

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Board of Speech-Language Pathology And Audiology
(Amendment)

201 KAR 17:011. Education, experience, and application requirements ~~{Requirements}~~ for interim licensure as a speech language pathologist.

RELATES TO: KRS 334A.035, 334A.050

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 334A.055, 334A.080

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 334A.080 requires the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to promulgate responsible administrative regulations, including administrative regulations which delineate qualifications for licensure and renewal of licensure. KRS 334A.035 and 334A.050 require the board to promulgate administrative regulations concerning licensure as a speech-language pathologist, including a requirement that an applicant meet specified education and experience criteria as determined by the board. KRS 334A.055 requires applicants seeking an initial license to engage in a profession authorized by the board to obtain a national and state criminal background investigation by the Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This administrative regulation establishes criteria for interim licensure for speech-language pathologists.

Section 1. Education and Experience.

(1) ~~{In addition to the citizenship requirements of KRS 334A.050,}~~ Each ~~{each}~~ applicant for interim licensure in speech-language pathology in Kentucky shall provide a certified transcript confirming attainment of a master's degree in the area of speech-language pathology or communication disorders from a program accredited by the Council for Academic Accreditation of the American Speech Language Hearing Association, or possess equivalent education.

(2) An applicant shall have "equivalent" education if the applicant holds:

- (a) A doctoral degree in speech-language pathology or communication disorders or a related area from a program accredited by the Council for Academic Accreditation of the American Speech Language Hearing Association; or
- (b) A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, and has completed all coursework and clinical practicum requirements leading to a doctorate or master's degree from a university program accredited by the Council for Academic Accreditation of the American Speech Language Hearing Association. A signed letter from the department chair or a director of graduate studies confirming all coursework and clinical hours have been met shall be provided if an official transcript is not yet available.

Section 2. Application for Licensure.

~~{(3)}~~ Each ~~{The}~~ applicant for Interim SLP licensure shall submit the following to the board:

(1) A completed "Application for Interim License", form DPL-SLPA-01, containing a written description verifying completion of the required academic coursework and supervised clinical experience; ~~{on the Application for Interim License,}~~

(2) Pay the fee as established in 201 KAR 17:030;

(3) Submit an ~~{with}~~ official transcript or letter, which shall be sent directly from the academic institution ~~{university}~~ verifying satisfactory completion of degree requirements. Credit shall not be allowed for courses listed on the application unless satisfactory completion is verified by an official transcript. The applicant receiving academic credit

(semester hours, quarter hours, or other unit of credit) with a passing grade as defined by the ~~academic~~~~[training]~~ institution shall constitute satisfactory completion.

(4) The results of a national and state criminal background investigation performed within the last ninety (90) days by the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) submitted directly to the board after payment of any required fee to the KSP and FBI. Any cases officially expunged shall not have to be disclosed by the applicant and shall not be considered by the board as a conviction for the purposes of this subparagraph.

~~[(4)] [Application for approval of academic coursework and supervised clinical experience shall be made as soon as possible after completion of these experiences, and shall be due within thirty (30) days after the professional postgraduate experience is begun.]~~

~~[(5)] [A written plan for the postgraduate professional experience shall be submitted with the application for interim licensure within thirty (30) days after initiating the postgraduate professional experience.]~~

Section 3. Postgraduate professional experience and supervision.

(1) After completion of academic coursework and clinical practicum, the applicant shall successfully complete a period of postgraduate professional experience ~~[The applicant shall] [proceed to] [obtain postgraduate professional experience]~~ under a supervisor who ~~[is a speech language pathologist who]~~ holds a valid Kentucky speech language pathology license or Education Professional Standards Board Master's level certification as a teacher of exceptional children in the areas of speech and communication disorders. ~~[An applicant for interim licensure shall submit a completed Application for Interim Licensure to the board.]~~

~~[(6)] [Postgraduate professional experience.]~~

~~[(a)] [After completion of academic coursework and clinical practicum, the applicant shall successfully complete a period of postgraduate professional experience.]~~

(2) [(b)] The experience shall consist of at least thirty-six (36) weeks of full-time professional experience to consist of a minimum of thirty-five (35) work hours per week or its part-time equivalent as follows:

(a) [(1)] At least eighty (80) percent of the major responsibilities during postgraduate professional experience shall be in direct contact with clients or patients, consultations, recordkeeping, and administrative duties.

(b) [(2)] The postgraduate professional experience shall not total less than 1,260 hours accumulated within twenty-four (24) months of the beginning date of the experience.

(c) [(3)] Professional experience of less than five (5) hours per week shall not meet the requirement and shall not be counted toward the postgraduate professional experience.

(d) [(4)] Experience of more than thirty-five (35) hours per week shall not be used to reduce the postgraduate professional experience to less than thirty-six (36) weeks.

(e) [(5)] Once initiated, the postgraduate professional experience shall be completed within twenty-four (24) months.

