

**FINAL REGULATIONS  
18 VAC 30-20-10 et seq.**

**Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology**

**PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**18 VAC 30-20-10. Definitions.**

The words and terms “*audiologist*,” “*board*,” “*practice of audiology*,” “*practice of speech-language pathology*,” “*speech-language disorders*,” and “*speech-language pathologist*,” when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in § 54.1-2600 of the Code of Virginia.

The following words when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“*Contact hour*” means 60 minutes of time spent in continuing learning activity.]

*“School speech-language pathologist”* means a person licensed pursuant to § 54.1-2603 of the Code of Virginia to provide speech-language pathology services solely in public school divisions.

*“Supervision”* means that the audiologist or speech-language pathologist is responsible for the entire service being rendered or activity being performed, is available for consultation, and is providing regular monitoring of clinical activities and competencies of the person being supervised.

“*Type 1*” means continuing learning activities which must be offered by an accredited sponsor or organization as specified in 18 VAC 30-20-300.

“Type 2” means continuing learning activities which may or may not be approved by an accredited sponsor or organization but shall be activities considered by the learner to be beneficial to practice or to continuing learning. In Type 2 activities, licensees document their own participation on the Continued Competency Activity and Assessment Form and are considered self-learning activities.

**18 VAC 30-20-80. Fees.**

A. The following fees shall be paid as applicable for licensure:

1. Application for audiology or speech-language pathology license	\$100
2. Application for school speech-language pathology license	\$50
3. Verification of licensure requests from other states	\$ 20
4. Biennial renewal	\$ 60
5. Reinstatement fee	\$ <del>50</del> <u>20</u>
6. Duplicate wall certificates	\$ <del>50</del> <u>15</u>
7. Duplicate license	\$ <del>40</del> <u>5</u>
8. Returned check	\$ 25
9. Inactive licensure renewal	<u>\$30</u>

B. Fees shall be made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia and shall not be refunded once submitted.

**18 VAC 30-20-160. Reinstatement of lapsed license.**

A. When a license is not renewed by the expiration date, the board may consider reinstatement of a license up to two years of expiration. In addition to payment of the back renewal fee, and a reinstatement fee as prescribed in 18 VAC 30-20-80 ~~shall be paid~~, the licensee shall provide documentation of having

completed the number of continuing competency hours required for the period in which the license has been lapsed.

B. A licensee who does not reinstate within two years as prescribed by subsection A of this section shall reapply for licensure as prescribed by Part III (18 VAC 30-20-170 et seq.) of this chapter ~~and~~ , meet the qualifications for licensure in effect at the time of the new application and provide documentation of having completed the number of continuing competency hours required for the period in which the license has been lapsed, not to exceed four years.

C. If the licensee holds licensure in any other state or jurisdiction, he shall provide evidence that no disciplinary action has been taken or is pending.

## **PART V.**

### **CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS**

#### **18 VAC 30-20-300 Continued competency requirements for renewal of an active license.**

A. In order to renew an active license biennially on or after December 31, 2002, a licensee shall complete the Continued Competency Activity and Assessment Form which is provided by the board and which shall indicate completion of at least 30 [contact] hours of continuing learning activities within the two years immediately preceding renewal as follows:

1. A minimum of 15 of the 30 [contact] hours shall be in Type 1 programs or courses related to speech-language pathology or audiology, depending on the license held, and

offered by one of the following accredited sponsor or organization sanctioned by the profession:

- a. The Speech-Language Hearing Association of Virginia or similar state speech-language hearing association of another state;
  - b. The American Academy of Audiology;
  - c. The American Speech-Language Hearing Association;
  - d. The Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education of the American Medical Association offering Category I continuing medical education,;
  - e. Local, state or federal government agencies;
  - f. Colleges and universities;
  - g. International Association of Continuing Education and Training;
  - h. Health care organizations accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO);
  - i. A sponsor approved by the board provided the sponsor has submitted satisfactory documentation on forms provided by the board
2. No more than 15 of the 30 [contact] hours may be Type 2 activities or course, which may or may not be approved by an accredited sponsor or organization but which shall be chosen by the licensee related to the licensed profession. [Type 2 activities may include but not be limited to: self-study, consultation with colleagues, independent study, participation on inter-disciplinary teams, and research or writing on subjects related to practice.]

- B. If the licensee is dually licensed by this board as an audiologist and speech-language pathologist, no more than 45 continuing education hours are required for renewal. A minimum of 30 of the 45 [contact] hours shall be Type 1 activities or courses, with a minimum of 15 [contact] hours in each profession. The remaining hours of the 45 hours may or may not be Type 2 activities or courses and may be related to either profession.
  
- C. A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing competency requirements for the first biennial renewal following the date of initial licensure in Virginia.
  
- D. The licensee shall retain his records on the completed form with all supporting documentation for a period of four years following the renewal of an active license.
  
- E. The licensees selected in a random audit conducted by the board shall provide the completed Continued Competency Activity and Assessment Form and all supporting documentation within 30 days of receiving notification of the audit.
  
- F. Failure to comply with these requirements may subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board.
  
- G. The board may grant an extension of the deadline for continuing competency requirements, for up to one year, for good cause shown upon a written request from the licensee prior to the renewal date.

- H. The board may grant an exemption for all or part of the requirements for circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, such as temporary disability, mandatory military service, or officially declared disasters.

**18 VAC 30-20-310. Inactive license.**

A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia may, upon a request on the renewal application and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license. The holder of an inactive license shall not be required to maintain continuing competency requirements and shall not be entitled to perform any act requiring a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in Virginia.

**18 VAC 30-20-320. Reinstatement of an inactive license.**

- A. A licensee whose license has been inactive and who requests for reinstatement of an active license shall file a reinstatement application, pay the difference between the inactive and active renewal fees for the current biennium, and provide documentation of having completed continued competency hours equal to the requirement for the number of years, not to exceed four years, in which the license has been inactive.
- B. The board reserves the right to deny a request for reactivation to any licensee who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of 18 VAC 30-20-280.

## **Certification**

*I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.*

---

Elizabeth Young Tisdale  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Date: \_\_\_\_\_