# Texas

**Registration Status:** Practice Act

Effective Date: September 1, 2001 (except as noted below)

Exemptions: Specified in Texas Occupations Code §1002.252

ASBOG® Membership: Member Board

Update: Beginning September 1, 2003, a license is required to practice geoscience in Texas. Geoscience in Texas includes the disciplines of geology, geophysics, and soil science.

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**Board Composition:** Six Professional Geoscientists and three public members

**Requirements:**

Education: Baccalaureate in Geology, Geophysics or Soil Science.

Experience: Five years

Examination: ASBOG®, CSSE (Soil Scientists) or Texas Geophysics Examination (Geophysicists)

First ASBOG® Exam: March 2004

Continuing Education: Fifteen Professional Developmental Hours are required each renewal period, including one hour of professional ethics.

Grandfathering: Ended August 31, 2003

**Cooperative Licensure - (Comity/Reciprocity):** Statute allows for comity/reciprocity. (Note: The Texas Geoscience Practice Act and Board Rules provide a waiver of certain requirements. See the agency website or contact staff for more details.)

**License Count:** PGs: 3,812 GITs: 166

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