(f) [(6)] An extension ~~[Extension]~~ of the postgraduate professional experience may be requested utilizing the "Application for Extension of Interim License", form DPL-SLPA-02. An extension may be granted by the board in the event of:

1. [(a)] Illness;

2. [(b)] Change in employment status;

3. [(c)] Family care issue; or

4. [(d)] Other extraordinary occurrence impacting one's ability to complete the postgraduate experience.

(3) Any change in the written plan for the postgraduate professional experience, or any change in supervision, shall be submitted to the board on the "Change in PPE or

Supervision for Interim SLP" form, DPL-SLPA-03.

Section 4. Supervision requirements for Interim SLP.

- (1) ~~{1-}~~ The postgraduate professional experience supervisor shall not engage in fewer than thirty-six (36) supervisory activities during the postgraduate professional experience.
- (2) ~~{2-}~~ This supervision shall include eighteen (18) on-site observations of direct client contact at the interim licensee's work site.
 - (a) ~~{a-}~~ One (1) hour shall equal one (1) on-site observation.
 - (b) ~~{b-}~~ A maximum of six (6) on-site observations may be accrued in one (1) day.
 - (c) ~~{c-}~~ At least six (6) on-site observations shall be accrued during each third of the experience.
 - (d) ~~{d-}~~ These on-site observations shall be of the interim licensee providing screening, evaluation, assessment, habilitation, and rehabilitation.
- (3) ~~{3-}~~ The supervision shall include eighteen (18) other monitoring activities.
 - (a) ~~{a-}~~ At least six (6) other monitoring activities shall be completed during each of the three (3) segments of the postgraduate professional experience.
 - (b) ~~{b-}~~ These other monitoring activities may be executed by correspondence, review of video tapes or audio tapes, evaluation of written reports, phone conferences with the interim licensee, or evaluations by professional colleagues.
- (4) ~~{4-}~~ The supervisor periodically shall conduct a formal evaluation of the applicant's progress in the development of professional skills.

Section 5. Examination requirements.

- (1) ~~{5-}~~ A person with an interim license shall take and pass a national PRAXIS examination in speech-language pathology within twenty-four (24) months.
- (2) Official documentation of scores shall be sent to the board directly from Educational Testing Services.~~[A person with an interim license shall continue to practice under supervision if a successful score is not achieved. If the applicant is unable to obtain a passing score within twenty (24) months, they shall seek board approval to continue to practice. The applicant shall: a. Submit a written, signed letter to the board requesting board approval; and b. Appear before the board.]~~

Section 6. ~~{Section 2-}~~ Incorporation by Reference.

- (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:
 - (a) The "Application for Interim Licensure", DPL-SLPA-01, July 2026;~~[January 2012, is incorporated by reference.]~~
 - (b) The "Application for Extension of Interim License", DPL-SLPA-02, July 2026; and
 - (c) The "Change in PPE or Supervision for Interim SLP", DPL-SLPA- 03, July 2026.
- (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Department of Professional Licensing, 500 Mero Street, ~~{2SC32, }~~Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on October 27, 2026, at 12:00 P.M. noon, 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 October 32, 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 or the contact person.

CONTACT PERSON: Name: Sara Boswell Janes, Title: Staff Attorney III, Agency: Department of Professional Licensing, Office of Legal Services Address: 500 Mero Street Phone Number: (502) 782-2709 (office) Fax: (502) 564-4818 Email: Sara.Janes@ky.gov Link to public comment portal: https://ppc.ky.gov/reg_comment.aspx.

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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Subject Headings:Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, Licensing, Occupations and Professions

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does:

This regulation establishes requirements for interim licensure as a speech language pathologist

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:

This regulation is necessary to implement the provisions of KRS 334A.035.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:

The regulation is in conformity as the authorizing statute gives the board the ability to promulgate regulations generally

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:

This regulation will assist the board in administering this program by identifying the requirements for interim licensure as a speech language pathologist.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation:

The amendment incorporates the requirement that all applicants for licensure by the board obtain a national and state criminal background investigation from the KSP and FBI pursuant to KRS 334A.055; reorganizes provisions to clarify application and postgraduate professional experience requirements and the appropriate forms incorporated by reference; strikes legal requirements that duplicate the statutes; strikes regulations that are inconsistent with KRS 334A.030(2) and which appear to authorize unlicensed practice for thirty (30) days; clarifies postgraduate professional experience requirements; reorganizes supervision and examination requirements for clarification; repeals the provision allowing an interim licensee to continue to practice after failing to obtain a passing score within twenty-four (24) months; and, incorporates materials not previously incorporated by reference.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:

The amendment is necessary to comply with KRS 334A.055 and KRS 334A.188, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, relating to criminal background investigations, to ensure the regulations are consistent with the enabling statutes, to clarify requirements for interim licensure, and to incorporate necessary forms by reference.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:

The amendment to this administrative regulation is in conformity with the authorizing statute that gives the board the ability to promulgate regulations generally regarding licensure requirements.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:

The amendment to this administrative regulation will assist the board in administering this program and the efficient collection of necessary information submitted by the licensee, and properly incorporate material referenced.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? Yes, 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 6, Section 3.

