

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY AND
HEARING AID DISPENSING BOARD**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 637B.132 and 637B.191.

A REGULATION relating to professional licensing; revising continuing education requirements for the renewal of a license to practice speech-language pathology, audiology or the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board to adopt regulations prescribing requirements for the renewal of a license or endorsement issued by the Board. (NRS 637B.191) With certain exceptions, existing regulations require a licensee to complete 15 hours of continuing education as a prerequisite for the renewal of a standard license or provisional license. (NAC 637B.400) This regulation: (1) reduces, from 15 hours to 10 hours, the total number of hours of continuing education required for the renewal of a license; and (2) requires at least 1 of these hours to relate to ethics. If a licensee is a dispensing audiologist, existing regulations require at least 5 hours of continuing education to relate directly to the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids. (NAC 637B.400) This regulation reduces the requirement from 5 hours to 3 hours.

Section 1. NAC 637B.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637B.400 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 637B.403 and NAC 637B.430, as a prerequisite for each renewal of a standard license or provisional license, a licensee must complete, during the annual period immediately preceding the renewal, at least ~~15~~ *10* hours of continuing education approved by the Board that directly pertains to the profession in which he or she holds a license issued by the Board ~~15~~, *including at least 1 hour*

of continuing education relating to ethics. If the licensee is a dispensing audiologist, at least ~~5~~ 3 of the ~~15~~ 10 hours of continuing education must directly relate to the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids.

2. 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.

3. The Board will conduct random audits of licensees to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

4. 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.

5. For the purposes of subsection 1, a course approved by the International Institute for Hearing Instruments Studies of the International Hearing Society, American Academy of Audiology, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Academy of Doctors of Audiology or Educational Audiology Association is deemed to be approved by the Board.