

**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: §§1-12, NRS 637B.150.

A REGULATION relating to professions; revising provisions governing the licensure of audiologists and speech pathologists by the Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Pathology; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 637B of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** *The Board may:*

- 1. Appoint an Executive Director and employ such staff as it deems necessary to carry out its duties;*
- 2. Establish the duties of the Executive Director and such staff; and*
- 3. Fix the salaries of the Executive Director and such staff.*

**Sec. 3.** *1. An applicant who is required to provide the Board with:*

*(a) An official transcript for the purpose of obtaining a license shall ensure that a sealed, official transcript is:*

- (1) Attached to his or her application; or*
- (2) Sent directly from the educational institution to the Board.*

*(b) Proof satisfactory of his or her certification by the American Board of Audiology or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or a successor organization, shall ensure that a copy of the certification is:*

*(1) Attached to his or her application; or*

*(2) Sent directly from the certifying organization to the Board.*

*(c) Proof satisfactory of his or her clinical competency shall ensure that such proof is sent directly to the Board on a form provided by the Board.*

*(d) Proof satisfactory that he or she passed an examination approved by the Board shall ensure that such proof is sent directly to the Board by the entity that administered the examination.*

*(e) Proof satisfactory that he or she holds a valid license from another state or territory in the United States shall ensure that a copy of the certification is:*

*(1) A copy of the license is attached to his or her application; and*

*(2) A copy of any license held in the state or territory during the 5 years immediately preceding the date of application is sent directly to the Board by the licensing authority.*

*(f) Proof satisfactory of his or her current employment shall ensure that such proof is provided to the Board.*

*(g) Proof satisfactory of the completion of any requirements for continuing education shall ensure that such proof is provided to the Board.*

*2. An applicant shall include with his or her application any additional information that the Board may require for the purpose of reviewing an application.*

*Sec. 4. An application for renewal of a license as an audiologist and a license as a speech pathologist may be submitted on a single application.*

**Sec. 5.** *If a person's license has been expired for 3 years or more, he or she must apply for a license as an applicant for an original license.*

**Sec. 6.** *A licensee shall not alter a license issued by the Board.*

**Sec. 7. 1.** *If a licensee changes his or her legal name after the issuance of his or her license, the licensee shall submit a copy of a marriage certificate or court decree to the Board not later than 30 days after such change.*

*2. A licensee who has lost his or her license may request a duplicate license.*

**Sec. 8. 1.** *Each licensee shall:*

*(a) Maintain with the Board the licensee's current residential address, business address or other contact information, including, without limitation, the telephone number and electronic mail address of the licensee, if available.*

*(b) Notify the Board of any change in the information maintained pursuant to paragraph (a) not later than 30 days after the change.*

*2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Board shall provide by United States mail to the last known residential address of the licensee provided pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 any notice to a licensee that is required by law or regulation.*

*3. The Board may provide a notice to a licensee by electronic mail upon the prior written consent of the licensee.*

**Sec. 9.** *A person may request that the Board verify his or her license to another organization or to the licensing authority of another state or territory of the United States by submitting a written request for such verification to the Board.*

**Sec. 10.** NAC 637B.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637B.035 1. ~~Each applicant must attach to the application his or her official transcript from the accredited educational institution where the applicant obtained:~~

- ~~—(a) His or her 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 or 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~~ *payment of* the appropriate fee. ~~The~~ *If the payment is in the form of a check or money order, the* check or money order must be payable to the “Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Pathology.”

*2. The Board shall accept payment of fees in the following forms:*

- (a) Personal check;*
- (b) Money order;*
- (c) Cashier’s check; and*
- (d) Credit card.*

*3. The Board shall not accept payment of fees in cash.*

*4. The Board may recover any charge from a financial institution for a personal check returned to the Board as the result of insufficient money in the account from which the check is drawn or due to a stop-payment order on the check. Not later than 15 days after receiving notice from the Board, the person who submitted the check as payment shall remit to the Board an amount equal to the amount of the original check plus the amount of the finance charge.*

**Sec. 11.** NAC 637B.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

2. The licensee must, upon application for the renewal *or reinstatement* of his or her license, submit to the Board a statement signed by the licensee, under penalty of perjury, that he or she 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. 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. The Board will conduct random audits of licensees to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

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

**Sec. 12.** NAC 637B.015 and 637B.020 are hereby repealed.

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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS**

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**637B.015 Administrator: 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 principal Office of the Board.
3. The Administrator is entitled to receive a salary, the amount of which will be determined by the Board.

**637B.020 Salary of members.** A member of the Board is entitled to receive a salary of \$60 per day while engaged in the business of the Board.