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Permit to Supervise SLPAs & Permit Fees No Longer Required

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Permits to Supervise SLPAs previously issued by the Board expired on July 31, 2010. Typically, SLPs licensed by TSPC who needed these permits would submit applications and permit fees during the summer and fall for staffing assignments for new school year.

The Board has re-evaluated its criteria for supervision for SLPAs and has just filed temporary rules changing these requirements. These rules are effective immediately and are in effect for six months. During that time, the Board intends to propose making these rules permanent, and there will be an opportunity for public hearing. However, the Board does not anticipate any opposition since these changes make the requirements for supervision more consistent for those licensed by the Board and by TSPC, and since it eliminates the permit fees for TSPC licensees.

The Board requires all SLPs supervising SLPAs to hold either a Board license or a TSPC license with a communications disorders endorsement *and* to have at least two years of full-time professional experience as an SLP. The clinical fellowship (CFY) may be counted as one of those two years. In addition, *every* supervising SLP must agree to the supervision requirements in Oregon Administrative Rules. The SLPA Supervisor Change Notice now summarizes these rules and asks each supervisor to attest that they are aware of these rules and will follow them. SLPs who are not Board-licensed are asked to complete additional demographic information so that the Board can track the supervisory relationships of non-licensees in our database (as we do for licensees), and so that we have complete contact information for each supervisor.

The SLPA Supervisor Change Notice is available on the Board's website under the Forms tab, or click here: http://www.oregon.gov/BSPA/pdfs/SLPA_Supervision_Change_Notice.pdf. *This form needs to be submitted to the Board by the SLPA within 30 days of any change of supervisor—both additions and deletions.* This form requires information and signatures from both the SLPA and the SLP. In the case of a TSPC-licensed supervisor, a third party must also attest that individual has more than 2 years of professional experience. (This information is already on file for Board-licensed SLPs.) It is up to the SLPA to get appropriate signatures and submit the form on time; however, it is the responsibility of both the SLPA and SLP to conform to SLPA supervision rules.

The other change is for SLPs supervising persons completing their SLPA practicum. Supervisors of practicum students now may be *either* Board-licensed or hold their ASHA CCC's. This makes the qualifications consistent for practica supervisors inside and outside Oregon, and conforms to the emerging national standard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board office at 971-673-0220 or speechaud.board@state.or.us.

Please share this information with your Special Education Director and other school administrators.