

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

March 14, 2025

Introduced by Sen. WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the licensure of a professional geologist; and to repeal subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law is  
2 REPEALED and subdivisions 3 and 4 are renumbered subdivisions 2 and 3  
3 and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as follows:

4 4. Applicants who file with the department within two years of the  
5 effective date of this subdivision an application and fee requirements  
6 pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (g) of subdivision one of this section  
7 and who, at such time or anytime thereafter, demonstrate to the satis-  
8 faction of the department that they have twelve years of practical expe-  
9 rience in work satisfactory to the board may substitute such experience  
10 for the degree and experience requirements specified in paragraphs (b)  
11 and (c) of subdivision one of this section; provided, however, that each  
12 full year of study in geology deemed satisfactory to the department may,  
13 at the discretion of the board, be accepted in lieu of up to two years  
14 of the required twelve years of experience.

15 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law, as added by  
16 chapter 475 of the laws of 2014 and as renumbered by section one of this  
17 act, is amended to read as follows:

18 2. For an identification card as [~~an "intern geologist"~~] a "geologist  
19 in training", an applicant shall fulfill the requirements of subdivision  
20 one of this section, except those in paragraphs (c) and (e) of such  
21 subdivision, provided that admission to the examination may be given  
22 when the applicant is within twenty credits of the completion of the  
23 requirements of the bachelor's degree or higher as prescribed in para-  
24 graph (b) of subdivision one of this section[~~, or has completed the~~

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ~~practical experience requirement of subdivision two of this section~~.  
2 The fee for the examination and identification card as [~~an "intern geol-~~  
3 ~~ogist"~~] a "geologist in training" shall be seventy dollars and the fee  
4 for each reexamination shall be seventy dollars.  
5 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
6 it shall have become a law and shall apply to applications for licensure  
7 as a professional geologist on or after such effective date. Effective  
8 immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regu-  
9 lation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective  
10 date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective  
11 date.