

## STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF RECIPROCITY/COMITY

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**THE TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

*and*

**THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS**

The **Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists** and the **Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists** hereby enter into a common understanding concerning licensure/registration of Professional Geoscientists/Registered Professional Geologists by reciprocity/comity subject to the provisions listed below:

1. Evidence of a valid license/registration from one of the states is required for licensure/registration by reciprocity/comity in the other. The applicant requesting reciprocity/comity must be in good standing with the state in which that person holds their current license/registration as a professional geoscientist or geologist.
2. Written examinations administered by either board shall be accepted by the other board in considering the applicant's application for licensure/registration by reciprocity/comity, if both boards agree that the other's examination or examinations are mutually acceptable. If both boards use the ASBOG® national examinations, both boards will accept the passing results without further review.
3. Either board may require an additional examination related specifically to the practice of professional geoscience or a particular discipline of geoscience in that State as appropriate. Each board has the option of reviewing and accepting the examination and passing test scores from a specific discipline of geoscience during review of an applicant's information submitted for reciprocity/comity consideration.
4. Applicants for licensure/registration by reciprocity/comity that were licensed/registered under the grandfather provisions of the state in which they currently hold a license/registration may be exempted from a written examination(s) upon verification of at least five (5) years of responsible professional work experience since the date of their initial licensure/registration or certification, that licensure/registration was maintained continuously during those five (5) years and that no substantiated complaints or disciplinary actions(s) have ever been taken against the licensee/registrant.
5. Each board reserves the right to accept an application for licensure/registration by reciprocity/comity, to request additional information from the applicant, or reject an application for cause as governed by their respective laws and/or rules.
6. The applicant seeking licensure/registration under the terms and conditions of this agreement shall direct the state in which s/he is currently licensed/registered or certified and cause to have certified copies of the contents of his/her licensure/registration file sent directly to the state in which s/he wishes to be licensed/registered, at his/her expense.

7. Each board will inform the other board of any disciplinary action(s) taken against any licensed/registered or certified geoscientist/geologist that was licensed/registered under the terms and conditions of this agreement.
8. Each board will develop and maintain documentation of the individuals that are approved for licensure/registration under the terms and conditions of this agreement and will make this information publicly available and available to the other board.
9. This agreement shall be effective September 1, 2008 and shall remain in full force and effect unless cancelled by either board.

Signed: Everett J. Ferris  
Everett J. Ferris, President  
The Mississippi State Board of Registered  
Professional Geologists

Date: March 25, 2008

Signed: Vincent R. Houston  
Vincent R. Houston, Acting Exec. Director  
The Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

Date: March 28, 2008