(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:

This regulation will not affect 4179 active and 85 inactive licensees' existing interim licensees, but will affect new applicants for interim licensure.

(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:

An applicant for interim licensure must have a criminal background investigation report by means of a fingerprint check by the KSP and FBI submitted directly to the Board and pay the required fee directly to the KSP and FBI.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4):

Applicants for interim licensure will have no increase in application fees to the board, but will have to pay additional fees for a criminal background investigation. The board understands the fees to be as follows: \$20.00 for the KSP; \$18.00 for the FBI, and fingerprinting services to complete the request of \$10.00 for some local law enforcement agencies who provide the service, or \$20.00 for a private vendor like IdentiGO. The total cost is anticipated to be between \$48.00 and \$58.00.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4):

Kentucky will be in compliance with the requirements of KRS 334A.188 and the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, thus allowing Kentucky to advance towards its participation in the Compact allowing certain Kentucky credential holders to obtain the privilege to practice in Member States and give Member State credential holders the ability to obtain the privilege to practice in Kentucky. This will provide Kentucky citizens in need of speech language pathology and audiology services with a larger pool of service providers, which increases accessibility to care in rural areas, and thus promotes public safety. Additionally, the amendments will clarify licensure requirements and identify the necessary forms.

(6) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially:

No new costs are anticipated to implement this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis:

No new costs are anticipated on a continuing basis.

(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation or this amendment:

The board's operations are funded by fees paid by credential holders and applicant.

(8) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an

amendment:

No increase in fees or funding will be required to implement this administrative regulation

(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees:

The amendment to this administrative regulation does not establish fees paid to the board directly. Indirectly, this administrative regulation increases fees paid by applicants, however, payment will be to the Kentucky State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal background investigation reports submitted directly to the board.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied?

(Explain why or why not) Tiering is not applied to this regulation as it applies to all applicant license types.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation:

. KRS 334A.055 and 334A.080(3).

(2) State whether this administrative regulation is expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly, and if so, identify the act:

Yes, KRS 334A.055.

(3)(a) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions:

(a) The Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is the promulgating agency and the Department of Kentucky State Police are the only affected state units, parts or divisions.

(b) Estimate the following for each affected state unit, part, or division identified in (3)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:No new expenditures anticipated initially for the Board. Expenditures for the Kentucky State Police are unknown, if any.

For subsequent years:No new expenditures are anticipated on a continuing basis for the Board. Expenditures for subsequent years for the Kentucky State Police are unknown, if any.

2. Revenues:

For the first year:No new revenues are anticipated initially for the Board. This administrative regulation will generate revenue for the Kentucky State Police in the first year, however, based on the average number of applicants paying a projected fee of \$20, the revenue is anticipated to be less than \$10,000 in the first year.

For subsequent years:No new revenues are anticipated during subsequent years for the Board. This administrative regulation will generate revenue for the Kentucky State Police in subsequent years, however, based on the average number of applicants paying a projected fee of \$20, the revenue is anticipated to be less than \$10,000 in subsequent years.

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:Unknown

For subsequent years:Unknown

(4)(a) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts):

Local law enforcement

(b) Estimate the following for each affected local entity identified in (4)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:Unknown

For subsequent years:Unknown

2. Revenues:

For the first year:Unknown

For subsequent years:Unknown

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:Unknown

For subsequent years:Unknown

(5)(a) Identify any affected regulated entities not listed in (3)(a) or (4)(a):

The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) Estimate the following for each regulated entity identified in (5)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:Unknown

For subsequent years:Unknown

2. Revenues:

For the first year:This administrative regulation may generate revenue for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the first year, however, based on the average number of applicants paying a projected fee of \$18, the revenue is anticipated to be less than \$10,000 in the first year.

For subsequent years:This administrative regulation may generate revenue for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in subsequent years, however, based on the average number of applicants paying a projected fee of \$18, the revenue is anticipated to be less than \$10,000 in the first year.

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:Unknown

For subsequent years:Unknown

(6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a)

(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation:

The anticipated revenue for the first year and subsequent years, based on the average number of anticipated applicants with that fee, would be less than \$10,000.

(b) Methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:

Methodology and resources used are the fiscal department within the Public Protection Cabinet, Department of Professional Licensing.

(7) Explain, as it relates to the entities identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a):

(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have a "major economic impact", as defined by KRS 13A.010(14):

It is not anticipated that this administrative regulation will have an overall negative or adverse major economic impact to the entities identified.

(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:

Methodology and resources used are the fiscal department within the Public Protection Cabinet, Department of Professional Licensing.