

**WAC 308-15-057 What are the minimum requirements to be eligible for a hydrogeologist specialty license?** You are eligible for a hydrogeologist license if you submit an application to the board, completed in accordance with WAC 308-15-030, which demonstrates that:

(1) You hold a current Washington state geologist license; and  
(2) You have demonstrated knowledge of the hydrogeology of Washington state; and

(3) You have completed and passed the requirements of advanced study pertinent to hydrogeology and acceptable to the board, as follows:

(a) Eighteen semester or twenty-seven quarter credit hours of graded academic coursework; or

(b) Two hundred seventy hours of seminars or workshops, as acceptable to the board; or

(c) Five hundred forty hours of on-the-job training under the supervision of state-licensed hydrogeologists or others who, in the opinion of the board, are qualified to have responsible charge of hydrogeologic projects; or

(d) A combination of (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection; and

(4) You have five years of professional hydrogeology experience after completing and passing the advanced study requirements specified in subsection (3) of this section. At least three years of hydrogeology experience must be obtained under the supervision of Washington state-licensed hydrogeologists or others who, in the opinion of the board, are qualified to have responsible charge of hydrogeology projects. The following may be considered qualifying hydrogeology experience:

(a) Hydrogeology research or teaching at the university or college level, which, in the judgment of the board, is comparable to experience obtained in the practice of hydrogeology; and

(b) Up to two years' credit for full-time graduate study in hydrogeology or a curriculum containing equivalent academic content approved by the board; and

(5) You have passed the Washington state hydrogeology specialty examination or another examination acceptable to the board.

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