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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The **Administrative History** following each Rule gives the date on which the Rule was originally filed and its effective date, as well as the date on which any amendment or repeal was filed and its effective date. Principal abbreviations used in the Administrative History are as follows:

f. - filed

eff. - effective

R. - Rule (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

Ch. - Chapter (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

ER. - Emergency Rule

Rev. - Revised

Note: Emergency Rules are listed in each Rule's Administrative History by Emergency Rule number, date filed and effective date. The Emergency Rule will be in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule is adopted, as specified by the Agency.

Chapters 609-1 entitled "Organization", 609-2 entitled "Requirements for Licensure", 609-3 entitled "Fees" have been adopted. Filed November 25, 1974; effective December 15, 1974.

Rule 609-2-.02 has been adopted. Filed January 29, 1975; effective February 18, 1975.

Rule 609-3-.02 has been adopted. Filed February 10, 1975; effective March 2, 1975.

Rule 609-3-.03 has been adopted. Filed July 7, 1975; effective July 27, 1975.

Rules 609-2-.01, .02 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Chapter 609-4 entitled "Code of Ethics for the Practice of Speech and Audiology" has been adopted. Filed September 16, 1975; effective October 6, 1975.

Chapter 609-5 entitled "Clinical Experience" has been adopted. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Rule 609-2-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Chapter 609-6 entitled "Speech Pathology Aides, Audiology Aides and Volunteers" has been adopted. Filed April 22, 1976; effective May 12, 1976.

Rules 609-3-.04 to .08 have been adopted. Chapter 609-7 entitled "Procedural Rules" has been adopted. Filed September 3, 1976; effective September 23, 1976.

Chapter 609-8 entitled "Licensure and Regulation of Speech Pathologists and Audiologists" has been adopted. Filed January 7, 1977; effective January 27, 1977.

Rule 609-8-.02 has been adopted. Filed June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978.

Chapter 609-9 entitled "Equipment" has been adopted. Filed August 7, 1978; effective August 27, 1978.

Chapter 609-3 has been repealed and a new Chapter adopted. Chapter 609-10 entitled "Continuing Professional Education" has been adopted. Filed October 17, 1978; effective November 6, 1978.

Rule 609-3-.01 has been amended. Rule 609-4-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed April 2, 1979; effective April 22, 1979.

Rule 609-2-.03 has been adopted. Rule 609-10.-01 has been amended. Filed August 7, 1979; effective August 27, 1979.

Chapter 609-6 has been repealed and a new Chapter adopted. Filed December 5, 1979; effective December 25, 1979.

Chapter 609-11 entitled "Clock Hours: Supervised Clinical Practicum" has been adopted. Filed December 11, 1979; effective December 31, 1979.

Rule 609-10-.01 has been amended. Filed February 5, 1980; effective February 25, 1980.

Rule 609-8-.03 has been adopted. Filed July 29, 1980; effective August 18, 1980.

Rule 609-10-.01 has been amended. Filed July 17, 1981; effective August 6, 1981.

Rule 609-10-.01 has been amended. Filed December 15, 1981; effective January 4, 1982.

Rule 609-2-.01 has been amended. Filed February 23, 1982; effective March 15, 1982.

Rules 609-3-.03 and 609-6-.01 have been amended. Filed July 1, 1982; effective July 21, 1982.

Rules 609-3-.04 and 609-10-.01 have been amended. Filed December 22, 1982; effective

January 11, 1983.

Rule 609-10-.01 has been amended. Filed December 22, 1982; effective January 11, 1983.

Rule 609-8-.03 has been amended. Filed July 18, 1983; effective August 7, 1983.

Chapter 609-1 preamble has been amended. Rule 609-10-.01 has been amended. Filed January 4, 1985; effective January 24, 1985.

Chapter 609-3 has been repealed and a new Chapter adopted. Rule 609-8-.01 has been amended. Filed October 30, 1986; effective November 19, 1986.

Chapters 609-1, 609-2, 609-3, 609-5, 609-7 to 609-11 have been repealed and new Chapters adopted. Chapter 609-12 entitled "Procedural Rules" has been adopted. Filed June 22, 1989; effective July 12, 1989.

Rule 609-7-.01 has been amended. Filed August 1, 1989; effective August 21, 1989.

Chapter 609-4 has been repealed and a new Chapter adopted. Filed November 19, 1990; effective December 9, 1990.

Rule 609-7-.01 has been amended. Filed September 30, 1992; effective October 20, 1992.
Chapter 609-2 has been repealed and a new Chapter adopted. Filed February 26, 1993; effective March 18, 1993.

Rule 609-4-.03 has been amended. Filed June 9, 1993; effective June 29, 1993.

Rules 609-3-.01, .02, .04 and 609-6-.01 have been amended. Filed December 21, 1993; effective January 10, 1994.

Rules 609-3-.01, .02 and .04 have been amended. Filed February 28, 1994; effective March 20, 1994.

Rules 609-3-.01, .02 and .04 have been amended. Filed March 9, 1994; effective March 29, 1994.

