

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1527

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1605, which relates to qualifications for licensure; removing provisions relating to licensure without examination; deleting certain limit on certain fee; removing provisions for inclusion of certain costs in certain fees; removing requirements relating to administration of examinations; removing requirement of certain fee for certain purpose; deleting obsolete language; requiring licensure for certain applicants; removing language relating to requirements for licensure; clarifying references; authorizing certain personnel to issue certain licenses; providing stipulations for certain licenses; specifying duration of certain licenses; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1605, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1605. A. To be eligible for licensure by the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology as a speech-language pathologist, the applicant must:

1. Hold not less than a master's degree, or the equivalent, with a major emphasis in speech-language pathology or audiology from

1 a regionally accredited academic institution offering a graduate
2 program in speech-language pathology or audiology that meets or
3 exceeds prevailing national standards;

4 2. Submit evidence of completion of supervised clinical
5 practicum experience that meets or exceeds prevailing national
6 standards from a regionally accredited educational institution or
7 its cooperating programs, the content of which shall be approved by
8 the Board and delineated in the rules;

9 3. Submit evidence of completion of supervised postgraduate
10 professional experience as approved by the Board and described in
11 the rules;

12 4. Pass examinations approved by the Board, whether or not
13 administered by the Board; ~~application for examination for a license~~
14 ~~or for a license without examination.~~ The application for a license
15 shall be upon forms prescribed by the Board; the Board may require
16 that the application be verified; the license fee, ~~which shall~~
17 ~~include an examination fee of not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars~~
18 ~~(\$25.00),~~ shall accompany the application; ~~the cost of examinations~~
19 ~~administered by the Board shall be included in the examination fee;~~
20 ~~the.~~ The Board shall determine approve the subject and scope of the
21 examinations, ~~and shall provide for examinations to qualified~~
22 ~~applicants at least twice a year; an.~~ An applicant who fails the
23 examination may be reexamined at a subsequent examination ~~upon~~
24 ~~payment of another examination fee.~~ Only the Board has the power to

1 determine whether an applicant's examination has been passed or
2 failed;

3 5. Attest to their status as either a United States citizen, a
4 United States noncitizen national or a qualified alien;

5 6. Have not committed any acts described in Section 1619 of
6 this title for which disciplinary action may be justified; and

7 7. Be of good moral character.

8 B. To be eligible for ~~initial~~ licensure by the Board as an
9 audiologist, the applicant must:

10 1. ~~Through December 31, 2006, hold not less than a master's~~
11 ~~degree, or the equivalent, with major emphasis in audiology from a~~
12 ~~regionally accredited academic institution offering a graduate or~~
13 ~~postbaccalaureate professional degree program in audiology that~~
14 ~~meets or exceeds prevailing national standards. After December 31,~~
15 ~~2006, each audiology applicant shall hold Hold not less than a~~
16 ~~postbaccalaureate residential or a post-master's distance education~~
17 ~~professional Doctor of Audiology degree (Au.D.), a Doctor of~~
18 ~~Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) with emphasis in audiology, or its~~
19 ~~equivalent as determined by the Board, from a regionally accredited~~
20 ~~academic institution;~~

21 2. ~~Through December 31, 2006, submit evidence of completion of~~
22 ~~supervised clinical practicum experience that meets or exceeds~~
23 ~~prevailing national standards from a regionally accredited~~
24 ~~educational institution or its cooperating programs, the content of~~

1 ~~which shall be approved by the Board and delineated in the rules.~~

2 ~~After December 31, 2006, applicants~~ If applying with a residential
3 Doctor of Audiology professional degree (Au.D) ~~must demonstrate,~~
4 demonstrate preparation that includes three years of didactic
5 coursework and clinical education equivalent to a twelve-month,
6 full-time clinical rotation or externship;

