

**PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET**  
**Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists**  
**(Amendment)**

**201 KAR 31:010. Fees.**

RELATES TO: KRS 322A.050, 322A.060, 322A.070

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 322A.030(5), 322A.050, 322A.060(1), 322A.070(1), (3)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB 6, Section 8(2). The Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is not among the agencies listed in Section 8(3) that require additional certification by the Governor.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 322A.040, 322A.050, and 322A.060 authorize the board to establish application, registration, renewal, and examination fees. KRS 322A.070(3) authorizes the board to replace registrations if needed. This administrative regulation establishes the fees charged by the board to apply for registration or certification, sit for the examination, and renew and reinstate a registration or certification.

**Section 1. Application Fee.**

(1) The application fee for registration as a professional geologist or certification as a geologist-in-training shall be non-refundable pursuant to KRS 322A.050 and shall be paid with the filing of the application.

(2) The application fee for registration as a professional geologist or certification as a geologist-in-training shall be set at \$225.00 unless adjusted by the Board, which may, upon approval of the Board, increase the fee to an amount not to exceed \$325.00. Any such adjustment shall be based on financial necessity, administrative costs, or other relevant factors deemed appropriate by the Board.

**Section 2. Examination Fees.** An applicant for registration as a professional geologist or certification as a geologist-in-training shall be responsible for payment of the required examination fee charged by the National Association of State Boards of Geology.

**Section 3. Biennial Renewal Fees and Penalties.** The fees established in subsections (1) through (5) of this section shall be paid in connection with licensure and certification renewals and late renewal penalties.

(1) The biennial renewal fee for registration as a professional geologist or certification as a geologist-in-training shall be set at \$250.00 unless adjusted by the Board, which may, upon approval of the Board, increase the fee to an amount not to exceed \$375.00. Any such adjustment shall be based on financial necessity, administrative costs, or other relevant factors deemed appropriate by the Board.

(2) The late biennial renewal fee for registration or certification in active status as a professional geologist or certification as a geologist-in-training, including penalty, for late renewal during the ninety (90) day grace period shall be set at \$300.00 unless adjusted by the Board, which may, upon approval of the Board, increase the fee to an amount not to exceed \$400.00. Any such adjustment shall be based on financial necessity, administrative costs, or other relevant factors deemed appropriate by the Board.

(3) The reinstatement fee for registration as a professional geologist or certification as a geologist-in-training renewal after the end of the ninety (90) day grace period and before the registration or certification is revoked pursuant to KRS 322A.060(3) shall be set at \$350.00, unless adjusted by the Board, which may, upon approval of the Board, increase the fee to an amount not to exceed \$450.00. Any such adjustment in fee shall be based on

financial necessity, administrative costs, or other relevant factors deemed appropriate by the Board.

(4) In lieu of paying the biennial renewal fee, a person may opt to renew his or her registration or certification as inactive.

(a) The biennial inactive renewal fee shall be \$100.

(b) A registration or certification may be renewed in inactive status indefinitely.

(c) The late biennial renewal fee for registration or certification in inactive status shall be \$175.

(d) The reinstatement fee for registration as a professional geologist or certification as a geologist-in-training as an inactive renewal after the end of the ninety (90) day grace period and before the registration or certification is revoked pursuant to KRS 322A.060(3) shall be \$200.

(5) To reinstate a license from inactive status, a licensee shall remit the reinstatement fee in subsection (3) of this section.

Section 4. Duplicate Registration or Certification Fees. The fee for a duplicate of the original registration or certification certificate shall be ten (10) dollars.

Section 5. Board Approval Required for Fee Adjustment. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any fee increase pursuant to this section shall be approved by a super-majority vote of the Board at a public meeting open to public comment and shall not exceed the maximum amount established in this section.

*WILLIAM BRAB, Board Chair*

APPROVED BY AGENCY: May 5, 2025

FILED WITH LRC: May 14, 2025 at 2:17 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this proposed administrative regulation shall be held on July 23, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Public Protection Cabinet, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through 11:59 p.m. on July 31, 2025. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person listed below.

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