Rule 609-6-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed July 29, 1994; effective August 18, 1994.

Rules 609-4-.02, .03 and .05 have been amended. Filed August 16, 1994; effective September 4, 1994.

Rules 609-3-.04, .05, 609-4-.02, .03, .04, .05 have been amended. Filed May 30, 1996; effective June 19, 1996.

Rules 609-7-.01 and 609-8-.01 have been amended. Filed January 17, 1997; effective February 6, 1997.

Rules 609-8-.02 and 609-9-.01 have been amended. Rule 609-8-.03 has been adopted. Filed May 19, 1998; effective June 8, 1998.

Rules 609-2-.02, .03, 609-3-.02 and 609-11-.01 have been amended. Filed April 1, 1999; effective April 21, 1999.

Rules 609-1-.02, 609-2-.05, 609-3-.01, .02, .04, 609-4-.01 and 609-8-.01 have been amended. Filed April 3, 2000; effective April 23, 2000.

Rules 609-1-.01, 609-3-.03, 609-7-.01, 609-12-.01 have been amended. Filed June 28, 2001; effective July 18, 2001.

Rule 609-11-.01 has been amended. Filed October 25, 2001; effective November 14, 2001.

Rule 609-2-.02 has been amended. Filed April 24, 2002; effective May 14, 2002.

Rules 609-7-.01, 609-8-.01 to .03 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Rule 609-8-.04 has been adopted. Filed September 22, 2004; effective October 12, 2004.

Rules 609-2-.02 and .03 have been amended. Rule 609-3-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed March 23, 2005; effective April 12, 2005.

Rule 609-3-.04 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Rule 609-6-.01 has been amended. Filed March 24, 2005; effective April 13, 2005.

Rule 609-6-.01 has been amended. Filed June 23, 2005; effective July 13, 2005.

Rule 609-3-.02 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Rule 609-3-.05 has been amended. Filed August 2, 2005; effective August 22, 2005.

Rule 609-6-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed August 29, 2005; effective September 18, 2005.

Rule 609-8-.03 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed July 28, 2006; effective August 17, 2006.

Rule 609-3-.01 has been amended. Filed August 15, 2006; effective September 4, 2006.

Rules 609-1-.01 and 609-7-.01 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Rule 609-5-.01 has been amended. Filed December 20, 2006; effective January 9, 2007.

Rules 609-2-.02, .03, and 609-.01 have been repealed and new rules adopted. Rule 609-8-.03 has been amended. Chapter 609-13 entitled "Telecommunications" has been adopted. Filed February 20, 2007; effective March 12, 2007.

Rules 609-2-.05, 609-10-.03, and .04 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Filed February 21, 2007; effective March 13, 2007.

Rules 609-3-.01, .02, .04 to .06, 609-4-.01, and 609-6-.01 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Rule 609-4-.02 has been amended. Rules 609-3-.07 and 609-6-.02 have been adopted. Filed March 15, 2007; effective April 4, 2007.

Rule 609-3-.04 has been amended. Filed June 11, 2007; effective July 1, 2007.

Rule 609-7-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed July 11, 2007; effective July 31, 2007.

Rule 609-3-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed October 29, 2007; effective November 18, 2007.

Rule 609-3-.04 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed April 10, 2008; effective April 30, 2008.

Rule 609-6-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed December 11, 2008; effective December 31, 2008.

Rule 609-3-.04 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed March 19, 2009; effective April 8, 2009.

Paragraphs (f) 1. through (f) 3. of Rule 609-3-.04 have been amended. Filed September 3, 2010; effective September 23, 2010.

Chapter 609-6 has been repealed and a new Chapter 609-6 entitled "Speech-Language Pathology Aide And Audiology Assistants" adopted. Filed November 29, 2010; effective December 19, 2010.

Paragraphs (6) and (f) of Rule 609-7-.01 have been amended. Filed December 16, 2010; effective January 5, 2011.

Rules 609-7-.01 and 609-9-.01 have been repealed and New Rules adopted. Filed May 27, 2011; effective June 16, 2011.

Rule 609-3-.03 repealed and readopted. F. Feb. 14, 2012; eff. Mar. 3, 2012.

Rule 609-4-.05 amended. F. Jun. 20, 2012; eff. Jul. 10, 2012.

Rule 609-7-.01 amended. F. Aug. 7, 2013; eff. Aug. 27, 2013.

Rule 609-7-.01 amended, Rule 609-8-.03 repealed and new Rule adopted. F. Nov. 19, 2013; eff. Dec. 9, 2013.

Rule 609-2-.06 adopted. F. June 28, 2017; eff. July 18, 2017.

Rule 609-8-.02 amended. F. July 20, 2023; eff. Aug. 9, 2023.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. dept. 609, ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Chapter 609-1. ORGANIZATION.

Rule 609-1-.01. Organization of Board.

The Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is composed of eight members appointed by the Governor. Three members shall be licensed speech-language pathologists and three shall be licensed audiologists. One member shall be a board certified otolarngologist. One member shall be a lay person representing the public. The public may obtain information from the Board and make submissions and requests to the Board at the Office of the Division Director of the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-1-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-3, 43-33-2, 43-33-9, 43-44-4, 43-44-6, 50-13-3.
History. Original Rule entitled "Organization of Board" adopted. F. Nov. 25, 1974; eff. Dec. 15, 1974.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. June 28, 2001; eff. July 18, 2001.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Dec. 20, 2006; eff. Jan. 9, 2007.

Rule 609-1-.02. Meetings.

The board shall hold regular meetings at a time and place fixed by the Board. A majority of the appointed members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The

board shall hold a regular annual meeting at which it shall elect from its membership a chairperson and vice chairperson.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-1-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-5.
History. Original Rule entitled "Meetings" adopted. F. Apr. 3, 2000; eff. Apr. 23, 2000.

Chapter 609-2. APPLICATION PROCESS.

Rule 609-2-.01. Americans With Disabilities Act.

The Board will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be made in writing on a form provided by the Board and received in the Board office by the application deadline along with appropriate documentation, as indicated in the Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-2-.01
Authority: Ga. L. 1974, pp. 1009-1013; Ga. L. 1975, p. 1650; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Licensure with Examination" was filed on November 25, 1974; effective December 15, 1974.
Amended: Filed September 16, 1975; effective October 6, 1975.
Amended: Filed April 22, 1976; effective May 12, 1976.
Amended: Filed February 23, 1982; effective March 15, 1982.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist" adopted. F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Americans With Disabilities Act" adopted. F. Feb. 26, 1993; eff. Mar. 18, 1993.

Rule 609-2-.02. Licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist.

(1) A person who seeks licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist shall submit the appropriate application to the Board on forms that are available on the website or the Board office.

(2) An applicant who seeks licensure as both a Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist shall submit a separate application for each license sought.

(3) The applicant shall submit the appropriate application fee. See Fee Schedule. The application fee is non-refundable.

(4) **Repealed.**

(5) Licensure fees for approved applications are not pro-rated during the biennial licensure period.

(6) If the request for licensure is approved, the applicant will be notified in writing and assigned a license number.

(7) An application file will become void if it is not complete within twelve (12) months of the date of the application. PCE applications are valid for twenty-four (24) months. If, after the application becomes void, if licensure is still desired, the applicant must submit a new application, new documents and the appropriate fee.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-2-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-7, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Experience for Licensure Without Examination" adopted. F. Jan. 29, 1975; eff. Feb. 18, 1975.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licensure Without Examination" adopted. F. Sept. 16, 1975; eff. Oct. 6, 1975.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licensure as an Audiologist" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist" adopted. F. Feb. 26, 1993; eff. Mar. 18, 1993.
Amended: F. Apr. 1, 1999; eff. Apr. 21, 1999.
Amended: F. Apr. 24, 2002; eff. May 14, 2002.
Amended: F. Mar. 23, 2005; eff. Apr. 12, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.

Rule 609-2-.03. Licensure as an Audiologist.

(1) A person who seeks licensure as an Audiologist shall submit the appropriate application to the Board on forms that are available on the website or the Board office.

(2) An applicant who seeks licensure as both a Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist shall submit a separate application for each license sought.

(3) Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. (See Fee Schedule). The fee will cover the cost of processing the application, the cost of the initial biennial license and the decorative wall certificate.

(4) **Repealed.**

(5) Licensure fees for approved applications are not pro-rated during the biennial licensure period.

(6) If the request for licensure is approved, the applicant will be notified in writing and assigned a license number.

(7) An application file will become void if it is not complete within twelve (12) months of the date of the application. PCE applications are valid for twenty-four (24) months. If, after the application becomes void, if licensure is still desired, the applicant must submit a new application, new documents and the appropriate fee.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-2-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-7, 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Licensure by Reciprocity" was filed on August 7, 1979; eff. August 27, 1979.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Registration as a Speech Language Pathology Aide and/or Audiology Aide" adopted. F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: Rule entitled "Licensure as an Audiologist" renumbered from 609-2-.02. F. Feb. 26, 1993; eff. Mar. 18, 1993.
Amended: F. Apr. 1, 1999; eff. Apr. 21, 1999.
Amended: F. Mar. 23, 2005; eff. Apr. 12, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.

Rule 609-2-.04. Registration as a Speech-Language Pathology Aide.

See Chapter 609-6.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-2-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Registration an a Paid Clinical Experience Fellow" adopted. F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: Rule retitled "Registration as a Speech-Language Pathology Aide" renumbered from 609-2-.03. F. Feb. 26, 1993; eff. Mar. 18, 1993.

Rule 609-2-.05. Provisional License as a Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience Fellow.

