

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF
THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH PATHOLOGY**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 637B.150 and 637B.160; §2, NRS 637B.150, 637B.160 and 637B.220; §3, NRS 637B.130 and 637B.150.

A REGULATION relating to communication; revising certain requirements for an application for a license as an audiologist or a speech pathologist; revising certain requirements for the renewal of a license to practice audiology or speech pathology; repealing a provision concerning the salary of members of the Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Pathology; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 637B.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637B.035 1. ~~[Each]~~ *In addition to complying with the requirements of NRS 637B.160,*
each applicant must attach to the application ~~[his]~~ :

(a) *His* official transcript from the accredited educational institution , *approved by the Board,*
where he obtained ~~it~~ :

~~—(a) His~~ *his* master's *degree in speech pathology* or doctorate degree in audiology ~~[or in~~
~~speech pathology; or]~~ ;

(b) ~~[At least 60 semester credits, or equivalent quarter credits, in courses related to the~~
~~normal development, function and use of speech and language or hearing, including, but not~~
~~limited to, the management of disorders of speech or hearing and the legal, professional and~~

~~ethical practices of audiology or speech pathology.]~~ *If the application is for a license as an audiologist, a copy of:*

(1) His current membership card issued by a national organization approved by the Board; or

(2) The results of a national examination in audiology given by an agency or organization approved by the Board which indicate that the applicant received a passing score on the examination; and

(c) If the application is for a license as a speech pathologist, a copy of:

(1) His current membership card issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; or

(2) The results of a national examination in speech pathology given by an agency or organization approved by the Board which indicate that the applicant received a passing score on the examination.

2. Each completed application for a license as an audiologist or speech pathologist must be accompanied by a check or money order for the appropriate fee. The check or money order must be payable to the “Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Pathology.”

Sec. 2. NAC 637B.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637B.400 1. As a prerequisite for each renewal of his license to practice audiology or speech pathology, a licensee must complete, during the annual period immediately preceding the renewal, at least 15 hours of continuing education approved by the Board, unless he has been granted a waiver or deferral pursuant to NAC 637B.430.

2. If a licensee is seeking renewal of a license to practice audiology, the hours of continuing education required pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Must include at least 10 hours of continuing education that is directly related to audiology; and

(b) May include not more than 5 hours of continuing education that is related to the practice of audiology.

3. If a licensee is seeking renewal of a license to practice speech pathology, the hours of continuing education required pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Must include at least 10 hours of continuing education that is directly related to speech pathology; and

(b) May include not more than 5 hours of continuing education that is related to the practice of speech pathology.

4. The licensee must, upon application for the renewal of his license, submit to the Board a statement signed by the licensee, under penalty of perjury, that he has complied with the requirements for continuing education prescribed in subsection 1. For each course of continuing education which the licensee has completed, the statement must include:

- (a) The title and sponsor of the course;*
- (b) The date on which the licensee attended the course;*
- (c) The number of hours of continuing education earned by the licensee; and*
- (d) If applicable, proof that the licensee received a minimum passing score on the final examination of the course.*

~~[3-]~~ *5. If a licensee who holds both a license to practice audiology and a license to practice speech pathology wishes to renew both licenses, the licensee must submit to the Board proof of completion of at least 15 hours of continuing education as prescribed in subsections 1, 2 and 3, as applicable, for each such license.*

6. Legible copies of all receipts, records of attendance, certificates and any other evidence of a licensee's completion of a course of continuing education must be retained by the licensee and made available to the Board for inspection for not less than 3 years after the completion of the course.

~~[4.]~~ 7. The Board will conduct random audits of licensees to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

~~[5.]~~ 8. If a licensee completes more than the required number of hours of continuing education during one licensing period, he is not allowed to credit the excess hours toward the required education for a subsequent period.

Sec. 3. NAC 637B.020 is hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

637B.020 Salary of members. (NRS 637B.130, 637B.150) A member of the Board is entitled to receive a salary of \$60 per day while engaged in the business of the Board.