



## APEGS Technical Exam Program - Geoscience

**Why a Technical Exam Program?** The academic requirement for licensure as a professional geoscience in Saskatchewan is bachelor level program of study in geoscience that is acceptable to Council.

The Geoscience Knowledge and Experience (GKE) Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada sets out the academic requirement for licensure that is used by APEGS. Applicants who do not hold a Canadian bachelor's degree in geoscience that meets the GKE requirements may be required to complete APEGS' confirmatory exams and/or fulfill deficiencies.

### APEGS TECHNICAL EXAM PROGRAMS:

**Deficiencies:** If APEGS' assessment reveals that an applicant's academic qualifications are missing topics relative to GKE requirements, they will be assigned deficiencies to address the breadth, depth, progression and coherency requirements.

**Options for fulfilling the Deficiencies:**

**University level courses** – complete a university level course (or courses). The course(s) must cover most of the syllabus subject matter **and** have received prior approval from APEGS.

**AND/OR**

**Technical Exams** - write technical exams that correspond to each of your assigned deficiencies.

**Confirmatory Exams:** Applicants whose bachelor's level degree was obtained via a program that appears comparable to the respective Canadian program through academic assessment, **or have completed assigned deficiencies**, are assigned confirmatory exams. The intent is to give the applicant an opportunity

to demonstrate that they have an academic preparation that is acceptable to Council.

**Options for fulfilling the Confirmatory Exams: Fundamentals of Geoscience (FG) Exam** – This exam is offered through the Association of State Boards of Geologists (ASBOG) Proof that you have passed the FG exam is required for the confirmatory exams to be deemed complete. For more information on the FG exam please visit <https://www.asbog.org/>

**3 Technical Exams – Any 3 from group 2A and/or group 2B exams** from the stream you were assessed under (refer to your self-assessment).

**University-level Postgraduate Degree** – A postgraduate degree in geoscience that contains sufficient technical content in the same discipline to confirm the depth and breadth of the bachelor's degree (for which you have not already provided academic documents).

### DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF EXAM PROGRAMS:

Confirmatory exams and deficiencies must be successfully completed within four years of the date that the applicant is notified of their academic assessment result. However, if there is no activity within two years (i.e., no contact of any kind), the application will be closed. Once closed, a new application must be submitted to proceed.

**PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:** The pass mark for all Technical Exams is 50%.

Confirmatory Exam Program – Successful completion is obtained with a minimum mark of 50% on each exam and a combined average of at least 55%.



### **WHEN AND WHERE EXAMS ARE OFFERED:**

Technical exams are available to write online twice per year in the Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter. The application form is on the [website](#) for each sitting. There is a deadline to apply for each sitting and this will be indicated on the website.

### **STUDY MATERIALS:**

You can find examples of past exams on the Engineers & Geoscientists British Columbia (EGBC) website found [here](#).

### **EXAM FEES:**

- \$460 Per exam
  - \$210 *application fee*
  - \$250 *online proctoring fee*
- \$330 Re-read fee per exam
- plus administration fee (15%) and GST (5%)

**\*\*All Exam Fees are non-refundable\*\***

### **EXAM RESULTS:**

Exam results are emailed 45 to 60 business days following the date of the exam. No results will be given over the telephone or in person at the APEGS office. Exam papers will not be returned to applicants and answers are not available. Applicants may request a formal re-read. Requests for a re-read must be received within 25 days after an applicant has been notified of the exam mark.

**NEED MORE INFORMATION?** For more information about licensing/registration requirements, please contact:

[questions-academicreview@apegs.ca](mailto:questions-academicreview@apegs.ca)

<https://www.apegs.ca/apply/how-to-apply/engineer-in-training/technical-exams>

### **NOTE:**

Courses from institutions such as **EPIC** and **TLNT Training** are **not** endorsed by APEGS. These courses are not acceptable for fulfilling deficiencies and if you choose to take one as preparation for a technical exam, APEGS provides no guarantee as to the appropriateness of the content or level of preparedness they provide.