The term "Paid Clinical Experience Fellow," "PCE Fellow," "Required Professional Experience Fellow," "RPE Fellow," or "Fellow" shall mean a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in their period of Paid Clinical Experience (PCE) Professional Experience Requirement (PER) who holds a provisional license for the purpose of meeting the experience requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist. See Chapter 609-3. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist holding a provisional license shall be subject to the same disciplinary actions as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist holding a full license.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-2-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-3, 43-44-5, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "Registration as a Paid Clinical Experience Fellow" renumbered from 609-2-.04. F. Feb. 26, 1993; eff. Mar. 18, 1993.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Temporary License as a Paid Clinical Experience Fellow" adopted. F. Apr. 3, 2000; eff. Apr. 23, 2000.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Provisional License as a Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience Fellow" adopted. F. Feb. 21, 2007; eff. Mar. 13, 2007.

Rule 609-2-.06. Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members.

(1) As used in this rule, the following terms shall mean:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

(b) "License" means any license issued by the board to practice speech-language pathology or audiology.

(c) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.

(d) "Military spouse" means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.

(e) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard.

(f) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(2) Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of the license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets the requirements for a license under the law and rules for the type of license for which the applicant has applied.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-2-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-9, 43-44-10, 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members" adopted. F. June 28, 2017; eff. July 18, 2017.

Chapter 609-3. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.

Rule 609-3-.01. Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Speech - Language Pathology or Audiology for Applications Received Prior to January 1, 2007.

In order to be eligible for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or as an Audiologist prior to January 1, 2007, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Degree. The applicant shall submit evidence of completion of a master's or higher degree, with a major emphasis in speech-language pathology or audiology, or both, from an accredited educational institution;

(b) Academic Hours. The applicant should submit certified evidence of the completion of 60 semester hours of academic credit from one or more accredited colleges or universities constituting a well-integrated program that includes 12 semester hours in courses that provide fundamental information applicable to the normal development and use of speech, hearing and language and 30 semester hours in courses that provide information about, and training in, the management of speech, hearing and language disorders or that provide information supplementary to these fields. Of these 30 semester hours, no fewer than six must be in audiology for the speech-language pathologist, or in speech language pathology for the audiologist; no more than six of these 30 semester hours may be in courses that provide academic credit for clinical practice. Of these 30 semester hours, at least 24, not including credit for thesis or dissertation, must be in courses in their field in which the license is requested. Furthermore, 30 of these 60 semester hours must be in courses acceptable toward a graduate degree by the accredited or approved college or university in which these courses are taken;

(c) Supervised Clinical Practicum.

1. The applicant shall submit certified evidence of direct clinical experiences in both diagnosis and treatment with children and adults. The supervised practicum must include experience in a variety of settings with client populations across the life span from culturally/linguistically diverse backgrounds, and with various types and severities of communication problems and related disorders, differences and disabilities.

2. The applicant shall submit certified evidence that of the required 300 clock hours, a minimum of 25 clock hours must be with adults (person 18 years of age and older) and a minimum of 25 clock hours must be with children (persons under the age of 18).

3. The experience must be obtained within an accredited academic institution or in one of its cooperating programs.

(d) Paid Clinical Experience. In order to meet the requirements for paid clinical experience, applicant must satisfy the following:

1. Paid Clinical Experience (PCE) Fellow. In order to be eligible to become a Paid Clinical Experience Fellow, the applicant must have met the academic and clinical experience requirements set out in Rule 609-3-01 above. See O.C.G.A. Section 43-44-8(a)(4).

2. Paid Clinical Experience Duration. The applicant for licensure must submit evidence of satisfactory completion of no less than nine months of full-time of paid clinical experience in the area in which the license is requested. The applicant must specify the duration of the PCE on the application.

   (i) Full-Time. "Full-time" is defined as at least 30 hours per week. The nine month equivalent of full-time paid experience should be completed from

continuous employment, but must be completed no more than 24 months after initial application.

(ii) Half-time. The requirement may also be fulfilled by 18 months of half time paid experience of at least 15 hours per week which should be completed from continuous employment, but must be completed no more than 36 months after initial application.

3. Required Supervision During the PCE.

(i) At all times during the period of PCE, the PCE Fellow shall be under the direction of one or more supervisors.

(ii) Supervision of the PCE Fellow must entail the personal and direct monitoring of the Fellow's work.

(iii) Personal and direct monitoring activities shall include but not be limited to observations, evaluations of written reports, evaluation by professional colleagues and discussions of clinical work.

(iv) Personal and direct monitoring activities shall be conducted at a minimum of one per month in order to evaluate the progress of the PCE Fellow.

4. Qualifications and Responsibilities of the PCE Supervisor.

(i) The PCE must be obtained under a supervisor who is either:

(I) a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist who is licensed in the area(s) for which the PCE Fellow seeks clinical experience and is ultimately liable for the quality of services provided; or

(II) a person whose education and experience is substantially equivalent to that of a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist and who provides supervision when that person holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association in the area in which the PCE Fellow is applying for licensure, and is ultimately liable for the quality of services provided. A person may obtain an equivalency statement from the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association if she/he is not so certified, or may submit qualifications to the Board for a ruling on whether or not this standard is met.

(ii) The supervisor shall supervise no more than two (2) PCE Fellows under the provisions of this rule.

(e) Application for PCE Fellow Temporary License.