7 3. ~~Through December 31, 2006, submit evidence of completion of~~
8 ~~supervised postgraduate professional experience, as approved by the~~
9 ~~Board and described in the rules. After December 31, 2006,~~
10 ~~applicants will be required to present~~ Submit to the Board ~~only a~~
11 copy of the Doctor of Audiology diploma along with a transcript
12 demonstrating clinical experience equivalent to a twelve-month,
13 full-time clinical rotation or externship, a copy of the Doctor of
14 Philosophy diploma with an emphasis in audiology and a transcript
15 reflecting a twelve-month, full-time clinical rotation or
16 externship, or the equivalent as determined by the Board, from an
17 accredited academic institution in order to demonstrate completion
18 of the clinical rotation or externship requirement;

19 4. Pass examinations approved by the Board, whether or not
20 administered by the Board; ~~application.~~ The application for
21 examination for a license ~~or for a license without examination~~ shall
22 be upon forms prescribed by the Board; the Board may require that
23 the application be verified; the license fee, ~~which shall include an~~
24 ~~examination fee not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00),~~ shall

1 accompany the application; ~~the cost of examinations administered by~~
2 ~~the Board shall be included in the examination fee; the.~~ The Board
3 shall ~~determine~~ approve the subject and scope of the examinations
4 and shall ~~provide for examinations to qualified applicants at least~~
5 ~~twice a year; an.~~ An applicant who fails the examination may be
6 reexamined at a subsequent examination ~~upon payment of another~~
7 ~~examination fee.~~ Only the Board has the power to determine whether
8 an applicant's examination has been passed or failed;

9 5. Attest to their status as either a United States citizen, a
10 United States noncitizen national or a qualified alien;

11 6. Have not committed any acts described in Section 1619 of
12 this title for which disciplinary action may be justified; and

13 7. Be of good moral character.

14 C. Speech-language pathologist applicants completing the
15 supervised post-graduate professional experience in this state shall
16 possess a license issued by the Board. To be eligible for licensure
17 by the Board ~~as an intern, the applicant must be in the process of~~
18 ~~fulfilling the supervised clinical experience required in paragraph~~
19 ~~2 of subsection A of this section, or be a student, intern or~~
20 ~~resident in speech-language pathology or audiology, pursuing a~~
21 ~~course of study at an accredited university or college, or working~~
22 ~~in a training center recognized by the applicant's accredited~~
23 ~~university or college, if these activities and services constitute a~~
24 ~~part of the applicant's supervised course of study, and if such~~

1 ~~person is designated by such title as "speech-language pathology~~
2 ~~intern", "speech-language pathology trainee", "audiology intern",~~
3 ~~"audiology trainee" or other such title clearly indicating the~~
4 ~~training status appropriate to the applicant's level of training~~
5 ~~shall meet all requirements specified by paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7~~
6 ~~of subsection A of this section.~~

7 D. To be eligible for licensure by the Board as a speech-
8 language pathology or audiology assistant, the applicant must be
9 assisting in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology
10 while in the employ of and under the supervision of a licensed
11 speech-language pathologist or audiologist, subject to the rules of
12 the Board. The licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist
13 is legally and ethically responsible for the professional activities
14 of such employees.

15 E. ~~To be eligible for licensure by the Board as a speech-~~
16 ~~language pathology or audiology~~ The Board may authorize the
17 Executive Secretary to issue a temporary license holder, the
18 ~~applicant must meet all the requirements specified in subsection A~~
19 ~~of this section. A temporary license will be issued following a~~
20 ~~credentials review, such temporary license being valid until the~~
21 ~~next regularly held Board meeting~~ upon verification that the
22 applicant meets all applicable requirements for licensure. A
23 temporary license shall authorize the applicant to practice speech-
24 language pathology or audiology for the time period between the

1 submission of the application and the application's approval by the
2 Board. A temporary license shall expire upon the Board's approval
3 of a permanent license, or ten (10) calendar days following the
4 Board's denial of an application for a permanent license.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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