



State of Nevada
Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of LCB File No. R095-19 of the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

The Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board will hold a Public Hearing as follows:

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 ~ 4:30pm

Location:

NO PHYSICAL ACCESS

Per Governor Sisolak's March 21, 2020 Emergency Directive suspending the physical meeting location requirement for public bodies. Please see teleconference options below.

Teleconference Access

Video: <https://zoom.us/j/5319419132>

Audio: 1-877-810-9415 **Audio Access Code:** 8997531

Participants may join using audio only or using both audio AND video. Video only will not include sound.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to LCB File No. R095-19, Chapter 637B of the Nevada Administrative Code.

1. Need and Purpose of the Proposed Regulations or Amendments

The need for the proposed regulations is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that only qualified and competent speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and hearing instrument specialists are licensed in the state.

The purpose of the adopted regulation is to provide clarity for the public, individuals and licensees through regulations. The proposed regulation changes do the following:

- Sec. 2. Clarifies existing regulation language regarding the exemption from licensure by defining "practice within scope of credential" issued by the Department of Education;
- Sec. 3. Establishes parameters in existing regulation language on issuing citations to cease and desist and assessing administrative fines for violation of law for practicing without a valid license or endorsement, as well as a waiver of an administrative fine for "good cause";
- Sec. 4. Grants the Board authority to consider requiring applicants take and pass a Jurisprudence Examination as a condition for initial license or reinstatement of an expired license;
- Sec. 5. Allows an individual who wishes to reinstate and Apprentice license credit for up to two (2) years of in-service training completed during the initial license period;
- Sec. 6. Clarifies existing regulation language to require that a sponsor and an apprentice shall have the same employer.

2. How to Obtain the Approved or Revised Text of Regulations Prepared By LCB

A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained by doing one of the following:

- Send a written request to the Board office via US Mail at 6170 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 1, Reno, NV 89523
- Send a written request to the Board office via email at board@nvspeechhearing.org
- Call the Board office at 775-787-3421
- Download from the Board website at <https://www.nvspeechhearing.org/about/proposedlawsregs.asp>

3. Methods Used in Determining the Impact on a Small Business

The Board used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the nature of the regulation changes. In making this determination, the Board considered whether or not the speech-language pathology, audiology, and hearing aid dispensing practitioners regulated by the Board will have their practice impacted. On the whole, the speech-language pathology, audiology and hearing aid dispensing practices will not be impacted to any degree that a small business will be affected.

4. Estimated Economic Effect of Regulations on Business and the Public

- a) Adverse and Beneficial Effects:** There will be no adverse economic effect of these adopted regulations on small businesses. The Board regulates individuals in the practice of speech-language pathology, audiology and the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids. The adopted regulations will benefit small businesses and the speech-language pathology, audiology and hearing aid dispensing practitioners by providing clarifications to the regulations and providing access to qualified professionals.
- b) Immediate and Long-Term Effects:** Immediate effect will be to improve and clarify existing law and regulatory requirements. Long-term, small businesses may experience the effect of having more knowledgeable practitioners.

5. Cost for Enforcement of the Regulations

There are no additional costs involved in the enforcement of these adopted regulations.

6. Overlap or duplication of other state or local governmental agencies

The proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any regulation of other state or local governmental entities.

7. Regulation required by federal law

Not applicable

8. More stringent than federal regulations

The Board is not aware of any similar federal regulations of the same activity in which the state regulations are more stringent.

9. New or increases in existing fees

The proposed regulations do not contain any new fees or increases in existing fees.

A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board, 6170 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 1,

Reno, Nevada 89523. Copies of the proposed regulations are available for viewing or printing on the Board's website www.nvspeechhearing.org. Written comments will be accepted in hard copy or by email to board@nvspeechhearing.org.

All licensees and interested parties are encouraged to participate in the regulatory review process.

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please notify Jennifer R. Pierce, Executive Director at (775) 787-3421 within 72 hours of the meeting date and time.

This Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation has been sent and posted as follows:

SENT VIA EMAIL TO THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ All Nevada licensed Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Specialists
- ✓ All persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations

POSTED ONLINE AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:

Nevada Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board Website
www.nvspeechhearing.org

Nevada Administrative Website
<https://notice.nv.gov/>

Nevada Legislature Website
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL LOCATIONS:

State of Nevada, Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board
6170 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 1, Reno, Nevada 89523

Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records
100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701

Office of the Attorney General
100 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701

Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Ste 202, Reno, Nevada 89511

Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave #3900, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Washoe County Clerk
1001 E. 9th Street, Building A, Reno, NV 89520

Washoe County Courthouse
75 Court Street, Reno, NV 89501

All Nevada County Public Libraries

Dated: March 20, 2020