

GENERAL GOVERNMENT CABINET
Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
(Amendment)

201 KAR 17:120. Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

RELATES TO: KRS 334A.188

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 334A.080(3), 334A.188

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 334A.188, Section 15.B.1. requires the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to review any rule adopted by the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact pursuant to Section 10 of KRS 334A.188 within sixty (60) days of adoption for the purpose of filing the rule as an emergency administrative regulation pursuant to KRS 13A.190 and for filing the rule as an accompanying ordinary administrative regulation pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A. This administrative regulation incorporates by reference the rules adopted by the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Section 1. The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology shall comply with all rules of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, which includes the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Rules as of June 29, 2026.~~[September 20, 2025.]~~

Section 2. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The following material is incorporated by reference: "The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Rules", September 20, 2025, and as revised.

(a) Chapter 1 – Rule on Definitions, adopted April 17, 2023;

(b) Chapter 2 – Rule on Data System Reporting Requirements, adopted September 20, 2025;

(c) Chapter 3 – Rule on Implementation of Criminal Background Check Requirement, adopted June, 30, 2025;

(d) Chapter 4 – Rulemaking on Fees, adopted June 30, 2025;~~[.]~~

(e) Chapter 5 – Rule on Dispute Resolution, adopted June 29, 2026;

(f) Chapter 6 – Rule on Joint Investigations, adopted June 29, 2026;

(g) Chapter 7 – Rule on Post Graduate Professional Experience, adopted June 29, 2026;

(h) Chapter 8 – Rule on National Examination, adopted June 29, 2026; and

(i) Chapter 9 – Rule on Military Identification, adopted June 29, 2026.

(2)

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(3) This material may also be obtained at:

(a) The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission, 1776 Avenue of the States, Lexington, Kentucky 40511; or

(b) <https://aslpcompact.com/commission/commission-governance-documents/>.

COMPILER'S NOTE: 2025 RS HB 6, enacted by the General Assembly on March 27, 2025, altered the information to be provided at the time an administrative regulation is filed. Aside from formatting changes necessary to upload the regulation into the LRC's publication application, this regulation has been published as submitted by the agency.

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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 November 24, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time, at the Mayo-Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky in PPC Conference Room 127 CW. 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 November 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 or the contact person.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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Subject Headings:Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, Compacts, Interstate

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does:

This administrative regulation implements KRS 334A.188, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact ("ASLP-IC").

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:

This administrative regulation is necessary because KRS 334A.188, SECTION 15.B.1. requires rules adopted by the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact to be promulgated as administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.

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

This administrative regulation conforms to the specific requirements of the authorizing statute, KRS 334A.188, SECTION 15.B.1. which requires rules adopted by the ASLP-IC to be promulgated as administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.

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

This administrative regulation conforms to the content of KRS 334A.188 which requires this promulgation.

(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:

This amendment will add new rules on dispute resolution, joint investigations, post-graduate professional experience, the national examination, and military identification, as adopted by the ASLP-IC on June 29, 2026.

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

This amendment is necessary to meet the statutory requirements of KRS 334A.188, SECTION 15.B.1. which requires rules adopted by the ASLP-IC to be promulgated as administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.

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

The amendment conforms with the authorizing statute by being filed within the sixty (60) day period after adoption of the new rule by the ASLP-IC.

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

The amendment will put all licensees who wish to participate in the ASLP-IC on notice of the Compact rules relating to dispute resolution, joint investigations, post-graduate professional experience, the national examination, and military identification.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years?No.

(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 3774 active and 73 inactive speech-language pathologists, 334 active and 9 inactive audiologists who are eligible to apply for the privilege to practice in another Member State. This regulation may affect the 204 active and 1 inactive interim speech-language pathologists and 1 active interim audiologist who elect to apply for full licensure; and will also affect new applicants for speech-language pathology and audiology 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:

No action is necessary.

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

There is no additional cost imposed by this administrative regulation.

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

They will be in compliance with the regulation.

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

(a) Initially:

There is no additional cost.

(b) On a continuing basis:

There is no additional cost.

(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 state fees or funding will be required.

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

This administrative regulation does not establish fees or directly or indirectly increase any fees in Kentucky. However, if a Kentucky licensee wishes to obtain the privilege to practice in another compact state, they will be required to pay an application fee to the ASLP-IC to obtain the privilege.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied?

Tiering was not applied as the changes apply to all equally.

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.080(3), 334A.188. Interstate compacts are specifically authorized under the federal constitution (Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3- the Compacts Clause) and take precedence over any conflicting state law pursuant to the Compacts Clause and the Contracts Clause, U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 10, Clause 1.

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

This administrative regulation is expressly authorized by KRS 334A.188, Section 15.B.1.

(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 only affected state unit, part or division.

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

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:The compact became operational in 2025, however, the expenditures needed in the first year are currently indeterminable. There may be some state expenditures necessary for data system programming, administering applications for compact privileges within and without the Commonwealth, as well as administering complaint and enforcement actions for those with the privilege to practice in Kentucky, and possibly for Kentucky licensees with the privilege to practice in other states.

For subsequent years:The expenditures needed in subsequent years are currently indeterminable. There may be some state expenditures necessary for data system programming, administering applications for compact privileges within and without the Commonwealth, as well as administering complaint and enforcement actions for those with the privilege to practice in Kentucky, and possibly for Kentucky licensees with the privilege to practice in other states.

2. Revenues:

For the first year:The board will establish a fee for licensees in other states who wish to obtain a privilege to practice in Kentucky under the ASLP-IC to cover the cost of administration. However, at this time potential revenues are indeterminable.

For subsequent years:The board will also establish a renewal fee for out of state licensees who obtain the privilege to practice in Kentucky. However, at this time potential revenues are indeterminable.

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:Indeterminable.

For subsequent years:Indeterminable.

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

None anticipated.

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

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

2. Revenues:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

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

None anticipated.

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

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

2. Revenues:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A **(6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (6)(a):**

(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 fiscal impact is currently indeterminable since there are no known duties outlined for the state in relation to the compact. It is possible there will be a fiscal impact for administering applications for compact privileges for in-state licensees who apply for the privilege to practice in another state, and for out of state licensees who apply for the privilege to practice in Kentucky. The ASLP-IC remains in its infancy and the work to be conducted by the state board as a result of the compact is yet to be determined.

(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 Services.

(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):

There are no known duties outlined for the state in relation to the compact; however, given the number of licensees, current budget and anticipated number of applications for in-state licensees to practice in another state and out of state licensees to obtain the privilege to practice in Kentucky, this administrative regulation will not have a 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 Services.