

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

201 KAR 17:030. License fees,~~and~~ renewal, reinstatement, and inactive license requirements.

RELATES TO: KRS 334A.130, 334A.160, 334A.170, 334A.189

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 334A.055, 334A.080(3), (6)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 334A.080(3) 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.080(6) requires the board to establish fees for licensure as a speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathology assistant, or audiologist, in accordance with the maximum limits established in KRS 334A.160 and 334A.170. KRS 334A.170 authorizes the renewal and reinstatement of a license. KRS 334A.189 establishes an inactive licensure status. KRS 334A.188. Section 3.J. authorizes Member states to charge a fee for granting a compact privilege to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Kentucky. KRS 334A.055 requires applicants seeking license reinstatement 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 the required fees and the requirements for renewal, reinstatement, and inactive status.

Section 1. Fee Schedule.

(1) Application Fee. The application fee is a one-time fee paid in addition to the initial licensure fee in subsection (2) of this section, as follows:

(a) Fifty (50) dollars for an SLP, Interim SLP, SLP-A, Interim SLP-A, AUD, and Interim AUD;

(b) \$100 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD, or Interim SLP and Interim AUD; and

(c) The fifty (50) dollar application fee for an SLP, SLP-A, or AUD license shall be waived for a person holding an interim license.

(2) Initial Licensure Fee. The initial licensure fee shall be as follows:

(a) \$100 for an SLP and AUD;

(b) Seventy-five (75) dollars for an SLP-A; and

(c) \$200 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD

(3) Biennial Renewal Fee. The biennial renewal fee shall be:

(a) \$100 for an SLP, SLP-A, and AUD;

(b) \$200 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD;

(c) Twenty (20) dollars for an inactive license as an SLP, SLP-A, AUD, and dual licensure as a SLP and AUD; and

(d) There is no renewal for interim licenses.

(4) Grace Period Fee. If the license is renewed after January 31 but before the thirty (30) day grace period expires, the following grace period fee shall be paid in addition to the biennial renewal fee:

(a) Fifty (50) dollars for an SLP, SLP-A and AUD; and

(b) \$100 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD.

(5) Delinquency Fee for Renewal by Reinstatement. Upon expiration of a license for failure to timely renew, the following delinquency fee shall be paid in addition to the biennial renewal fee:

(a) \$150 for an SLP, SLP-A, and AUD; and

- (b) \$300 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD.
- (6) Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Biennial Fee. The state fee for the initial privilege to practice audiology and speech-language pathology in Kentucky shall be \$170. The state fee for any renewal shall be \$120 biennially.

Section 2. Renewal Requirements.

- (1) A license shall be renewed biennially on or before the due date of January 31 and no later than the grace period ending on March 2 of that year. Any license not timely renewed will expire on March 3;
- (2) To apply for renewal, a licensee shall submit a completed "Renewal Application", DPL-SLPA-07; and
- (3) The licensee shall pay the appropriate renewal fee as established in Section 1 of this administrative regulation.
- (4)
- (a) After the thirty (30) day grace period, to apply for renewal by reinstatement, an individual whose license has expired shall:
1. Submit a completed "Application for Renewal by Reinstatement", DPL-SLPA-08;
 2. Submit proof of completion of thirty (30) hours of board-approved continuing education in accordance with the requirements of 201 KAR 17:090;
 3. Complete a 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) which shall be sent directly to the Board. The applicant is responsible for the payment of any fee to the KSP and FBI;
 4. Pay the renewal fee as established in Section 1(3) of this administrative regulation; and
 5. Pay the delinquency fee as established in Section 1(5) of this administrative regulation.
- (b) A person who fails to apply for renewal by reinstatement within five (5) years of expiration or revocation of the license shall meet current licensure standards for the application of a new license.

Section 3. Inactive Licenses.

