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DIVISION 3. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS GENERALLY [5000 - 9998.11] (*Heading of Division 3 added by Stats. 1939, Ch. 30.)*

CHAPTER 12.5. Geologists and Geophysicists [7800 - 7887] (*Heading of Chapter 12.5 amended by Stats. 1972, Ch. 1396.)*

ARTICLE 7. Revenue [7880 - 7887] (*Article 7 added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 942.)*

7880. A certificate of registration as a geologist or as a specialty geologist or as a geophysicist or as a specialty geophysicist shall expire at 12 a.m. of the last day of the birth month of the certificate holder during the second year of a two-year term if not renewed. To renew an unexpired certificate, the certificate holder shall, on or before the date of expiration of the certificate, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board, and pay the renewal fee prescribed by this chapter.

For purposes of implementing the distribution of the renewal of registrations throughout the year, the board may establish a system of staggered certificate expiration dates and a pro rata formula for the payment of renewal fees by certificate holders affected by the implementation of the program.

(*Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 1289, Sec. 43. Effective January 1, 1993.*)

7881. Except as otherwise provided in this article, certificates of registration as a geologist or as a geophysicist, or certified specialty certificates, may be renewed at any time within five years after expiration on filing an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and payment of all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the certificate is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the certificate holder, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which all renewal fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the certificate shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 7880 that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

(*Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 306, Sec. 10. Effective January 1, 2002.*)

7881.5. (a) At the time of renewal specified in Section 7880 or 7881, the board shall administer an assessment of the certificate holder to reinforce the certificate holder's knowledge of state laws and the board's rules and regulations. Failure to complete this assessment within 60 days after the date of expiration of the certificate may result in disciplinary action under Section 7860, but shall not affect the renewal of the certificate.

(b) The crime in subdivision (h) of Section 7872 shall not apply to this section.

(c) The board shall not charge the certificate holder a fee for the administration or development of the assessment.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "assessment" means an online program that contains educational reading material and questions. The material shall be based on state law and the board's rules and regulations relating to the practice of professional geologists and geophysicists. The scope of the assessment shall be limited to the board's top five types of violations related to the administrative and procedural aspects of the practice of professional geologists and geophysicists and any changes or additions to existing law related to such administrative and procedural aspects.

(*Added by Stats. 2016, Ch. 629, Sec. 3. (SB 1085) Effective January 1, 2017.*)

7882. A suspended certificate is subject to expiration and shall be renewed as provided in this article, but such renewal does not entitle the holder of the certificate, while it remains suspended and until it is reinstated, to engage in the activity to which the certificate relates, or in any other activity or conduct in violation of the order or judgment by which it was suspended.

(*Added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 942.*)

7883. A revoked certificate is subject to expiration as provided in this article, but it may not be renewed. If it is reinstated after its expiration, the holder of the certificate, as a condition precedent to its reinstatement, shall pay a reinstatement fee in an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular date before the date on which it is reinstated, plus all accrued and unpaid renewal fees and the delinquency fee, if any, accrued at the time of its revocation.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 325, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 2004.)

7884. Certificates of licensure as a geologist or as a geophysicist or certified specialty certificates which are not renewed within five years after expiration shall not be renewed, restored, reinstated, or reissued thereafter. The holder of that certificate may apply for and obtain a new certificate, however, if:

- (a) He or she has not committed any acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.
- (b) He or she takes and passes the examination, if any, which would be required of him or her if he or she were then applying for the certificate for the first time.

The board may, by regulation, provide for the waiver or refund of all or any part of the application fee in those cases in which a certificate is issued without an examination pursuant to this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 236, Sec. 21. (SB 1165) Effective January 1, 2017.)

7886. (a) The department shall receive and account for all money derived under the operation of this chapter and, at the end of each month, shall report such money to the Controller and shall pay it to the Treasurer, who shall keep the money in a separate fund known as the Professional Engineer's, Land Surveyor's, and Geologist's Fund.

(b) For accounting and recordkeeping purposes, the Professional Engineer's, Land Surveyor's, and Geologist's Fund shall be deemed to be a single special fund and shall be available for expenditure only for the purposes as are now or may hereafter be provided by law.

(c) The fees and civil penalties received under this chapter shall be deposited in the Professional Engineer's, Land Surveyor's, and Geologist's Fund. All moneys in the fund are hereby appropriated for the purposes of this chapter.

(d) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2016.

(Repealed (in Sec. 22) and added by Stats. 2015, Ch. 428, Sec. 23. (AB 177) Effective January 1, 2016. Section operative July 1, 2016, by its own provisions.)

7887. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter shall be fixed by the board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The fee for filing an application for licensure as a geologist or a geophysicist or certification as a specialty geologist or a specialty geophysicist shall be fixed at not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The fee for filing an application for certification as a geologist-in-training shall be fixed at not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

(b) The renewal fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist shall be fixed at not more than four hundred dollars (\$400).

(c) The renewal fee for a specialty geologist or for a specialty geophysicist shall be fixed at not more than four hundred dollars (\$400).

(d) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency fee for a certificate is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date.

(e) Each applicant for licensure as a geologist shall pay an examination fee fixed at an amount equal to the actual cost to the board to administer the examination described in subdivision (d) of Section 7841, unless an applicant pays the examination fee directly to an organization pursuant to Section 7844.

(f) Each applicant for licensure as a geophysicist or certification as an engineering geologist or certification as a hydrogeologist shall pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount equal to the actual cost to the board for the development and maintenance of the written examination.

(g) The fee for a retired license shall be fixed at not more than 50 percent of the fee for filing an application for licensure as a geologist or a geophysicist in effect on the date of application for a retired license.

(h) All other document fees shall be established by the board by regulation and shall be set in an amount not to exceed a reasonable regulatory cost.

(Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 154, Sec. 7. (SB 1098) Effective January 1, 2019.)