

**STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY**  
**201 KAR 17:005E.**

Pursuant to KRS 13A.190(1)(a)2., KRS 334A.055, and KRS 334A.188. SECTION 3.B.1, this new emergency administrative regulation is being promulgated to comply with the adoption of 2026 HB 657 which requires the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (the "Board") to require a national and state criminal background investigation for every applicant seeking an initial license issued by the Board to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology, and applicants seeking to reinstate a license. The criminal background investigation shall be by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The effective date of KRS 334A.055 requires that this emergency amendment be promulgated to ensure there is no delay in processing applications upon the effective date of the Act. As a result, this new emergency administrative regulation—and the identical new ordinary regulation being concomitantly filed—are aligned with this statutory change to undergird the other emergency and ordinary regulations package being filed by the Board to offset the potential delay in processing licensure applications—whereby the Board would be unable to process applications and collect fees in accordance with the terms of the statute—and therefore "[p]revent an imminent loss of federal or state funds" pursuant to KRS 13A.190(1)(a)2. This new emergency administrative regulation is temporary and will be replaced by a new ordinary administrative regulation as provided by KRS 13A.190. The new ordinary regulation will be filed with this new emergency regulation and will be identical.

*MARGARET ADKINS, Au.D., CCC-A, Board Chair*  
*ANDY BESHEAR, Governor*

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
**Board of Speech-Language Pathology And Audiology**  
**(New Emergency Administrative Regulation)**

**201 KAR 17:005E. Definitions and abbreviations for 201 KAR Chapter 17.**

RELATES TO: KRS 334A.010–334A.990

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 334A.080(3)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 334A.080(3) requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of KRS 334A.010 to 334A.990. This administrative regulation establishes the definitions and abbreviations used in 201 KAR Chapter 17.

Section 1. Definitions. The following definitions and abbreviations used in these administrative regulations are defined as follows:

- (1) "Academic courses offered by an accredited postsecondary institution" means:
  - (a) A speech-language pathology or audiology course, designated by a speech-language pathology or audiology title or content; or
  - (b) An academic course, relevant to speech-language pathology or audiology.
- (2) "Approved" means recognized by the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
- (3) "AUD" means audiologist.
- (4) "Board administrator" means the primary staff assigned to provide administrative services to the Board.
- (5) "CEU" means continuing education unit of sixty (60) minutes of participation in continuing educational experiences, excluding breaks.
- (6) "Chair" means the chair or vice-chair of the board.
- (7) "Charge" means a specific allegation contained in a formal complaint, as established in subsection (5) of this section, issued by the board alleging a violation of a specified provision of KRS Chapter 334A, the administrative regulations promulgated thereunder, or any other state or federal statute or regulation relating to the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology over which the board has enforcement authority.
- (8) "Complaint" means a written allegation of misconduct by a credentialed individual or other person which might constitute a violation of KRS Chapter 334A, the administrative regulations promulgated thereunder, or any other state or federal statute or regulation.
- (9) "Complaint screening committee" means a committee consisting of three (3) persons appointed by the chair of the board to review complaints, investigative reports, and to participate in informal proceedings to resolve a formal complaint.
- (10) "Formal complaint" means a formal administrative pleading authorized by the board which sets forth charges against a licensed individual or other person and commences a formal disciplinary proceeding pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B or requests the court to take criminal or civil action.
- (11) "Informal proceedings" means the proceedings instituted at a stage of the disciplinary process with the intent of reaching a dispensation of any matter without further recourse to formal disciplinary procedures under KRS Chapter 13B.
- (12) "Interim AUD" means interim audiologist.
- (13) "Interim SLP" means interim speech-language pathologist.
- (14) "Interim SLP-A" means interim speech-language pathology assistant.
- (15) "Investigator" means an individual designated by the board to assist the board in the investigation of a complaint or an investigator employed by the Attorney General.
- (16) "Program" means an organized learning experience:

- (a) Planned and evaluated to meet stated behavioral objectives;
  - (b) Presented in one (1) session or a series; and
  - (c) Conducted and documented by an identified provider of discipline.
- (17) "Provider" means an organization approved by the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for providing a continuing education program.
- (18) "Related" means having content that is not directly linked to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology, but expands or augments clinical practice.
- (19) "Relevant" means having content applicable to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology.
- (20) "SLP" means speech-language pathologist.
- (21) "SLP-A" means speech-language pathology assistant.
- (22) "Temporary AUD" means temporary audiologist.
- (23) "Temporary SLP" means temporary speech-language pathologist.
- (24) "Temporary SLP-A" means temporary speech-language pathology assistant.

*201 KAR 17:005E*

*MARGARET ADKINS, Au.D., CCC-A, Board Chair*

*APPROVED: July 15, 2026*

FILED WITH LRC: July 16, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD:** A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on September 22, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. Eastern Time, at the Mayo-Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky in PPC Conference Room 127CW. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through September 30, 2026. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to [https://ppc.ky.gov/reg\\_comment.aspx](https://ppc.ky.gov/reg_comment.aspx) or the contact person.

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