- (1) To apply for inactive license status, a licensee shall submit a completed "Renewal Application", DPL-SLPA-07, prior to the expiration of the grace period for the current biennial renewal cycle.
- (2) To remain on inactive status, an inactive licensee shall apply to renew the inactive status biennially, and in accordance with 201 KAR 17:090. Failure to annually renew before expiration of the grace period shall result in the expiration of the inactive license.
- (3) To reactivate an inactive license as an SLP, SLP-A, AUD, or a dual license as an SLP and AUD, an applicant shall:
- (a) File a completed "Renewal Application", DPL-SLPA-07;
 - (b) Payment of the current renewal fee as set forth in Section 1 of this administrative regulation; and
 - (c) Provide proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements established in 201 KAR 17:090, Sections 10 and 11.

Section 4. Incorporation by Reference.

- (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:
- (a) "Renewal Application", DPL-SLPA-08, July 2026; and
 - (b) "Application for Renewal by Reinstatement", DPL-SLPA-09, July 2026.
- (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Department of

Professional Licensing, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

~~[(1)] [The following fees shall be paid in connection with speech-language pathologist or audiologist applications, renewals, or penalties:]~~

~~[(a)] [Application fee for a speech-language pathologist license: fifty (50) dollars;]~~

~~[(b)] [Application for an audiologist license: fifty (50) dollars;]~~

~~[(c)] [Combined application fee for a speech-language pathologist and audiologist license: \$100;]~~

~~[(d)] [Application fee for a speech-language pathology assistant license: fifty (50) dollars;]~~

~~[(e)] [Application fee for interim licensure for a speech-language pathologist: fifty (50) dollars;]~~

~~[(f)] [Application fee for interim licensure for an audiologist: fifty (50) dollars;]~~

~~[(g)] [Combined fee for speech-language pathologist and audiologist interim licensure: \$100;]~~

~~[(h)] [Application fee for interim licensure for a speech-language pathology assistant: fifty (50) dollars;]~~

~~[(i)] [Initial speech-language pathologist license fee:]~~

~~[1.] [\$100 if issued for one (1) year; or]~~

~~[2.] [\$150 if issued for the biennium;]~~

~~[(j)] [Initial audiologist license fee:]~~

~~[1.] [\$100 if issued for one (1) year; or]~~

~~[2.] [\$150 if issued for the biennium;]~~

~~[(k)] [Combined speech-language pathologist and audiologist license fee: \$200 if issued for the biennium;]~~

~~[(l)] [Initial speech-language pathology assistant license fee:]~~

~~[1.] [Seventy-five (75) dollars if issued for one (1) year; or]~~

~~[2.] [\$125 if issued for the biennium;]~~

~~[(m)] [Biennial renewal fee for speech-language pathologist license: \$100;]~~

~~[(n)] [Biennial renewal fee for audiologist license: \$100;]~~

~~[(o)] [Biennial combined renewal fee for speech-language pathologist and audiologist license: \$200;]~~

~~[(p)] [Biennial renewal fee for speech-language pathology assistant: \$100; or]~~

~~[(q)] [Biennial renewal fee for grace period extending from January 31 to March 2:]~~

~~[1.] [For speech-language pathologist license: \$150;]~~

~~[2.] [For audiologist license: \$150;]~~

~~[3.] [For a combined speech-language pathologist and audiologist license: \$300; or]~~

~~[4.] [For speech-language pathology assistant: \$150.]~~

~~[(2)] [In addition to the biennial renewal fees provided for in subsection (1)(m) through (p) of this section, delinquency fees after March 2 shall be:]~~

~~[(a)] [For a speech-language pathologist license: \$150;]~~

~~[(b)] [For an audiologist license: \$150;]~~

~~[(c)] [For a biennial combined speech pathologist and audiologist license: \$300;]~~

~~[(d)] [For a speech-language pathology assistant: \$150; or]~~

~~[(e)] [For an initial speech-language pathologist license: \$100.]~~

~~[(3)] [There shall not be a renewal fee for interim licensure. The application fee of fifty (50) dollars for full licensure shall be waived for a person who has been duly licensed as an interim licensee.]~~

