

Licensing for Geologists in Nevada

The State of Nevada has no formal licensing for geologists in Nevada.

Many Nevada geologists apply for licenses in other states in order to be allowed to practice in those states.

<http://www.aipg.org/certificationboards>

<https://asbog.org/>

NRS 514.005 “Professional geologist” defined.

For the limited purpose of stating the minimum qualifications for holding the office of Nevada State Geologist, NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) 514.005 defines the term “professional geologist.” The statutes do not define the term for use beyond this context. (added to NRS by [1997, 2978](#))

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Legal/LawLibrary/Statutes/69th/Stats199720.html#Stats199720page2978>

Licensing for Geological Engineers and Other Engineers in Nevada

To apply for an engineer's license in Nevada, contact the Nevada Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors.

<https://nvbpels.org/professionals/engineers>

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The Nevada Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors provides the information and process through which licensing as a Professional Engineer, Professional Land Surveyor, and certification of Engineer Intern and Land Surveyor Intern is possible.

NDEP Certification for Environmental Cleanup

According to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) website, “The State of Nevada requires that certain activities, such as underground storage tank handling and hazardous waste management, be conducted by certified professionals. NDEP’s Certification Program evaluates and certifies professionals to conduct these activities based on their experience, training, integrity, and competence in their fields. Once certified, the general public can confidently retain their services.

We offer the following certifications: Certified Environmental Manager, Underground Tank Handlers, Underground Tank Testers, and ABC Operator Trainers.”

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP):

<https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/certification>

Certified Environmental Manager (CEM):

<https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/certification/certified-environmental-manager>

Please note that NDEP certifications are not limited to geologists and geological engineers.

Locating a Licensed Engineer in Nevada

As stated previously, the State of Nevada does not license geologists.

As a state agency, NBMG cannot recommend specific individuals for contract work.

Here are some organizations that may be able to provide help.

Find Engineers and Land Surveyors in Nevada
<https://nvbpels.org/find-engineers-land-surveyors>

Professional Certification in the State of California (includes Nevada geologists who have taken and passed the exam in California)

You can look up the current status of California-licensed professional engineers, land surveyors, geologists, and geophysicists via DCA Search.

https://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/consumers/lic_lookup.shtml

<https://search.dca.ca.gov/>

Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG)

AEG—Great Basin Chapter (Reno)

<https://www.aegweb.org/group/GB>

AEG—Southern Nevada Chapter (Las Vegas)

<http://www.aegsnv.org/>

American Institute for Professional Geologists (AIPG)

<http://www.aipg.org/page.php?ID=certificationboards>

Geological Society of Nevada (GSN)

gsn@gsnv.org

www.gsn.org

In the Geological Society of Nevada (GSN) *Membership Directory*, there is an asterisk next to members who report being “qualified persons” as stated in the Canadian National Instrument 43-101 standards.

“The following GSN members have informed the Society that they have met the licensing requirements for a “Qualified Person” as stated in Canadian National Instrument 43-101. The GSN has not checked their status and recommends that individuals who use the following list check with the appropriate state or national licensing board.” (from *GSN Membership Directory*)

If you are interested in this directory, please contact the GSN office (see above).