

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

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NAC 637B – Proposed Regulations

NAC 637B.015 Executive Director, staff: Appointment, duties; salary.

~~[1. The Board will appoint a person to administrate the Office of the Board. The administrator is responsible for the daily operation of the Office of the Board.~~

~~2. The Administrator shall provide office space to maintain the principle Office of the Board.~~

~~3. The Administrator is entitled to receive a salary, the amount of which will be determined by the Board.]~~

1. The Board may appoint an Executive Director and employ any other staff it deems necessary, establish their duties and fix their salaries.

~~[NAC 637B.020 Salary of members. A member of the Board is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$60.00 per day while engaged in the business of the Board.]~~

NAC 637B.030 Schedule of fees. ~~[The Board will charge and collect the following fees:~~

1. Application fee for license to practice speech pathology	\$ 100.00
2. Application fee for license to practice audiology	\$ 100.00
3. Annual fee for renewal of license	\$ 50.00
4. Reinstatement fee	\$ 75.00]

The following fees are established:

1. General Application Fees	
<i>(a) Initial Application</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>
<i>(b) Renewal Application</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>(c) Late Renewal Application</i>	<i>\$ 75.00</i>
<i>(d) Reinstatement Application</i>	<i>\$ 75.00</i>
<i>(e) Conversion from Inactive, Provisional or Temporary Status</i>	<i>\$ 25.00</i>
<i>(f) Verification of License</i>	<i>\$ 25.00</i>
<i>(g) Duplicate License</i>	<i>\$ 25.00</i>
2. License Fees For an Audiologist	
<i>(a) Active License</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>(b) Temporary License</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>(c) Renewal of License</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>(d) Renewal of License in Inactive Status</i>	<i>\$ 25.00</i>
<i>(e) Reinstatement of License</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>

3. License Fees For a Speech Pathologist	
(a) Active License	\$ 50.00
(b) Active License, Provisional Status	\$ 50.00
(c) Temporary License	\$ 50.00
(d) Renewal of License	\$ 50.00
(e) Renewal of License in Inactive Status	\$ 25.00
(f) Reinstatement of License	\$ 50.00

Licensing

NAC 637B.035 - Current Language

~~[NAC 637B.035 Application: Attachment of transcript; payment of fee. (NRS 637B.150, 637B.160)~~

- ~~1. Each applicant must attach to the application his official transcript from the accredited educational institution where he obtained:~~
- ~~(a) His master's 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 of hearing and the legal, professional and ethical practices of audiology or speech pathology.~~
- ~~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."~~

NAC 637B.035 - Proposed New Language

Section 1: Application: Prerequisites for receipt, renewal, reinstatement or conversion of status of license

- 1. An applicant must complete an application in order to receive, renew, reinstate or convert the status of a license.**
- 2. An application must be accompanied by payment of the appropriate fee or fees.**
- 3. An application must be notarized, if so required.**
- 4. An application must be submitted by the applicable due date, if any.**
- 5. If required to provide an official transcript, the applicant must ensure that:**
 - (a) A sealed, official transcript is attached to his or her application; or**
 - (b) A sealed, official transcript is sent directly from his or her educational program to the Board.**
- 6. If required to provide proof of certification status by the American Board of Audiology or American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or successor organization, the applicant must ensure that:**
 - (a) proof of certification status is attached to his or her application; or**

- (b) proof of certification status is sent directly from the certifying organization.*
- 7. If required, to provide proof of clinical competency, the applicant must ensure that proof is sent directly to the Board, on a form to be provided by the Board.*
- 8. If required to provide proof of passage of an examination approved by the Board, the applicant must ensure that proof of exam score is sent directly to the Board.*
- 9. If required to provide proof of a license obtained in another state or territory, the applicant must ensure that:
 - (a) A copy of the license is attached to his or her application; and*
 - (b) Verification of such license is sent directly by an official governmental entity to the Board for:
 - (1) Any such license presently held; and*
 - (2) Any such license held within 5 years of the submission of the application.***
- 10. If required to provide current employment, the applicant must ensure employment information is provided to the Board.*
- 11. If required to complete continuing education, the applicant must provide proof of completion of continuing education to the Board.*
- 12. For any application submitted to the Board, the Board may request additional information as the Board designates.*

Section 2: *Eligibility to obtain an active license.*

- 1. In addition to the requirements set forth in Section 1, to be eligible to obtain a license as an Audiologist, a person must:
 - (a) Have a doctorate degree in audiology; or*
 - (b) Have a master's degree in audiology; and
 - 1. Have obtained a certificate of clinical competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or successor organization; or*
 - 2. Hold certification by the American Board of Audiology.***
- 2. In addition to the requirements set forth in Section 1, to be eligible to obtain a license as a Speech Pathologist, a person must have a master's degree in speech language pathology; and
 - (a) Have a current certificate of clinical competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or successor organization; or*
 - (b) Provide proof of completion of equivalent clinical competency requirements; and*
 - (c) Provide proof of completion of a minimum of 45 hours of continuing education within the preceding three (3) years.**

Section 3: *Expiration, renewal and late renewal of license.*

- 1. A license issued by the Board expires on December 31st of each year.*
- 2. An application for renewal must be received by December 31st to be considered timely.*
- 3. An application for renewal of a license as an Audiologist and a license as a Speech*

Pathologist may be requested on a single application.

