



Application Instructions

REGULAR APPLICANT

When making application for certification as a Coal Geologist you must meet the qualifications outlined on the front of the application form and check to see if you have completed the following:

- (1) \$80.00; \$30.00 non refundable application fee, plus \$50.00 annual certification dues. This must be paid before the application can be processed. (Regular EMD dues, \$20, are in addition to the certification dues..)
- (2) Three sponsors to vouch for your qualifications, who should be Certified Coal Geologists. If Certified Coal Geologists are not available, sponsors may be non-certified AAPG Active Members having training and experience equivalent to Certified Coal Geologists. (See sponsor form for requirements). A copy of your completed application must be given to each sponsor.
- (3) The record of experience (section 2) should specifically state your qualifications in coal geology.
- (4) The Declaration By the Applicant (section 8) must be signed and returned with the application and dues.
- (5) Read the AAPG Code of Ethics.
- (6) Dues payments, contributions or gifts to AAPG/DPA/EMD are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for U.S. income tax purposes; however they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expense.

Before the application is circulated to the AAPG Board of Certification, it is necessary that your application fee and dues, plus the three sponsors' forms be completed and a part of your file.

RECIPROCAL APPLICANT

When making application for Certification as a Coal Geologist under reciprocity agreements with the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES), American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) or The Geological Society of London (GSL) you must be a member in good standing and meet the qualifications outlined on the front of the application form and check to see if you have completed the following:

FOR SIPES MEMBERS

- (1) \$50.00 annual certification dues. This must be paid before the application can be processed. Application fee is waived.
- (2) Complete all sections of application form for reciprocity by DPA/SIPES.

FOR GSL MEMBERS

- (1) \$50.00 (U.S.) annual certification dues. This must be paid before the application can be processed. Application fee is waived.
- (2) Complete all sections of application form for reciprocity by DPA/GSL.

FOR AIPG MEMBERS

- (1) \$80.00; \$30.00 non refundable application fee plus \$50.00 annual certification dues. This must be paid before the application can be processed.
- (2) If a member completed the AIPG application with the required sponsor recommendations, then it is not necessary they complete section #5 (sponsors) of the AAPG/DPA application. The reciprocity agreement allows that if at least three of the five AIPG sponsors are current AAPG active members then it is not necessary to secure sponsors.
- (3) Note on face of application form "Reciprocal via AIPG # _____."

AAPG will confirm AIPG status. If there are other specific requirements called for by the Board of Certification, these must be satisfied before approval of the application.