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**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 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 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.

- (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 December thirty-first of the renewal year. A renewal application received after December thirty-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 ninety days ~~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 ninety days ~~one year~~ after the license expires. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist whose license has been expired for more than ninety days ~~one year~~ may become licensed if he/she:
  - (a) Presents proof of a current certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology or audiology that is in good standing and received from the "American Speech-Language-Hearing Association" in the area in which licensure is sought and/or proof of a current certificate in audiology from the "American Board of Audiology" stating "Board Certified in Audiology"; or
  - (b) Presents proof of current certification or licensure in good standing in the area in which licensure is sought in a state that has standards at least equal

to the standards for licensure that are in effect in this state at the time the applicant applies for the license; or

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

(d) Pays to the board the application fee set by the board.

(F) Applicants who have not engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology for more than five years prior to the date the individual applies to the board for relicensure may be subject to additional requirements outlined by the board and could include assigned hours of continuing education on specific topics. The board shall require additional continuing education and other activities, which may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Competency based performance appraisals;

(2) Mentorship;

(3) Additional continuing education, which may include, but is not limited to, topics covering:

(a) Anatomy and physiology of the speech and hearing mechanisms.

(b) Hearing disorders.

(c) Diagnostics.

(d) Electrophysiology including auditory and vestibular measures.

(e) Specialty assessment such as APD and AR.

(f) Pediatrics.

(g) Geriatrics.

(h) Treatment including such topics as hearing aid theory, hearing aid assessment, hearing aid fitting, hearing aid technologies, product training, cochlear implants, vestibular rehab, aural rehabilitation and counseling.

(i) Ethics, HIPAA ~~HIPPA~~, and record keeping.

(4) Extended coursework; and

(5) Professional development plan.

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Certification

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