the licensee must complete two times the annual continuing education requirement.



Current Licensing Numbers

November 2017 Licensing Numbers

3988 Professional Geoscientists
337 Registered Geoscience Firms
136 Geoscientists-in-Training

Board Meeting Highlights November 17, 2017

Waiver Requests. The Appointed Board reviewed applications for P.G. license received from the following individuals:

- Madelyn Flannagan: The Board reviewed the Committee's recommendation regarding this applicant's request for waiver of the ASBOG® Practice of Geology examination. The Board unanimously approved the waiver request in a vote of 7-0.
- Donnie Windland: The Board reviewed the Committee's recommendation regarding this applicant's request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Board unanimously denied the waiver requests in a vote of 7-0.

Position on American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) certification. The Board unanimously recommended that the TBPG Chairman prepare a letter to AIPG expressing concerns about AIPG's proposed certification titled "Nationally Licensed Geologist" and to the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®) concerning the security of the exam.

Proposed Agreed Board Orders. The Board unanimously adopted the Proposed Board Orders as presented for Complaint

Cases 2017034, 2017035, and 2017055, in a vote of 4-0 with Members Johnson and Bradford recused.

Proposed Default Final Orders. The Board unanimously adopted the Default Final Orders as edited for Complaint Cases 2013023, 2013035, and 2014044, in a vote of 4-0 with Members Hallmark and Mathewson recused. The Board unanimously adopted the Default Final Orders as edited for Complaint Cases 2016059 and 2016058, in a vote of 4-0 with Members Bradford and Mathewson recused.

Please note that disciplinary actions taken by the Appointed Board within the last five years may be found on the TBPG website under the [Enforcement/Disciplinary Actions](#) link. Please note that the webpage only includes disciplinary actions for the last five years. To determine whether a licensee has had a disciplinary action prior to that, please contact TBPG staff.

Adopted Rule-Making Actions. The Board approved by unanimous consent the following adopted rule-making actions:

- Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.21, Licensing Requirements-Examinations. The Board adopted an amendment to [22 TAC §851.21](#), Licensing Requirements-Examinations, by unanimous consent.
- Adoption of new rule, 22 TAC 851.83, Certain Licensees Temporarily Exempt from Continuing Education Requirements. The Board adopted a new rule, [22 TAC §851.83](#), Certain Licensees Temporarily Exempt from Continuing Education Requirements by unanimous consent.

These adoptions will be published in the December 22, 2017 issue of the *Texas Register*.

Discussion and possible action regarding the employment, evaluation and salary of the Executive Director. The Board unanimously approved a salary increase for the Executive Director. The salary was raised to \$96,386, effective December 1, 2017.

Upcoming Committee and Board Meetings

February 22, 2018

- Application Review/Continuing Education Committee
- Compliance/Enforcement Committee
- General Issues Committee

February 23, 2018

- Financial Review and Strategic Planning Committee
- TBPG Board Meeting

Committee and Board meeting agendas will be available on the TBPG website as soon as they are available.

Appointed Members of the Board

C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG
Chairman- Hearne

W. David Prescott, II, PG
Vice-Chairman- Amarillo

Becky Johnson, PG
Secretary/Treasurer- Fort Worth

Lindsey Lee Bradford
Public Member- Edna

Bereket M. Derie, PhD, PG
Professional Member- Round Rock

Steven Fleming, PG
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