

Applying for Geologic Licensure in New York State
(with an update for companies offering professional services in NY)

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Licensure began in November 2016 after the regulations were approved in June 2016 to implement the law. Applications for licensure are being accepted, and the forms are available on the website of the NYS Education Department Office of the Professions. John M. Nadeau, Legislative Chair for the New York State Council of Professional Geologists (NYSCPG), will review the process of applying for licensure, including the various paths to licensure, points to remember while completing the forms, and specific provisions during the one-year “grandfathering” period that ends in November 2017. Topics that will be covered include: who needs to be licensed, individual licensees vs. corporate practices; deadlines and important dates; applying for licensure during the “grandparenting” period; applying under the various paths of endorsement (ASBOG exam) or the experience and/or education route; what constitutes the “practice” of geology vs. non-geologic duties; documenting your geologic experience to SED; and common FAQs and where to find more information. John also will summarize recent developments affecting entities offering professional services.