

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

HOW TO OBTAIN LICENSURE IN
WISCONSIN AND TRANSITION FROM
SCHOOL TO WORK

License vs. Certification

■ Certification ASHA Or AAA

- Voluntary
- Granted by professional assoc.
- Recognizes meeting standards of professional assoc.

■ License DRL

- Mandatory (48 states)
- Granted by the State
- To PROTECT PUBLIC
- Demonstrates entry level competence (not best practice)

License vs. Certification

- Certification ASHA Or AAA
- Important for reimbursement in some job settings, particularly for SLPs
- License DRL
- Legal definition of scope of practice
- Illegal to practice without it
- Penalties can be severe

Licensure vs. Certification

- Certification ASHA or AAA
 - Must be renewed annually
 - Renewal requires continuing education
 - Standards developed and approved by assoc., peer reviewed and adopted by state representatives
- Licensure DRL
 - Must be renewed every 2 years
 - Requires 20 hours per 2 years in approved programs
 - Standards developed by the HASE Board and local professionals, approved by legislature and governor

PENALITES

- Certification ASHA or AAA
- Censure
- Revoke membership
- Revoke certification
- Publish their actions
- Notify licensing board



- Licensure DRL
- Administrative Warning-first time minor violation
- Restriction of practice
- Reprimand
- Suspension of license
- Revocation of license
- Forfeiture of up to \$2,500
- Require examination
- Public notice of action
- Permanent record
- Future employers will know

Licensure vs. Certification

Question often Asked

- Who is responsible for sending me my license?

Licensure vs. Certification Answer

- Dept. of Regulation and Licensing
- NOT ASHA

LEGAL STATUS of LICENSURE

- AUTHORIZED BY WISCONSIN CHAPTER 459
- PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE
- SIGNED IN TO LAW BY THE GOVERNOR
- EFFECTIVE DATE 1993
- REVISED IN 2004

BILL SIGNING EVENT



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GROUPS LICENSED

- HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS
 - Does not apply to SLPs who practice solely in the public schools.
- AUDIOLOGISTS
 - Audiologists may dispense hearing aids as part of their audiology license. Two licenses are not needed.
 - Does not apply to Auds who practice solely in the public schools (unless they tweak hearing aids).

NUMBER LICENSED BY HASE BOARD IN FEBRUARY 2005

- HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS-218
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS-1849
 - AUDIOLOGISTS-345
 - TOTAL-2412

Scope of Practice

- Scope of practice is the legal definition of what the licensee, and no one else, is entitled to do.
- What critical word is missing from the scopes of practice of SLPs and AUD?

Scope of Practice-SLPs

- "...applying principles, methods or procedures of prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, intervention, instruction or research relating to speech, language, cognition or swallowing or any abnormal condition

Scope of Practice-SLPs

involving speech, articulation, fluency, voice or verbal or written language, auditory comprehension, cognition or communication or oral, pharyngeal or laryngeal sensorimotor competencies."

Scope of Practice-Auds

- “Applying principles, methods or procedures of prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, intervention, instruction or research relating to hearing, vestibular function, or any abnormal condition relating to tinnitus, auditory sensitivity, acuity, function or processing,

Scope of Practice-Auds

speech, language or aberrant behavior resulting from hearing loss.”

The “practice of dealing and fitting of hearing aids” is included in the scope of practice statement for audiologists.

Scope of Practice (cont.)

- What term is missing from the scope of practice statements of both SLPs and Auds?

Scope of Practice (cont.)

- Answer-

- **DIAGNOSE**

BOARD COMPOSITION

- Three hearing instrument specialists
- Two audiologists
- Two speech language pathologists
- One otolaryngologist
- Two consumers, one of whom must be a user of hearing aids
- (Note: one SLP and one AUD added in 2004)

BOARD COMPOSITION (cont.)

- Each member is appointed by the Governor
- Confirmed by the Senate
- Serves for one 4 year term with one renewal possible
- Receives \$25.00 plus travel expenses for each meeting attended

What are the steps
to obtain a license?

REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, SLP/AUD

- Submit application and pay fees-\$53
- No criminal record relevant to the practice (DWI, spousal abuse)
- Masters degree from program approved by the HASE Board
- Completed supervised clinical practicum
- Passed board approved national exam
- Completed post graduate clinical fellowship year

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, AUDIOLOGISTS ONLY (cont.)

Pass practical examination administered by
the board Fee \$266

■ Exam includes

- Clinical audiometry (six tests) including masking
- Hearing aid evaluation and electroacoustic characteristics of hearing aids
- Making earmold impressions

REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, AUDIOLOGISTS ONLY (cont.)

