

LBESPA Rules and Regulations Proposed Revisions

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103. Definitions

Added:

Accredited Educational Institution- college or university that holds regional accreditation.

Accredited Educational Program- a graduate program in audiology or speech-language pathology that is accredited by the Council for Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) or the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE)

Criminal History Record Information- information collected by state and federal criminal justice agencies consisting of identifiable descriptions and notations of arrests detentions indictments, bills of information or any other formal criminal charges, and any disposition arising therefrom including sentencing, criminal correctional supervision and release.

Facilitator- the individual at the client site who assists with the delivery of telehealth services at the direction of the audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

Full Time Supervised Professional Employment/Experience- a minimum of thirty-six weeks engage in the provision of clinical services. Volunteer services are not acceptable.

Indirect Supervision- the utilization of alternative methods, other than direct supervision, to acquire knowledge of a supervisee's clinical work. e.g. review of client folders and record keeping, scheduling and planning.

Part Time Postgraduate Professional Employment/Experience- part-time experience greater than or equal to an average of 5 hours per week which culminates in an equivalent of 36 weeks of fulltime employment experience.

Removed: Nine Months of Full Time Supervised Postgraduate Professional Employment/Experience

Added: "secure" and "live" stream to the definition of Direct/On-site in-view observations

105. Designations

Removed: Provisional Audiology- This license no longer exists. No new licenses can be processed or awarded. There is still one active licensee in this category.

107. Qualifications for Licensure

Removed: Provisional Audiology

Changes to semester credit hours for SLP and PL-SLP to 12 from the current 6 in speech/language who began master's program prior to 1/01/1994:

2.c. changed to 12 semester credit hours in speech/language disorders and 3 hours in audiology.

2. *Removed:* Provisional Audiology

Removed: 375 hours through direct patient/client contact

3. SLP Assistant license – testing through observation hours changed to assessment

4.c. **Details were added for Provisional SLP Assistants that may need to request deferment of the three year period.** The assistant may request deferment of the three year period to complete licensure upgrade requirement. Such deferment may only be requested if there is an extenuating circumstance, such as inability to obtain employment in the area of speech-language pathology. The license must be renewed annually. Such deferment may only be held for a period of three years from the time of board approval.

J. 9 months changed to 36 weeks

J2. *Removed:* - Audiology with doctorate fulfills the requirement for a supervised post-graduated professional employment/experience.

109. Licensure Application Procedures

Added B. Criminal history record information must be submitted with the application form.

C., D., E., F. Changes to reflect that all application documents must be submitted at one time with the application packet.

9 months changed to 36 weeks for postgraduate professional employment/experience

111. Application for Telepractice Registration

Telepractice registration added for speech-language pathology and audiology based on proof of unrestricted, unencumbered current licensure in the home state based on standards at least equivalent to those in Louisiana.

No grace period for telepractice services.

Requires verification of licensure/registration from each state licensed/registered.

113. Criminal History Record Information (*state and national*)

Added as a condition for eligibility for licensure.

Applicant must submit full set of fingerprints, required forms, and a separate fee.

119. Requirements to Upgrade License

Added E. only on-the-job hours that are paid professional experience may count towards upgrade.

121. Duties of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and Provisional SLP Assistants

Added duties outside of the scope:

-Conduct evaluations, even under supervision

-Interpret test “and assessment” results

-Screen or diagnose clients for feeding and swallowing disorders

-Demonstrate swallowing strategies or precautions to clients, family, or staff

-Engage in service delivery via telepractice; however, the individual may function as a facilitator given appropriate training.

123. Fees

Removed: “hearing aid dispensing” from all fees, as there is no separate fee.

Flat fee for mailing list requests

125. Renewals

Added: renewal for registrations

Added H: the board may refuse to consider a renewal application that is incomplete and may require additional information to consider the application.

K. Shortened the time period for renewals from April 15 – July 31 instead of October 31- July 31.

127. Continuing Education Requirements

Added:

- B. Of the 10 hours, 5 shall be in the “educational activities” directly related to the scope of practice of the licensee and must be designed to increase the knowledge and skills in the area of licensure.
- C. Related activities further defined as activities that increase knowledge and skills pertinent to practice. Examples include: billing; coding and reimbursement; record-keeping; ethics; supervision.
- J.2. Professional organizational meetings; business meetings, luncheons, award ceremonies, receptions and other non-content area events are not recognized as acceptable CE.
 - 5. Excludes clinical practicum course for CE.
 - 7. Clarification that only in-service time counts as CE. Documentation of staff development content must be separated from employee meeting activities such as announcements, review of deadlines, event planning and other non-content area activities.
- L.2. Licensees shall maintain CE records for 3 years.
 - 3. Cannot submit repeated CE activities for credit within a 3 year period.

129. Supervision

Added:

- C. Prior to initiation of supervision of a restricted or provisional licensee, training in the area of supervision is strongly recommended.
- D. Individuals may not be supervised by a family member or telehealth registrant.
- I. PL-SLP and R-SLP annual supervision monitoring activities increased from 12 to 16. At least 8 shall be direct instead of 4.

***Terminology changes:** on-site, in-view (Direct) and alternative (Indirect) observations.

137. Hearing Aid Dispensing

C.1.c. battery of test wording changed to basic comprehensive audiometry and appropriate tolerance testing

D. Audiologists without a doctoral degree and who did not dispense hearing aids prior to August 1, 2016, must have appropriate training, education and experience in the area of hearing aid dispensing. Those who wish to include dispensing as part of their practice, shall submit a self-study for approval by the Board.

501. Investigation of Complaints

C. Board is authorized to initiate complaints when warranted.

701. Code of Ethics

Revamped this section