

	FEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES GEOLOGUES EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF GEOLOGISTS FEDERACION EUROPEA DE GEOLOGOS
	Sponsor's Statement

You have been asked to sponsor an application for validation as a European Geologist. This letter *Sponsor's Statement* should be completed and returned to the applicant in a signed and sealed envelope marked 'confidential' or, preferably, passed direct to the National Vetting Committee.

Sponsorship of an applicant is a serious undertaking and by doing this you are making a professional judgement of the applicant's ability to meet and maintain the very high standards that are required in the geoscience professions. You are, in effect, acting in the capacity of a 'competent person' by evaluating the applicant's professional standing and reputation. If you feel that the applicant is not yet ready for award of the European Geologist title we hope that you will tell them so and then help them to gain the additional experience or understanding necessary for a successful application.

In order to act as a sponsor

- You should have personal knowledge of the applicant and their work for at least three years and he or she must not be related to you.
- You should satisfy yourself that the applicant meets the criteria set out in the EFG regulations.
- An applicant's sponsors should, wherever possible, be European Geologists. The EFG may accept, as one of the two sponsors, a Chartered Member of a recognised professional body whose standards and levels are at least as high as those of the EFG.

1. EXPECTED LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING

An applicant for validation as a European Geologist is required to satisfy the EFG that they meet the following criteria:

- an ability to understand the complexities of geology and of geological processes in space and time in relation to the applicant's speciality;
- an ability to use geoscience information to generate predictive models;
- an ability to communicate clearly verbally and in writing;
- an understanding of the professional and ethical responsibilities of a professional geologist;
- a commitment to developing and maintaining expertise as a professional geologist through a programme of Continuing Professional Development that is relevant to the speciality and professional work of the applicant; and
- a knowledge of and commitment to safe working practices in accordance with good practice and relevant statutory requirements applicable to the applicant's discipline or area of work.

The applicant must demonstrate that he/she has obtained sufficient knowledge and experience to be able to work independently and to be capable of supervising others. An applicant who is only able to undertake routine activities or to require extensive supervision would not meet the requirements for award of the title of European Geologist.

An applicant is unlikely to meet the requirements for award of the tile of European Geologist without at least eight years of experience comprising university level studies and subsequent post-graduation experience, of which at least four years is relevant professional experience.

EUROPEAN GEOLOGIST SPONSOR'S STATEMENT*Applicant's Name*

After entering his/her name above the applicant should give a copy of this form to each sponsor with the request that the subsequent portion of the form be completed and returned to the applicant in a signed and sealed envelope marked 'confidential' or, preferably, passed direct to the National Vetting Committee.

The applicant named above has applied to the EFG for validation as a European Geologist and has named you as a sponsor. The validation procedure depends, among other matters, upon an evaluation of the applicant's professional standing and reputation. Please assist the Society by supplying the information requested below, based upon your own personal, first-hand knowledge of the applicant. If you wish to write separately in addition to returning this form, please do so.

Sponsorship of an applicant is a serious undertaking. You are showing your faith in the applicant's ability to meet and maintain the very high standards that are required in the geoscience professions, as in others, and are, in effect, acting in the capacity of a 'competent person' by evaluating the applicant's professional standing and reputation. We would therefore ask you to give the matter the due consideration it requires. If you feel that the applicant is not yet ready for Chartership we hope that you will help them to gain the additional experience or understanding so that a valid application can be made in due course.

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YOU WILL BE TREATED IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE	
Sponsor's Name:	
<u>Home Address and contact details</u>	<u>Work Address and contact details</u>

- How long have you known the applicant?
- What is/was your relationship to the applicant (please tick)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Supervisor	<input type="checkbox"/> Colleague
<input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Customer/Contractor
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) _____	

NB - Please make as detailed as possible comments under the various headings in order to assist the Scrutineers in their assessment of the candidate.

3. Have you seen the completed application form in its entirety?

Yes No

(NB – if you have not seen the completed application form you will not be eligible to act as a Sponsor for this applicant)

4. In your opinion, does the applicant meet the following eight criteria which form the main basis for validation as a European Geologist?

(i) an ability to understand the complexities of geology and of geological processes in space and time in relation to the applicant's speciality;

Please comment:

(ii) an ability to use geoscience information to generate predictive models;

Please comment:

(iii) an ability to communicate clearly verbally and in writing;

Please comment:

(iv) an understanding of the professional and ethical responsibilities of a professional geologist;

Please comment:

(v) a commitment to developing and maintaining expertise as a professional geologist through a programme of Continuing Professional Development that is relevant to the speciality and professional work of the applicant; and

Please comment:

- (vi) a knowledge of and commitment to safe working practices in accordance with good practice and relevant statutory requirements applicable to the applicant's discipline or area of work

Please comment:

5. Do you have knowledge of the professional and ethical standing of the applicant in his/her professional community?

Please comment:

6. Do you consider that the applicant has an awareness of professional matters commensurate with their length of experience?

Please comment:

7. Are you aware of any behaviour of the applicant which you would consider to be incompatible with the EFG Code of Ehtics?

Yes No

Please comment:

8. Please add any further comments which you feel are relevant to the application.

I certify that:

- I am a European Geologist; or
 I am a Professional or Chartered member of the following professional body

(please state membership details)

Signature _____ Date _____