

Frequently Asked Questions

Application for Speech-Language Pathology Licensure with Virginia Board of Education Endorsement

These FAQs address the application process for individuals applying to the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (BASLP) for a school speech-language pathology license or a full speech-language pathology license with a Virginia Board of Education (VBOE) Endorsement. If you do not have a VBOE endorsement, these FAQs do not apply.

Q: When may I apply for a school or full speech-language pathology license from the BASLP?

R: The BASLP is prepared to receive applications at this time. SLPs practicing in the public schools must have either a VBOE or BASLP license to work between July 1 2014 and June 30, 2015. Effective July 1, 2015, school SLPs must have a BASLP license to work.

Q: When will my license be issued?

R: A license may only be issued when the application is deemed complete and no grounds exist for denial. For those individuals who have VBOE endorsement in speech-language pathology and who are seeking financial support from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) for their applications for licensure by BASLP, the licenses will not be issued until after July 1, 2014. In addition, BASLP does not have authority until July 1, 2014, to issue a school speech-pathology license to an applicant who does not have a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

Q: When will my license expire?

R: A license issued on July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 will expire on December 31, 2015. Licenses issued between January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2015, will expire on December 31, 2015.

Q: I have a current BASLP school speech-language pathology license and VBOE endorsement and I want to apply for a full SLP license?

R: You will need to submit an application for a full speech-language pathology license with a VBOE endorsement in speech-language pathology. VDOE is offering a one-time financial support of \$70 towards the \$135 cost of a full license. You must submit \$65 with your application which is the difference between the full license fee of \$135 and the VDOE financial support of \$70.

Q: What application should I use if I have an expired license from the BASLP?

R: If you are not applying as an initial applicant for a licensure type, you must seek reinstatement of your license. For more information please go to the Board's website at <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/aud/> or contact the Board office at audbd@dhp.virginia.gov.

Q: What are the continuing education requirements for licensure renewal?

R: The continuing education requirements are found in 18VAC30-20-300 of the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology* posted on the Board's website. In addition, the Board has posted at http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/aud/aud_guidelines.htm two guidance documents related to continuing education: 30-5: Board guidance on meeting continuing competency requirements and 30-9: Guidance for Continuing Education (CE) Audits and Sanction for Failure to Complete CE.

Q: Where may an individual with a full SLP license practice?

R: A licensee who has been granted a full license may practice speech-language pathology in any private or public setting in Virginia.

Q: Where may an individual with a school-speech language pathology practice?

R: A licensee who has been granted a school speech-language pathology license shall practice solely in public school divisions. Additional clarification is provided in the following scenarios:

- When a public school student receives speech-language pathology services in a setting other than a public school such as a preschool or homebound/home-based setting, a school or full speech-language pathology license is required.
- When a public school student is placed by a public school division into a private school/facility and receives speech-language pathology services which are being paid for by the public school division, a school or full speech-language license is required.
- When a private school student is placed in a private school by a parent but qualifies for a service plan and receives speech-language pathology services at the public school, a school or full speech-language pathology license is required.
- When a private school student is placed into a private school by a parent with no public school funding and receives speech-language pathology services by a private school speech-language pathologist, a full license is required.