4753-3-10 **Exempt practice; renewal.**

(A) All persons who are duly licensed by this board shall be considered to be actively practicing the profession of speech-language pathology or audiology, regardless of work setting. Persons who are exempted from licensure, pursuant to section 4753.12 of the Revised Code, are not required to be licensed by this board. However, if such persons voluntarily choose to be licensed by this board, such license shall be controlled by the rules of this board.

All persons licensed by this board, including those licensed by waiver pursuant to divisions (D) and (E) of section 4753.08 of the Revised Code, shall meet all requirements for license renewal in accordance with agency-level 4753 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Failure to biennially renew a license shall cause such licensure to expire as of the second December thirty-first of the biennium such failure occurred. Pursuant to section 4753.09 of the Revised Code, the board may renew the license of a person who applies to renew the license within one year after such expiration. If the application for renewal is made after one year, the person shall apply for licensure as provided in section 4753.06 or division (B) or (C) of section 4753.08 of the Revised Code. Any practice after expiration of the license is a violation of section 4753.02 of the Revised Code and shall be reported to the employer of the applicant when applicable.

(C) License renewal:

- (1) Not less than thirty days prior to the deadline for licensure renewal all licensees shall be notified by the board office of the requirement to renew the license and submit the necessary fee and renewal application attesting to completion of continuing education hours within the two year renewal period.
- (2) All licensees shall submit to the board a renewal application attesting to completion of the required continuing education hours at the time of license renewal within the two year renewal period.
- (3) All legal requirements must be fulfilled before the license is renewed. Those requirements are the completion of the required hours of continuing education, attesting that the licensee has completed all required hours of continuing education by the end of the renewal period, completion of the application, and payment of all fees, including any late fees incurred.
- (4) Licensees who submit the renewal application, attesting to continuing education or fee after the deadline shall be assigned a late fee.

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(5) Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal shall not be used again for the next renewal.

(6) Upon completion of the requirements for renewal of the license, all licensees shall receive the renewal certificate.

(D) Late renewal

(1) Failure to complete legal requirements for renewal after December thirty-first of the renewal year shall result in the expiration of the license after that date. Renewal applications must be postmarked or electronically registered no later than September thirtieth of the renewal year. A renewal application received after October first of the renewal year shall be a late renewal and incur the late fee specified in rule 4753-5-01 of the Administrative Code.

(E) Expired license:

- (1) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist may apply for renewal of an expired license if the license has been expired for one year or less. The board shall issue the license if the speech-language pathologist or audiologist:
 - (a) Submits to the board a completed application;
 - (b) Submits to the board an attestation of completing continuing education hours required for the two-year period immediately preceding the year of the application for renewal; and
 - (c) Pays to the board the renewal and late fees set by the board.
- (2) The board shall not renew the license of a speech-language pathologist or audiologist who fails to apply for renewal of the license within one year after the license expires. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist whose license has been expired for more than one year may become licensed by:
 - (a) Submitting to the board a completed application and documentation of meeting the current requirements for obtaining a new license;
 - (b) Submitting to the board documentation of completion of continuing education hours required of a licensee during the period prior to expiration of the license and for each renewal period of expiration, or

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forty hours within the two years prior to the application or as approved by the board; and

(c) Paying to the board the application fee set by the board.

(F) Escrow of license; restoration

- (1) A person licensed as an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist may, at the time of biennial renewal, apply for escrow of his/her license. The application for escrow shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed by 4753-5-01 of the Administrative Code and by a signed statement that the licensee will not engage in the active practice of audiology or speech-language pathology while the license is in escrow.
- (2) A person whose license is in escrow may request a return to active status at anytime by submitting a restoration application to the board. The application shall:
 - (a) Contain proof that the applicant has completed at least twenty hours of continuing education within the two year period immediately preceding the application for restoration. For a license that has been in escrow for less than one year, the licensee shall submit proof of at least ten hours of continuing education. For a license that has been in escrow for more than two years, the licensee shall submit proof of at least ten hours of continuing education per year of escrow status, with a maximum of forty hours for the entire time period of escrow status.
 - (b) Be accompanied by the fee for renewal of license as prescribed by 4753-5-01.

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