**Key Words Related to Licensure-All states**

**Note: In some state systems, the instructions will explain how to abbreviate key words. In others, the individual word may have to be spelled out in full. Check the instructions for your own legislative website.**

certif\*

certify

certification

earth\*  
engineer\*  
engineers  
engineering  
geo\*  
geochem\*  
geochemical

geolog\*  
geoph\*

geophys\*

geosci\*

hydrogeol\*

licens\*

register

registrant

registration

science

seism\*

soil

specialist

specialty

**Key Words (State-Specific) If not listed here, please add your own.**

aggregate

aquifer

basalt\*

bore hole

borehole

borrow

cave

contamin\*

coal

“creation sci\*”

creationism\*

debris

drill\*

“drinking water”

earthquake

energy

erosion

evol\*

evolution  
fault  
faulting  
faults  
field

flood

“flood plain”

floodplain

frack\*  
fract\*  
fractured  
fractures

geotherm\*

granite

graniti\*

gravel

ground\*

groundwater  
ground water  
grout\*  
“hazardous waste”

hydrocarbon

hydro-carbon

“intelligent design”

karst

land\*

landform

landscape  
Landslide

limestone   
log\*  
logging  
logs

mine

mineral\*

mining

mudflow

mudslide

“natural gas”

oil

“rare earth”

Rock

Sand\*

“sand stone”

sandstone

shale

“sink hole”

sinkhole  
slope  
slope failure

speleolog\*

volcan\*