

## Issue of fieldwork permits

The Hellenic Survey of Geology & Mineral Exploration (HSGME), as final successor of National Institute of Geology and Mineral Exploration (ETHIGME), according to No. 846/10.2.1973 decision of three ministers: the Minister of Industry, Culture and Education, is the statutory body for the State to give work permits for research in the Hellenic Territory to foreign and native geologists.

The permits to conduct research are issued for a particular region and time into the current calendar year. To complete in time the process for the issue of the work permit is recommended that the application is sent to HSGME 2 months before the start of the fieldwork. **This time is often needed to make the necessary investigations to avoid overlapping** of new research with research already in progress at the same topics and the same area. Moreover, the timely issue of the permit is crucial to allow its **communication to other authorities**, such as the Army and the local archeological superintendence's.

It should be noted that under the express terms of the permit the facilitated scientists are obliged to abstain from any archaeological excavation, underwater or speleological research, to inform the nearest police station and the local Archaeological Service for the starting of the work and to not approach archaeological sites or areas of caves for sampling of rocks.

**In case of sampling** during the fieldwork, they must present all samples collected in a responsible official of HSGME, at the **Athens** offices or any of the **regional units** (see list below), prior to shipment or transfer them abroad, to establish that they lack economic and archaeological value.

Please, **inform us** of your visit 1 day in advance! **Suitable visiting hours** between 08.00 and 12.00.

Please find below, download, fill, firm and send the following 3 forms to [nicarras@igme.gr](mailto:nicarras@igme.gr) or [nicarras@otenet.gr](mailto:nicarras@otenet.gr).

[1-WORK PERMIT APPLICATION FORM](#)

[2-TERMS GOVERNING THE ISSUE OF WORK PERMITS](#)

[3-GEOGRAPHICAL FORM TO AVOID OVERLAPPING BETWEEN RESEARCHERS \(see the comment\)](#)

**All necessary information must be present in the forms, NOT SEPARATELY in our communication...**

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