1. Within 14 calendar days of initiation of PCE, the supervisor and PCE Fellow applicant shall submit to the Board an Application for Temporary License which may be obtained from the website or the Board Office. This application must be accompanied by the notarized application for full licensure and appropriate fees.

2. Upon receipt of the applications and appropriate fees, the Board may, at its discretion, approve the plan for nine (9) months of full-time PCE or up to but not longer than eighteen (18) months of part-time PCE, and grant a temporary license to the applicant as a PCE Fellow for the purpose of practicing during the PCE.

   (i) The temporary license shall be valid for a period of one year from the beginning date of the PCE period.

   (ii) The temporary license may be renewed for one additional year if the approved PCE period extends beyond one year, but may not be renewed solely for the purposes of the applicant's completion of other license requirements.

   (iii) If the PCE Fellow has been approved for permanent license, the temporary license shall be rescinded. If the PCE Fellow is not approved for permanent license, the temporary license may be voided or continued through the remaining period of validity of the license.

(f) Documentation of Completion of the PCE.

1. Within 14 calendar days of completing the approved PCE period, the PCE Fellow and supervisor shall complete and provide to the Board the appropriate notarized forms to document completion of the PCE.

2. The documentation shall provide information on the approximate hours per week engaged in diagnostic evaluations, therapy, recordkeeping, staff meetings and in-service training.

3. The supervisor and PCE Fellow shall provide the documentation of the monitoring activities.

4. The documentation shall include a statement on the supervisor's assessment of the PCE Fellow's clinical competency as demonstrated by performance during the PCE.

(g) Change(s) to the PCE. The PCE Fellow shall notify the Board within 14 calendar days of any changes in the PCE during the approved period, including but not limited to:

1. the dates and duration of any breaks in service,

2. change in PCE supervisor,

3. change in the place of employment, or 4. change of employer.

(h) Any week in which the PCE Fellow has not worked a minimum of 30 hours shall not be counted toward the PCE. The Board may approve the changes at its discretion, and specify allowable adjustments in the PCE.

(i) Failure to Obtain a Temporary License for the PCE.

1. A person who fails to apply for and be approved for a temporary license shall be considered practicing without a license and may be subject to sanction of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

2. A supervisor who allows a person to practice without a temporary license for the PCE may be subject to sanction of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(j) Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination, as specified in Chapter 609-3-.06.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-10, and 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "License Without Examination" adopted. F. Nov. 25, 1974; eff. Dec. 15, 1974.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Application Fee" adopted. F. Oct. 17, 1978; eff. Nov. 6, 1978.
Amended: F. Apr. 2, 1979; eff. Apr. 22, 1979.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Academic and Clinical Training" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. Dec. 21, 1993; eff. Jan. 10, 1994.
Amended: F. Feb. 28, 1994; eff. Mar. 20, 1994.
Amended: F. Mar. 9, 1994; eff. Mar. 29, 1994.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Requirements for Licensure by Examination" adopted. F. Apr. 3, 2000; eff. Apr. 23, 2000.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 23, 2005; eff. Apr. 12, 2005.
Amended: F. Aug. 15, 2006; eff. Sept. 4, 2006.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology for applications received prior to January 1, 2007" adopted. F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 29, 2007; eff. Nov. 18, 2007.

Rule 609-3-.02. Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Speech - Language Pathology on January 1, 2007 or After.

On or after January 2007, in order to be considered for licensure as a speech-language pathologist, an individual must submit the required application, pay applicable fees and satisfy the following requirements:

(a) **Degree.**

The applicant shall submit evidence of completion of a master's or higher degree, with a major emphasis in speech-language pathology from an accredited educational program.

(b) **Academic Hours**.

The applicant should submit certified evidence of the completion of 75 semester hours of academic credit from one or more accredited programs in development and disorders of basic human communication and swallowing processes across the life span, standards of ethical conduct, cultural and linguistic diversity, processes used in research, and contemporary professional issues. Thirty-six (36) of these academic hours must be earned at the graduate level from an accredited program.

(c) **Supervised Clinical Practicum.**

1. The applicant shall submit certified evidence of completion of 375 clock hours of directly supervised clinical practicum, and 25 clock hours of observation with cases representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communicative disorders. At least 325 of the 400 hours must be obtained at the graduate level.

2. The applicant shall submit certified evidence of direct clinical experiences in both diagnosis and treatment with children and adults. The supervised practicum must include experience in a variety of settings with client populations across the life span from culturally/linguistic diverse backgrounds and with various types and severities of communication problems and related disorders, differences, and disabilities.

3. The clinical practicum experience must be obtained within an accredited program or in one of its cooperating programs.

(d) **Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience.**

The applicant shall complete a paid clinical experience/required professional experience, as specified in Board Rule 609-3-.04.

(e) **Examination.**

The applicant shall be required to pass an examination, as specified in Board Rules.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-10, 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "Examination" was filed on February 19, 1975; effective March 2, 1975.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Examination Fee" adopted. Filed October 17, 1978; effective November 6, 1978.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Initial Application" adopted. Filed October 30, 1986; effective November 19, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Paid Clinical Experience" adopted. F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. Dec. 21, 1993; eff. Jan. 10, 1994.