- Exam's purpose is to demonstrate competence.
- Board needs to know that you know what you are doing and will not harm someone.
- "I will fit programmable or digital" is not sufficient, and is not accepted.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, AUDIOLOGISTS ONLY (cont.)

- Monaural vs. binaural Circuit type, gain, output, slope, and knee point, vent, canal length are required.
- We know there is perfect answer to any part.
- But very wrong answers are rejected.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, AUDIOLOGISTS ONLY (cont.)

- There are two parts to the exam. 1-Audiometry
2-Ear mold impression plus amplification
selection. (No written test)
- You must pass both parts.
- Passing score is 70 points out of 100 points, per
part.
- Auds frequently throw out 5 pts by not asking
the client "What types of problems are you
having in your life style?"

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, AUDIOLOGISTS ONLY (cont.)

- They throw out another 5 points by not asking the FDA required questions about work and health history.
- This is an open book exam.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, AUDIOLOGISTS ONLY (cont.)

- You may (should) bring into the exam, and use, interview forms, and other appropriate documents.
- You are instructed “to proceed as though you are seeing ‘Mr. Client’ in your office”.
- What are the pass-fail rates?

SLPS and AUDS

- Down load the application for all licenses and the study guide for the practical exam at:
- <http://drl.wi.gov>
(PREFERRED)
- 608-261-7931

SLPS and AUDS

- Click on "Health Professions"
- Click on "Hearing and Speech"
- Select the license for which you are applying
- Click on "Forms"

ADDRESS

- Dept. of Regulation and Licensing
- Hearing and Speech Examining Board
- P.O. Box 8935
- Madison, WI 53708

REQUIREMENTS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS (Cont.)

**USE THE STUDY
GUIDE!**

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EXAM DATES 2005

- May 2nd
- August 8th
- October 31st
- All dates are Mondays

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Can I practice while my application is being processed?

NO !

- Many violations have occurred for practicing before the license is granted.
- Both the prospective licensee and the supervisor are subject to discipline.

SLPS AND AUDS

- File your application for your license at least two months before graduating.
- The clerks who process these applications are inundated with apps from other professions all at the same time of the year.

Temporary License

- 'RULE'-ALL PAPER WORK WILL TAKE LONGER THAN ANTICIPATED
- PLAN AHEAD
- APPLY TWO MONTHS BEFORE GRADUATION

TEMPORARY LICENSE

- Allows for completion of the CFY
- Duration is nine months (soon to be 18 months for SLPs and 12 months for AUDs)
- Can be renewed one time only
- Can be done in less than “full time” work
- Holder of temp. license can provide all services of a regular license holder
- Must be supervised by license holder who shares responsibility

Temporary License (cont.)

- The dept. will supply to DRL a list of those who meet all the requirements.
- Your Praxis results must be sent to DRL.
- DO NOT START YOUR CFY BEFORE THE TEMP. LICENSE IS IN YOUR HAND!!!!!!!
- You can (must) renew one time fee-\$10

Permanent License

- Obtained after completing CFY
- Requires ASHA processing
- Processing takes several weeks to months
- Maintain your temp. license during that time
- Permanent licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Requires 20 CEs for renewal.
- Each hour must be relevant to the practice
- Courses must be approved by the board
- Courses that have CE approval from ASHA, AAA, DPI, and IHS are prior approved

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Every licensee must certify completion with each license renewal.
- Board randomly audits for compliance.
- Noncompliance may lead to a reprimand and additional restrictions on your license.
- All are exempt from this requirement for the first renewal.

STATUS OF Au.D.

- CURRENT STATUS

- FUTURE

STATUS OF Au.D.-Current

- Statute currently requires education and training related to the Masters Degree *or equivalent*.
- Current rules (which interpret the statutes) already recognize that the Au.D. is equivalent to a Masters degree when received from a training institution approved by the HASE Board.

STATUS OF Au.D. (cont.)

- The last year of the Au.D. program should meet the statutory requirements of the Clinical Fellowship Year.
- Summary-all the requirement to obtain the current license should be met by holders of an Au.D.

FUTURE OF Au.D.

- ISSUE-Are students in their last year of Au.D. training eligible for a Temp. license?
- Answer-unknown
- No profession licenses students.
- You can request a ruling from the board.

FUTURE OF Au.D. (cont.)

- What about individuals who obtain a Masters degree while continuing on to the Au.D.?
- Individuals who have a Masters degrees who continue on for the AuD would probably be granted a temporary license.

FUTURE OF Au.D. (cont.)

- When will the Masters degree no longer be the entry level degree and be replaced by the Au.D.?.....
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