

BSPA Newsflash – New Rules Now Permanent, Effective November 13th

Effective November 13, 2013, the rules that had been temporarily in place since May 17th, June 28th, and September 13th became permanent, with some minor revisions that were approved by the Board at their November 8th meeting. These rules finalized the 2013-15 fee schedule and tweaked the PD rules. They also created new temporary licenses for new SLP or AUD grads whose transcript has not yet been officially posted, and for Provisional SLPAs who can now legally complete their clinical fieldwork outside of an academic practicum course. The rules also established less expensive limited term licenses for regular licenses issued after May 1st of odd-numbered years (since these will expire in 8 months or less).

Some of the important changes are:

- Prospective SLPAs must now document 8 hours of indirect supervision (consultation, mentoring, lesson planning, etc.) and both interim and final skills evaluations during their clinical fieldwork. This is in addition to the 100 hours of directly supervised clinical interaction required. These requirements are the same for both Provisional SLPA certificate holders and those completing their practica through an academic program, such as Chemeketa.
- When completing their 100 hours of clinical interaction, prospective SLPAs *must* actively participate in or lead individual, small group, or classroom therapy sessions. They *may* also count hearing & speech screenings (although these would typically be fewer hours, depending on the setting).
- CPR & First Aid training may be counted for Board PD requirements if the course is sponsored by the American Red Cross (ARC), the American Heart Association (AHA), or an equivalent provider. Three other large training organizations that the Board currently considers equivalent by policy are the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI), MEDIC First Aid, and the National Safety Council. Any other providers would require special approval.
- An applicant for SLP or AUD licensure may obtain a temporary license (\$100 fee) if they can provide a letter from the University registrar stating that they have met all degree requirements, but the degree is not scheduled to be conferred before the applicant's employment is scheduled to begin. This is especially relevant for summer grads with a job offer to start work in a K-12 environment at the end of August, but could be needed by students graduating throughout the year. The temporary license is only good for 90 days, and the transcript and regular license fee must be received by the Board within 60 days of the license issuance, so that a regular license can be issued.

The final revised rules will be published by the Secretary of State's Archives Division, and be available through our website after December 1, 2013.

As always, please call or email our office with any questions.