

Examination and Practice Requirements for Licensure of Speech-Language Pathologists

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Pursuant to COMAR 10.41.03.03D(5)(a), an applicant shall have obtained a score of 600 on the National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology. Pursuant to COMAR 10.41.03.03(5)(b), however, an applicant that passed the National Examination more than five years before applying for licensure shall fulfill one or more of the following requirements as approved by the Board:

- (i) Provide evidence that the applicant has practiced speech-language pathology for three of the five years before applying for licensure;
- (ii) Complete a period of supervised practice equivalent to that required of a limited licensee; or
- (iii) Hold a current license in another state and submit proof of continuing education, as required in the regulations, for the time not practicing.

If an applicant has not practiced as a speech-language pathologist for three of the last five years, there are two options available:

1. The applicant may retake the National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology. Contact Educational Testing Services (ETS) at 609-771-7395 to schedule the Praxis Exam for Speech-Language Pathology. Request ETS to have the results of the exam sent directly to the Maryland Board of AUD/HAD/SLP (Code #R7400); or
2. The applicant may complete a period of supervised practice, which is equivalent to that required of a limited licensee. The supervisory guidelines for the supervisor of a person with limited licensure are four hours per month (two hours with clients and two hours meeting with the limited licensee). The supervised practice can be completed on a part-time basis under the same guidelines as a CFY.