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Notice of Public Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations NAC 637B

NOTE: Draft language has not yet been submitted to LCB/no file number at this time

The State of Nevada Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board is proposing the addition, amendment and/or repeal of regulations pertaining to Chapter 637B of the Nevada Administrative Code.

A Public Workshop to solicit comments from interested persons has been set as follows:

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 ~ 4:30pm

Location: Board Office ~ 6170 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 1, Reno, Nevada 89523

Supporting materials relating to this meeting will be physically available but in an effort to reduce costs and preserve resources, attendees are encouraged to access electronic copies on the Board's website at https://www.nvspeechhearing.org/about/Minutes.asp

Teleconference Access

ZOOM VIDEO & AUDIO:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86031615069?pwd=yPAcDUUhWsboyzMlJbaRcCpf4Dxkds.1

AUDIO ONLY BY TELEPHONE: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 860 3161 5069 Passcode: 116907

If you are outside the United States or need **toll-free audio access**, please contact the Board office at board@nvspeechhearing.org to request a toll-free number no later than 3:00pm Pacific on the day of the meeting.

Public Comment

Any person wishing to make public comment may attend the meeting and provide comment as follows:

- 1) In person at the physical location(s) listed above,
- 2) Virtually through the Zoom teleconference video link listed above, or
- 3) Telephonically through the Zoom telephone number listed above.

Please see additional public comment instructions at the end of this agenda.

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the proposed regulation, intended to do the following:

Speech Language Pathologists:

Adds new sections to NAC 637B sections addressing new licensing of SLP assistants in Assembly Bill 177 (2025):

- Establishes new definitions for "Direct Supervision", "Indirect Supervision", "Medically Fragile", and "Plan of Care".
- Establishes requirement for clinical training experience or clinical training plan to obtain SLPA license.
- Establishes SLP assistant scope of practice & prohibited activities.
- Establishes eligibility for a licensed SLP to act as a supervising SLP.
- Establishes requirements for supervision of SLP provisional licensees, assistants, and students by supervising SLPs.
- Establishes requirements for SLP assistants to maintain a record with the Board of all supervising SLP(s).

Audiologists

Revises the following sections of NAC 637B addressing audiologist licensure based on Assembly Bill 177 (2025) repeal of requirements for audiologists to pass examinations and hold a separate endorsement to fit & dispense hearing aids:

- Removes "dispensing" from audiologist in NAC 637B.0442, NAC 637B.0446, NAC 637B.0448, NAC 637B.045.
- Removes "dispensing" from audiologist and revises experience required for an audiologist to serve as the sponsor
 of a hearing aid specialist apprentice in <u>NAC 637B.0396</u>.
- Removes Temporary dispensing audiologist license in NAC 637B.0374.

Hearing Aid Specialists

Revises the following sections of NAC 637B based on Assembly Bill 177 (2025) removal of NBC-HIS Certification for HAS licensure & reference to required training in regulations:

- Revises HAS Provisional license requirement to require out-of-state license & less than 2 years of on-site training and work experience in NAC 637B.036.
- Revises HAS Provisional license renewal to require active practice to complete 2-year on-site training and work experience requirement in NAC 637B.0363.
- Adds hearing aid specialists to academic training and on-site training and work experience requirements in <u>NAC</u> 637B.0391, <u>NAC</u> 637B.0392, and <u>NAC</u> 637B.0394.

Applicability of Chapter

Revises <u>NAC 637B.014</u> to align with exclusion from licensure revised in Assembly Bill 177 (2025), now limited to only non-licensees holding Nevada Department of Education SLP endorsement issued on or before 9/30/2026.

Disclosure of Supervisory Familial Relationship by Apprentice or Assistant

Adds a new section to require disclosure of familial relationship between apprentices and assistants and their sponsors and supervising SLPs.

Code of Ethics

Adds a new section to NAC 637B for consideration as modeled in other licensing statutes to:

- Adopt the codes of ethics from ASHA, the American Academy of Audiology, the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences, and the International Hearing Society as standards for professional conduct in the State of Nevada.
- Establish that a violation of one or more of these codes constitutes cause for disciplinary action.

Professional Responsibility

Removes the requirement for a licensee to notify the Board if a criminal charge is filed against them, and extends the requirement to report other incidents from 10 days to 30 days in NAC 637B.042.

Fees

- Revises <u>NAC 637B.030</u> based on Assembly Bill 177 (2025) addition of SLP assistants & repeal of dispensing audiologist requirements, and Assembly Bill 230 (2025) join Nevada to the ASLP Interstate Compact to:
 - Add new/lowered fees for SLP assistants & HAS apprentices;
 - Remove "endorsement" of a license; and
 - o Add new initial & renewal ASLP-IC "privilege-to-practice" fees.
- Adds criteria under which the Board may waive all or part of a fee in <u>NAC 637B.035</u> based on Assembly Bill 177 (2025) addition of Board authority to do so.

Continuing Education

Revises NAC 637B.400 based on Assembly Bill 177 (2025) repeal of dispensing audiologist requirements to:

- Remove references to dispensing audiologists; and
- Revise the requirement for audiologists to complete continuing education in fitting & dispensing hearing aids.

Complaints Against Licensees

Revises <u>637B.720</u> based on Assembly Bill 177 (2025) repeal of dispensing audiologist requirements, and addition of SLP assistant licensing to:

- Remove "dispensing" from audiologist
- Add references to SLP assistants & provisional licensees and their supervising SLP(s) to current section addressing
 apprentice sponsors in complaint cases.

ACCESSING THE REGULATION TEXT: A copy of the current regulations along with the proposed changes may be obtained in print or electronic format, and/or available for viewing or printing as follows:

- Furnished on request by mail or email by contacting the Board at board@nvspeechhearing.org or (775) 787-3421.
- Furnished in person at the Board Office on the day of the Pu blic Workshop.
- Accessible on the Board website: Proposed laws and Regulations

ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP: All licensees and interested parties are encouraged to participate in the regulatory review process by attending the meeting via teleconference, phone, or in-person. Written comments will be accepted via email at board@nvspeechhearing.org before, during, or after the meeting, or by mail to 6170 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 1, Reno, NV 89523.

ACCOMMODATIONS: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public with disabilities or limited English proficiency wishing to attend the meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please notify the Board Office at (775) 787-3421 within 72 hours of the meeting date and time.

THIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED AS FOLLOWS:

- EMAILED to all licensed Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiologists, Hearing Aid Specialists, and persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations.
- DEPOSITED WITH the State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator.
- POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL LOCATION: State of Nevada, Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board Office, 6170 Mae Anne Ave, Suite 1, Reno, Nevada 89523.
- POSTED ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:
 - Nevada Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board: www.nvspeechhearing.org
 - State of Nevada Public Notices: <u>www.notice.nv.gov</u>
 - Nevada Legislature, Administrative Regulation Notices, Meetings and Workshops: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/

Dated: June 16, 2025