

Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Policy on Active Practice

Applicable Regulations

18VAC30-20-160. Reinstatement of lapsed license.

B. A licensee who does not reinstate within five years as prescribed by subsection A of this section shall either:

*2. Meet the continuing competency requirements specified in subsection A of this section and provide documentation of a current license in another jurisdiction in the United States and evidence of **active practice** for at least three of the past five years.*

18VAC30-20-170. Requirements for licensure.

A. The board may grant a license to an applicant who:

*2. Has passed the qualifying examination from an accrediting body recognized by the board within three years preceding the date of applying for licensure, or has been **actively engaged** in the respective profession for which he seeks licensure for one of the past three consecutive years preceding the date of application; or*

B. The board may grant a license to an applicant for licensure as a speech-language pathologist who:

*2. Has passed a qualifying examination from an accrediting body recognized by the board within three years preceding the date of applying for licensure in Virginia or has been **actively engaged** as a speech-language pathologist for one of the past three consecutive years preceding the date of application.*

18VAC30-20-185. Licensure by endorsement.

B. An applicant shall either:

*2. Provide documentation of a current license in another jurisdiction in the United States and evidence of **active practice** for at least three of the past five years.*

Guidance

Question: What activities constitute “**active practice**” or “**actively engaged**” in the profession of Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology?

Response: The Board considers the following activities as active practice:

- Employment by a company or organization
- Self-employment
- Supervision of clinical practice
- Teaching in an academic institution
- Clinical fellowship
- Research activities
- Volunteer activities

Question: What documents must be submitted to demonstrate that **active practice** has occurred?

Response: The following documents may be submitted to demonstrate active practice:

Employment by a company or organization; teaching in an academic institution; clinical fellowship; and volunteer activities

- Verification from employer, supervisor, or program director on the organization’s letterhead that includes information on the title of the position or assignment, a description of job duties or responsibilities, the city and state (country if outside of the U.S.) where activities occurred, and the dates activities were performed; or
- Verification on board form found at http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/aud/aud_forms.htm .

Self-employment

- Letters from clients served to include who received the services, the services provided, dates of service and the city and state where services were provided; or
- Tax returns.

Supervision of clinical practice and research activities

- If employed, teaching or participating in a volunteer organization provide verification from employer, supervisor, or program director on the organization’s letterhead that includes information on the description of job duties or responsibilities, the city and state (country if outside of the U.S.) where activities occurred, and the dates activities were performed; or
- If self-employed, a statement attesting to the provision of supervision to include the name of person supervised, a description of job duties or responsibilities, the city and state (country if outside of the U.S.), and the dates activities were performed.