

European Geologist title

Certification of geosciences professionals



EFG in brief

The European Federation of Geologists (EFG) is a not-for-profit organisation that was established in 1981 and includes today 24 national association members. EFG is the representative body for the geological profession in Europe.

What is the EurGeol title?

The European Geologist title (EurGeol) is a professional title created by the European Federation of Geologists which recognises the ability to deliver a high quality of services within the practice of geology. Title holders have achieved suitable academic training and a level of professional experience, skill and competence to perform tasks within their professional practice. It also means that the geologist undertakes continuing education and training, demonstrating a personal commitment to stay up to date and informed within the sphere of his professional work.

Why do I need the title?

Professional titles have become important in demonstrating the suitability of a professional to provide geological services. The professional title provides a quality mark to demonstrate to clients, regulators and the general public that the individual is competent to provide geological advice, and allows employers to offer competitive commercial services. To adapt to the current and future challenges within the geo-political framework of the

European Union, it is necessary that geologists achieve, and can demonstrate, a high degree of professional experience to be able to respond to the demands of society in practicing their profession.

Thanks to the harmonisation of training and experience underlying the EurGeol certification, the title acts as a passport to professional practice in Europe, thereby encouraging free movement of professionals.

At international level, reciprocity recognition agreements have been set with the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) and the Canadian Council of Professional Geologists (CCPG). On a practical level, European Geologists are recognised by the mineral reporting authorities in Australia, Canada, South Africa and London as professionals accredited to sign reports on mineral resources within their area of expertise and in the valuation of mining companies quoted on the Stock Exchanges.



How to apply?

An application for the European Geologist title must be submitted through one of EFG's Licensed Bodies that are authorised to award the title.



Check now full information on the EurGeol title, eligibility to apply and the application procedure at www.eurogeologists.eu/eurgeols.



These Licensed Bodies are the:

- Institute of Geologists of Ireland (IGI)
- Italian National Council of Geologists (CNG)
- Spanish Association of Professional Geologists (ICOG)
- Swiss Association of Geologists (CHGEOL)
- Geological Society of London (GSL)
- International Licensed Body (ILB)

The ILB is operated by EFG for applicants who are not members of one of the above-mentioned National Licensed Bodies. The applications to the ILB need to be presented by a National Vetting Committee (NVC).

List of NVCs:

- Belgo-Luxembourg Union of Geologists (BLUG/ULBG)
- Czech Association of Economic Geologists (CAEG)
- The Finnish Union of Environmental Professionals (YKL)
- French Geological Society (SGF)
- Professional Association of German Geoscientists (BDG)
- Hungarian Geological Society (MFT)
- Royal Geological and Mining Society of the Netherlands (KNGMG)
- Polish Association of Mineral Asset Valuers
- Portuguese Association of Geologists (APG)
- National Association for Subsoil Use Auditing (NAEN, Russia)
- Serbian Geological Society (SGS)
- Slovenian Geological Society (SGS)
- Geosection (NA, Swedish Association of Scientists)

What do I need to demonstrate?



- Ability to understand the complexities of geology and of geological processes in space and time in relation to their specialty;
- Ability to use geosciences information to generate predictive models;
- Ability to communicate clearly, both verbally and in writing;
- Understanding of the meaning and needs of professionalism;
- Awareness of Health and Safety and other statutory obligations applicable to their area of work;
- Knowledge and understanding of the Code of Ethics;
- Appreciation of the role of Continuing Professional Development after validation.

Further requirements

A prerequisite for the title award is to be member of one of EFG's national membership associations. To apply for the European Geologist title, please download the application form on the EFG website, complete it and return it to your Licensed Body or Vetting Committee.



In order to maintain your professional title over the years, you shall:

- Settle your annual subscription fees;
- Provide to your Licensed Body a record of Continuing Professional Development activities (CPD) carried out in the previous year.