



## **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

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### **P.G. Seal Requirement**

It is required that all Professional Geoscientists have a P.G. seal on file with TBPG, as stated in §1002.263 of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act and TBPG Rules §851.20 (q).

The P.G. seal design is specified in TAC section 851.156(b), which is found in the “Rules of Licensure for Professional Geoscientists and the Public Practice of Geoscience” as found on the TBPG website. TAC section 851.156(b) provides the following generalized seal image to be used:



*Image enlarged for viewing purposes only.  
Size should meet specification outlined above.*

- 1. The surname on your P.G. seal should be the same surname as in TBPG records.**
- 2. Your seal must specify the discipline under which you have been licensed: Geology, Geophysics or Soil Science.**
- 3. Use only the numerical digits of your license number where “Your License #” is stated.**
- 4. The seal may be an ink or embossed seal. TBPG prefers the ink version.**
- 5. The seal can be one of two sizes: a 1-5/8” pocket seal or 2” desk seal.**

#### **Obtaining a P.G. seal:**

If a new P.G. does not expect to use a physical ink or embossed seal (he or she expects to place an electronically generated seal on all documents that require a seal and physically sign the document), he or she may choose to meet this requirement by generating an electronic seal and printing it on the submission form in the appropriate place. If a new P.G. does plan to purchase an ink stamp (or an embosser), then he or she should use the ink stamp/embosser to provide the seal to TBPG.

A P.G. may use any vendor to produce a physical seal. A vendor who provides this service may be located by online searches. Also, most major office supply chains perform this service.

According to TBPG Rules 851.20(q): “Once the requirements for licensure have been satisfied and the new license and license certificate have been issued, within 60 days of notification, the new licensee must then:

- 1) Obtain a seal and submit the TBPG Seal Submission (Form X) to the TBPG;
- 2) Register as a Geoscience Firm, if appropriate, as described in 851.30 of this chapter.”

Please complete the “*P. G. Seal Submission (Form X)*” and submit to TBPG.