### PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

"Type 1" means continuing learning activities which must be offered by an accredited sponsor or organization which is sanctioned by the profession and which provides documentation of hours to the licensee. The Type 1 activities must be earned in face-to-face group settings or in interactive courses.

"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 his practice or continuing learning. In Type 2 activities, licensees document their own participation on a form provided by the board.

### PART V. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- A. <u>In order to renew an active license biennially (on or after December 31, 2000), 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 hours of continuing learning activities within the two years immediately preceding renewal as follows:</u>
  - 1. A minimum of 15 of the 30 hours shall be in Type 1 activities or courses offered by one of the following accredited sponsors or organizations:
    - a. <u>The Speech-Language Hearing Association of Virginia or</u> <u>similar state speech-language hearing association of another</u> state;
    - b. The American Audiology Association;
    - c. <u>The American Speech-Language Hearing Association;</u>
    - d. The American Academy of Continuing Category I
      Continuing Medical Education (CME) course, the primary
      focus of which is speech-language pathology or audiology;
    - e. Local, state or federal government agencies;
    - f. <u>Colleges and universities providing speech-language</u> pathology and audiology programs and courses;
    - g. <u>International Association of Continuing Education and Training;</u>

- h. Health care organizations accredited by the Joint

  Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

  (JCAHO) and providing speech language and audiology
  programs and courses;
- 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 hours may be Type 2 activities or course, which may or may be approved by an accredited sponsor or organization but which shall be chosen by the licensee and related to the profession in which he is licensed.
- B. <u>If the licensee is dually licensed, no more than 45 continuing education hours are required for renewal.</u>
- 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 six years following the renewal of an active license.
- E. The board shall periodically conduct a random audit of at least one to two percent of its active licensees to determine compliance. The licensees selected for the audit 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 or lapsed license.

- A. A licensee whose license has been lapsed for two successive years or more and who requests reinstatement of licensure shall file a completed application for reinstatement, pay the reinstatement fee prescribed in 18 VAC 30-20-80, 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. <u>If a licensee has not engaged in active practice in his profession for more than four years and wishes to reinstate or reactivate his license, he shall take and pass the Praxis II Examination.</u>
- C. 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.