Amended: F. Feb. 28, 1994; eff. Mar. 20, 1994.
Amended: F. Mar. 9, 1994; eff. Mar. 29, 1994.
Amended: F. April 1, 1999; eff. April 21, 1999.
Repealed: New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Apr. 3, 2000; eff. Apr. 23, 2000.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 2, 2005; eff. Aug. 22, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Speech-Language Pathology on January 1, 2007 or After" adopted. F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.

Rule 609-3-.03. Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Audiology January 1, 2007 or After.

In order to be considered for licensure as an audiologist on or after January 1, 2007, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements.

(a) For Doctoral Degree applicants.

1. Education Requirements. Applicants whose degree was earned on or after January 1, 2007 must have earned a doctoral degree program with a major emphasis in audiology that addresses the knowledge and skills pertinent to the profession of audiology, from an institution of higher learning that is, or at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated was, accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor organization.

2. Clinical Practicum Requirements. Applicants must submit certified evidence of completion of post-baccalaureate directly supervised clinical practicum with cases representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communicative disorders within the first three years of doctoral degree program.

3. Applicants must complete and provide documentation of one of the following:

   (i) Certified evidence of having obtained required professional experience that is equivalent to a minimum of 12 months of full-time supervised clinical practicum. The required professional experience must be approved by an academic program. The students must obtain a variety of clinical practicum experiences in different work settings and with different populations so that the applicant can demonstrate skills across the scope of practice of audiology. Acceptable required professional experience includes clinical and administrative activities directly related to patient care. A calendar week of clinical practicum is defined as a minimum of 35 hours per calendar week in direct patient/client contact, consultation, record keeping, and administrative duties relevant to audiology service delivery. The required professional experience must be obtained with an accredited program or one of its cooperating programs or,

   (ii) A paid clinical experience that meets the requirements of Rule 609-3-.04(a)1, for Masters Degree audiology licensure candidates.

4. Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination as specified in Board rules.

4. Recency of Study.

   In order for an applicant to demonstrate recency of study, he/she must have completed a minimum of two (2) continuing education units within the two (2) years preceding the date the application is received by the Board.

(b) For Masters Degree applicants.

1. Educational requirements

   (i) Applicants shall have earned a master's degree with a major emphasis in audiology which was conferred before January 1, 2007 from an institution of higher learning which was, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor organization.

   (ii) Applicants shall submit certified evidence of completion of a minimum of 75 semester hours of academic credit from one or more accredited programs constituting a well-integrated program that includes classes that reflect a well integrated program of study dealing with the nature, prevention, evaluation and treatment of hearing and related disorders. At least thirty-sic (36) hours of these academic credits must be earned at the graduate level from an accredited program.

2. Clinical Practicum Requirement.

   (i) Applicants shall submit certified evidence of completion of at least 25 clock hours of supervised clinical observation and 375 clock hours of directly supervised clinical practicum with cases representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communicative disorders across the scope of practice of audiology. At least 325 of the 400 hours must be completed at the graduate level.

   (ii) Applicants shall submit certified evidence of direct clinical experiences in both diagnosis and treatment with children and adults. The supervised practicum must include experience in a variety of settings with client populations across the life span from culturally/linguistic diverse backgrounds and with various types of severities of communication problems and related disorders., differences and disabilities.

3. Required Professional Experience.

Applicants shall complete a paid clinical experience pursuant to Board rule 609-3-.04(a)1.

4. Applicants shall be required to pass an examination as specified in Board rules/

5. Recency of Study.

   In order for an applicant to demonstrate recency of study, he/she must have completed a minimum of two (2) continuing education units within the two (2) years preceding the date the application is received by the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-10, 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "License with Examination" adopted. F. July 7, 1975; eff. July 27, 1975.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal Fee" adopted. F. Oct. 17, 1978; eff. Nov. 6, 1978.
Amended: F. July 1, 1982; eff. July 21, 1982.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Recency of Study" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. June 28, 2001; eff. July 18, 2001.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Audiology January 1, 2007 or after" adopted. F. Feb. 14, 2012; eff. Mar. 3, 2012.

Rule 609-3-.04. Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience.

In order to meet the requirements for paid clinical experience/required professional experience, an individual must submit the required application, pay applicable fees and satisfy the following requirements:

(a) **Paid Clinical Experience (PCE)/Required Professional Experience (RPE) Fellow**.

In order to be eligible to become a Paid Clinical Fellow Experience/Required Professional Experience Fellow, the applicant must have met the academic and clinical experience requirements set out in Board Rules. The applicant must have been issued an official transcript showing degree earned and date of issue.

1. Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience (RPE) Duration - Speech-Language Pathology or Masters Degree Audiology. The speech-language pathology or master's degree audiology applicant for licensure must submit evidence of satisfactory completion of no less than 36 weeks of full-time professional employment. A minimum of 30 hours of work per week constitutes full-time employment. At least 80% of the clinical fellowship work week must be in direct client contact (assessment, diagnosis, evaluation, screening, habilitation, or rehabilitation) related to the management process. Thus, in a 30-hour work week, at

least 24 hours must be devoted to direct clinical activities. The PCE/RPE must be completed no more than 12 months after the initial application. The PCE/RPE requirement can also be met by less than full-time employment, but must be completed no more than 24 months after initial application. For example, if the PCE/RPE Fellow works:

(i) 25-29 hours per week, the length of the PCE/RPE must be at least 48 weeks.

(ii) 20-24 hours per week, the length of the PCE/RPE must be at least 60 weeks.

(iii) 15-19 hours per week, the length of the PCE/RPE must be at least 72 weeks. Professional employment of less than 15 hours per week may not be used to fulfill any part of the PCE/RPE.

2. Paid Clinical Experience (PCE)/Required Professional Experience (RPE) Duration -Doctoral Degree Audiology.

(i) The applicant who has completed a clinical externship as outlined in the Board Rule 609-3-.03 has satisfied the Required Professional Experience.

(ii) The applicant who did not complete the clinical externship as outlined in Board Rule 609-3-.03 shall follow the required professional experience as outlined for the master's degree audiology applicant.

(b) **Required Supervision During the PCE/RPE.**

1. At all times during the period of PCE/RPE, the PCE/RPE Fellow shall be under the direction of one or more supervisors.

2. Supervision of the PCE/RPE Fellow must entail the personal and direct monitoring of the Fellow's work.

3. Personal and direct monitoring activities shall include but not be limited to observations, evaluations of written reports, evaluation by professional colleagues and discussions of clinical work.

4. Personal and direct monitoring activities shall be conducted at a minimum of one per month in order to evaluate the progress of the PCE/RPE Fellow.

(c) **Qualifications and Responsibilities of the PCE/RPE Supervisor.**

1. The PCE/RPE must be obtained under a supervisor who is either:

(i) a Georgia licensed Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist who is licensed in the area(s) for which the PCE/RPE Fellow seeks clinical professional experience and who is ultimately liable for the quality of services provided;

(ii) The supervisor shall supervise no more than two (2) PCE/RPE Fellows under the provisions of this rule; and

(iii) A family member or individual related in any way to the PCE/RPE Fellow may not serve as a PCE/RPE supervisor.

(d) **Application for PCE/RPE Fellow Provisional License.**

1. The PCE/RPE Fellow applicant and supervisor must submit to the Board an application and all required information for provisional license. The Board must receive official undergraduate and graduate transcripts indicating degree(s) earned and date of issue.

2. The PCE/RPE applicant may not begin the PCE/RPE until Board approval is received and provisional license number issued. The Board may, at its discretion, approve the plan for PCE/RPE and grant a provisional license to the application as a PCE/RPE Fellow for the purpose of practicing during the PCE/RPE.

3. The provisional license shall be valid for a period of one year from the beginning date of the PCE/RPE period.

   (i) The provisional license may be renewed for one additional year if the approved PCE/RPE period is for part time experience and the period extends beyond one year, but may not be renewed solely for the purposes of the applicant's completion of other license requirements.

   (ii) If the PCE/RPE Fellow has been approved for permanent license, the provisional license shall be superceded. If the PCE/RPE Fellow is not approved for permanent license, the provisional license may be voided or continued through the remaining period of validity of the license.

(e) **Grounds for denial/suspension/revocation of PCE/RPE.**

The Board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a provisional license to, suspend or revoke a provisional license pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19.

(f) **Documentation of Completion of the PCE/RPE.**

1. After completing the approved PCE/RPE period, the PCE/RPE Fellow and supervisor shall complete and provide to the Board the appropriate notarized forms to document completion of the PCE/RPE.

2. The documentation shall provide information on the approximate hours per calendar week engaged in diagnostic evaluations, therapy, recordkeeping, staff meetings and in-service training.

3. Any calendar week in which the PCE/RPE Fellow has not worked a minimum of 30 hours for full-time or 15 hours for part-time shall not be counted toward the PCE/RPE.

4. The supervisor and PCE/RPE Fellow shall provide the documentation of the monitoring activities as provided for in Board Rules.

5. The documentation shall include a statement on the supervisor's assessment of the PCE/RPE Fellow's clinical competency as demonstrated by performance during the PCE/RPE.

(g) **Change(s) to the PCE/RPE.**

1. The PCE/RPE Fellow shall notify the Board within 14 calendar days of any changes in the PCE/RPE during the approved period, including but not limited to:

   (i) the dates and duration of any breaks in service,

   (ii) change in PCE/RPE supervisor,

   (iii) change in the place of employment, or

   (iv) change of employer.