~~[Section 2.]~~

~~[(1)] [A completed Renewal Application or Renewal Application for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, whichever is appropriate, shall be submitted if the licensee wants~~

to:}]

~~[(a)] [Renew his license;]~~

~~[(b)] [Request to return to an active status from an inactive status;]~~

~~[(c)] [Request, or remain on, an inactive status; or]~~

~~[(d)] [Terminate licensure.]~~

~~[(2)] [Schedule of Licensure Renewals.]~~

~~[(a)] [A licensee shall renew his or her license biennially.]~~

~~[(b)] [The licensee shall pay the appropriate renewal fee as established in Section 1(1)~~

~~(m)-(p) of this administrative regulation.]~~

~~[Section 3.] [If an application is filed during the period of December 1 to January 30 and a license is issued, the board shall waive the renewal of the license for the ensuing licensing year.]~~

~~[Section 4.] [Inactive Licenses.]~~

~~[(1)] [Fees.]~~

~~[(a)] [The inactive license fee for a speech-language pathologist for a biennial licensing period shall be twenty (20) dollars.]~~

~~[(b)] [The inactive license fee for an audiologist for a biennial licensing period shall be twenty (20) dollars.]~~

~~[(c)] [The combined inactive license fee for a speech-language pathologist and audiologist for a biennial licensing period shall be twenty (20) dollars.]~~

~~[(d)] [The inactive license fee for a speech-language pathology assistant for a biennial licensing period shall be twenty (20) dollars.]~~

~~[(2)] [Reactivation of an inactive license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology shall be obtained by:]~~

~~[(a)] [Filing a completed Renewal Application or Renewal Application for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, whichever is appropriate;]~~

~~[(b)] [Payment of the current renewal fee as set forth in Section 1 of this administrative regulation; and]~~

~~[(c)] [Compliance with the continuing education requirements established in 201 KAR 17:090, Sections 10 and 11.]~~

~~[(3)] [Application for an inactive license shall be made to the board prior to March 2 and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee for the licensing year.]~~

~~[Section 5.] [Incorporation by Reference.]~~

~~[(1)] [The following material is incorporated by reference:]~~

~~[(a)] ["Renewal Application", July 2013; and]~~

~~[(b)] ["Renewal Application for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants", July 2013.]~~

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201 KAR 17:030

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

APPROVED BY AGENCY: July 15, 2026

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

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 31, 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.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does:

This regulation establishes license fees, and renewal, reinstatement and inactive license requirements for speech language pathologists, audiologists, and speech-language pathology assistants.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:

This regulation is necessary to implement the provisions of KRS 334A.010 through KRS 334A.990.

(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 licensing fees, and renewal, reinstatement and inactive license requirements for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech-language pathology assistants.

(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 does not change any fees but reorganizes the regulation to provide greater clarity to the regulation. The prior version was disorganized and unnecessarily long and confusing. The amendment streamlines the fee structure; adds the State Fee for the privilege to practice by out-of-state licensees under the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact ("ASLP-IC"); adds the requirements for a KSP and FBI criminal background check for reinstatements as is now required by KRS 334A.055 and 2026 Ky. Acts. ch. 6, Section 3; clarifies the requirements for inactive license status; and updates the material incorporated by reference, as well as incorporates a necessary form not previously incorporated by reference.

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

The amendment is necessary to simplify and add clarity to the fee structure for multiple license types, to implement a State Fee for the privilege to practice in Kentucky under the ASLP-IC, and to require a KSP and FBI background check for reinstatement for compliance with KRS 334A.055; and to update and add forms in the material incorporated 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 fees and the necessary information submitted by the applicant for reinstatement and inactive status, and will update the material incorporated by reference accordingly.

(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 affect the 4179 active and 85 inactive licensees, and will also affect new applicants for 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:

Applicants will be pay the required application fees for initial licensure and applicants for reinstatement 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 and use the proper forms.

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

Applicants for 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):

Licensees and the Board will benefit from a more clarified fee schedule and streamlined regulation and 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?

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, 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 6, Section 3.

(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.