- 4. A license may be renewed up to one (1) month after the expiration date of the license, upon payment of a late application fee.*
- 5. In addition to the requirements of Section 1, to renew an active license, a person must provide proof of completion of continuing education requirements for each license being renewed.*

Section 4. Reinstatement of expired active license

- 1. An active license that has expired may be reinstated within 3 years of its expiration.
(a) In addition to the requirement of Section 1, to reinstate an expired active license a person must provide proof of completion of 15 hours of continuing education within the previous 12 months preceding the request for reinstatement.*
- 2. If a person's active license has been expired for 3 years or more, he or she must apply for a license as if he or she was a new applicant.*

Section 5. Temporary licensing, conversion to active license

- 1. A person who holds an audiologist or speech pathologist license that is active and in good standing in another state or territory of the United States may apply for a temporary license to practice in this state by meeting the requirements set forth in Section 1.*
- 2. A temporary license expires 6 months after the date on which it is issued.*
- 3. A temporary license may not be renewed.*
- 4. A temporary license is not eligible for reinstatement.*
- 5. A temporary license may be converted to a active license upon application and payment of the appropriate fee(s) if the person:
(a) Meets the requirements set forth in Section 1 and Section 2; and
(b) The temporary license has not expired.*

Section 6. Provisional licensing, conversion of provisional license status

- 1. A provisional license status may be granted to a person who is applying for licensure as a speech pathologist:
(a) Who meets the requirements set forth in Section 1;
(b) Has graduated from an educational program which is accredited by an agency approved by the Board; and
(c) Who has passed the PRAXIS examination for Speech-Language Pathologist administered by Educational Testing Services; and
(d) Has not completed the Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellowship required to obtain certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; or
(e) Has not completed clinical competency requirements equivalent to that of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.*

2. *A license in provisional status expires 12 months after the date on which it is issued;*
3. *A license in provisional license status mayS be renewed not more than two (2) times.*
4. *In addition to the requirements of Section 1, to renew a license in provisional status, a person must:*
 - (a) *Provide proof of completion of continuing education requirements; and*
 - (b) *Provide proof of progress in meeting clinical competency requirements.*
5. *A license in provisional status may be converted to active status upon written application and payment of the conversion fee if the licensee:*
 - (a) *Meets the requirements set forth in Section 1 and Section 2; and*
 - (b) *Provides proof of certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or successor organization; or*
 - (c) *Provides proof of completion of equivalent clinical competency requirements.*

Section 7. *Active License: conversion to or from inactive status; continuing education; renewal*

1. *In addition to the requirements of Section 1, to place an active license on inactive status:*
 - (a) *The license must not be suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted; and*
 - (b) *The person must request inactive status at time of renewal of their active license; and*
 - (c) *The person must attest that he or she no longer practices or represents to others that he or she is authorized to practice audiology or speech pathology in this State.*
2. *A person holding a license with inactive status must comply with the same requirements for continuing education as a person who holds an active license.*
3. *A person may convert from inactive status to active status upon written application and payment of the appropriate fee(s).*

Section 8. *Alteration of License Prohibited* *A licensee shall not alter a license or license card issued by the Board.*

Section 9. *Change of name after issuance of license; replacement of lost license.*

1. *If a licensee changes his or her name after his or her license is issued, legal proof of name change must be submitted to the Board within 30 days of such change. Proof consists of a copy of a marriage certificate or court decree.*
2. *The Board will issue a new license in the case of a name change upon payment of the appropriate license fee.*
3. *A licensee who has lost his or her license may request a duplicate license. The Board will issue a duplicate license upon payment of the appropriate license fee.*

Section 10. Notification of mailing address, business address and contact information of licensee; mailing of notice to licensee

1. *Each licensee shall file his or her current residential address, business address and contact information with the Board. Contact information will include current telephone number and email address, if applicable.*
2. *A license shall notify the Board of any change of residential address, business address and contact information within 30 days after the change.*
3. *Any notice to be sent to a licensee that is required by law or the provisions of this chapter will be mailed to the last residential address of the licensee which was filed with the Board in accordance with this section.*
4. *In addition to the notice requirements of paragraph 3 of this section, any notice may also be sent by electronic email.*

Section 11. Request for verification of license.

1. *A person may request that verification of his or her license be provided to another organization or state by submitting a written application to the Board with payment of the appropriate fee.*

Section 12. Payments to the Board

1. *The Board will accept payments by bank instruments such as:
 - (a) *Check*
 - (b) *Money Order*
 - (c) *Cashier's Check; and*
 - (d) *Credit Card**
2. *The Board will not accept payments by cash.*
3. *The Board will charge a fee for each check returned to the Board for insufficient money or due to stop payment on the check. The amount of the original check and reimbursement of the fee charged to the Board for the returned item must be paid within 15 days after notice of the invalid check.*

Section 13. Waiver for completion of equivalent foreign education.

1. *The Board may waive the educational degree requirements of Section 2 for an applicant who:
 - (a) *Received an education in audiology or speech pathology from a foreign school; and*
 - (b) *Provides proof of substantially equivalent educational requirements from an approved foreign credentials evaluation agency; and*
 - (c) *Provides proof of certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or successor organization.**