

**APGNS Policy respecting the National Professional Practice Examination (NPPE).
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INTRODUCTION

This policy and procedure document is intended as an addendum to the current by-laws of the Association and reflects the currently accepted procedures as well as the by-laws under development for the revised *Geoscience Profession Act* and *Geoscience Practice Regulations*. Where accuracy is critical, please consult the current *Geoscience Profession Act* and the by-laws of the Association.

Definitions

Act – means the *Geoscience Profession Act*.

By-laws – means the by-laws of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Nova Scotia (Geoscientists Nova Scotia, APGNS or the Association) currently in force under the Act.

Council – means the Council of the Association.

Registrar – means the Registrar of the Association as appointed by the Council of the Association.

Registrant – means a registered member, licensee, member-in-training (MIT), or authorized holder of a corporate Certificate of Authorization.

Secretary – means the Secretary of the Association as appointed by the Council of the Association.

NPPE POLICY

1. On assessment and approval of an application for professional geoscience registration by the APGNS Admissions Board, and as a prerequisite for professional registration, the applicant will be required to successfully complete the NPPE within one year of the date of approval. On successful completion of the NPPE, the applicant may be registered as a professional geoscientist (P.Geo.) member.

An applicant for MIT can undertake the NPPE while fulfilling the requirements for registration. Student members are not eligible to undertake the NPPE.

An applicant for a license to practice will be exempt from the requirement to successfully complete the NPPE provided that the exam has been successfully completed in another jurisdiction.

2. Commencing in January 2013, applicants will be permitted to write the NPPE a maximum number of four times (equivalent to one calendar year, subject to exemption by the Registrar), before privileges are revoked.

An exemption may be granted based on written application from the applicant stating appropriate circumstances and at the discretion of the Registrar.

If the applicant is not successful on the fourth attempt, the applicant will be not be permitted to write the NPPE (privileges will be revoked), for one calendar year.

If the applicant is not successful on the fifth or subsequent attempts, privileges will again be withdrawn for one calendar year in each case.

If the applicant is not successful on the fifth attempt, the application for registration will be subject to review by the APGNS Admissions Board. As a result of or in preparation for the review, the Admissions Board may, at its sole discretion, require additional information or specify remedial action or dismiss the application.