

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that application for licensure as a professional geoscientist shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board, shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his technical work, and shall contain such references prescribed by the board.

New law adds that forms provided by the board for application shall contain the explanation for fees listed in new law.

Existing law provides that application for certification as a geoscientist-in-training shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board, shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his technical work, if any, and shall contain such references prescribed by the board.

New law adds that forms provided by the board for application shall contain the explanation for fees listed in new law.

Prior law provided that an application fee for professional geoscientists or geoscientists-in-training shall be established at the discretion of the board but shall not exceed \$200 and shall not be increased by the board by more than \$30 in any three-year period.

Existing law provides that the application fee shall accompany the application. If the board denies the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant, the application fee shall be retained by the board. An unsuccessful applicant shall pay the prescribed fee for each subsequent application.

New law retains existing law.

New law provides the fees for professional geoscientists, which include application/initial licensing fee, annual license renewal, annual license renewal for licensees 60 years or older, late renewal penalty, temporary license (90 days), duplicate wall license certificate, affidavit of licensure, verification of licensure, and insufficient funds fee.

New law provides the fees for geoscientists-in-training which include an application/first-year certification fee and an annual renewal fee.

Existing law provides that licensure and certification shall expire at a time specified by the board and shall become invalid after that date unless renewed. It shall be the duty of the executive secretary of the board to notify by letter to his last known address each licensee and certificate holder of the date of the expiration of the license or certificate and the requirements for its renewal. The notice shall be mailed at least one month in advance of the expiration of such license or certificate.

Prior law stated that a renewal of licensure as a professional geoscientist or geoscientist-in-training may be effected at any time during the two months prior to expiration by the payment of a fee not to exceed \$150 per year at the discretion of the board. The board shall not increase the renewal fee by more than \$20 in any one-year period.

New law retains existing law regarding that a renewal of licensure as a professional geoscientist or geoscientist-in-training may be effected at any time during the two months prior to expiration by the payment of a fee.

New law removes prior law that the fee not to exceed \$150 per year at the discretion of the board and that the board shall not increase the renewal fee by more than \$20 in any one-year period.

Prior law stated that a maximum fee for late renewal shall be established by the board, but shall not exceed three times the normal renewal fee.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 37:711.13(A), (B), and (D) and 711.20(A); Adds R.S. 37:711.13(E) and (F);  
Repeals R.S. 37:711.20(C))