2. The Board may approve the changes in its discretion, and specify allowable adjustments in the PCE/RPE.

(h) **Failure to Obtain a Provisional License for the PCE/RPE.**

1. A person who practices speech-language pathology and/or Audiology and who fails to apply for and be approved for a provisional license shall be considered practicing without a license and may be subject to sanction of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

2. A supervisor who allows a person to practice without a provisional license for the PCE/RPE may be subject to sanction of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-33-8, 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-11, 43-44-13, 43-44-16.
History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal" adopted. F. Sept. 3, 1976; eff. Sept. 23, 1976.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Late Renewal Penalty" adopted. F. Oct. 17, 1978; eff. Nov. 6, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement Fee" adopted. F. Dec. 22, 1982; eff. Jan. 11, 1983.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Biennal Renewal" adopted. F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. Dec. 21, 1993; eff. Jan. 10, 1994.
Amended: F. Feb. 28, 1994; eff. Mar. 20, 1994.
Amended: F. Mar. 9, 1994; eff. Mar. 29, 1994.

Amended: F. May 30, 1996; eff. June 19, 1996.
Amended: F. Apr. 3, 2000; eff. Apr. 23, 2000.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 23, 2005; eff. Apr. 12, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Paid Clinical Experience/Required Professional Experience" adopted. F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.
Amended: F. June 11, 2007; eff. July 1, 2007.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 10, 2008; eff. Apr. 30, 2008.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 19, 2009; eff. Apr. 8, 2009.
Amended: F. Sept. 3, 2010; eff. Sept. 23, 2010.

Rule 609-3-.05. Recency of Study.

In order for an applicant to demonstrate recency of study the applicant must have completed a minimum of two continuing education units within two (2) years preceding the date the application is received by the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Late Renewal Payment Penalty" adopted. F. Sept. 3, 1976; eff. Sept. 23, 1976.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Duplicate License" adopted. F. Oct. 17, 1978; eff. Nov. 6, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Failure to Renew" adopted. F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Reciprocity" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licensure Without Examination" adopted. F. May 30, 1976; eff. June 19, 1976.
Amended: F. Aug. 2, 2005; eff. Aug. 22, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Recency of Study" adopted. F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.

Rule 609-3-.06. Examination.

(1) Except as provided in Board Rules, all applicants for licensure as an Audiologist shall be required to pass a Board approved national examination in Audiology.

(2) Except as provided in Board Rules, all applicants for licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist shall be required to pass a Board approved national examination in Speech-Language Pathology.

(3) The passing grade for the examinations shall be determined by the Board.

(4) An applicant for licensure who has completed the PCE/RPE shall not be eligible for licensure until such applicant has passed a Board approved national examination and has a current license application on file with the Board.

(5) The Board will not accept certification by the Georgia State Department of Education Professional Standards Commission in lieu of the Board's examination requirements.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Inactive Status" adopted. F. Sept. 3, 1976; eff. Sept. 23, 1976.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Duplicate Identification Card" adopted. F. Oct. 17, 1978; eff. Nov. 6, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Duplicate Wall Certificate" adopted. F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Examination Waiver" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.

Rule 609-3-.07. Licensure Without Examination.

A person who holds a license in another jurisdiction or holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence as issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or holds certification of the American Board of Audiology, provided the applicant otherwise meets the eligibility requirements as defined in Code Section 43-44-8, may apply for a Georgia license without examination.

(a) **Licensure in another jurisdiction.**

1. The applicant must submit an application and the required fees.

2. The applicant must request verification and status of the current license from the state or foreign country be sent to the Board office.

3. The applicant must submit a non-returnable copy of the current licensure law from the state or foreign country in which the license is held. For foreign countries, the applicant must submit an official English translated copy of that country's licensing law.

4. Applicants educated in foreign countries that wish to obtain license in Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology must have their credentials evaluated by an independent foreign-credential evaluation service. A listing of agencies that perform such evaluations is provided on the Board website or from the Board office. The Applicant must request a course-by-course evaluation in American semester hours with specific notation as to those courses completed at the graduate level. The applicant must also request that the agency indicate the equivalent highest level of education the applicant has completed.

5. The applicant must complete the application for licensure and submit the application, along with the official copy of the translation the applicant receives from the foreign credential evaluating agency.

6. The Board will review the application and the verification and compare the licensure law submitted with the current Georgia laws and rules. If the requirements for licensure in the other jurisdiction are equivalent to the current Georgia laws and rules and the application is approved, the applicant may be issued a license.

(b) **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Certificate of Clinical Competence**

1. The applicant must submit an application and required fees.

2. The applicant must request the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association send a letter to the Board office documenting current Certificate of Clinical Competence and the date the Certificate was initially granted. If the date of initial certification is beyond two years, the applicant must demonstrate recency of study as specified in Board Rules. The Board will review the application and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association documentation. If the eligibility requirements as defined in current Georgia laws and rules are met, the applicant may be issued a license.

(c) **American Board of Audiology Certification**

1. The applicant must submit an application and required fees.

2. The applicant must request the American Board of Audiology send a letter to the Board office documenting current certification and the date the certification was initially granted. If the date of initial certification is beyond two years the applicant must show recency of study as specified in Board Rules. The Board will review the application and the American Board of Audiology documentation. If the eligibility requirements as defined in Georgia laws and rules are met, the applicant may be issued a license.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-9, 43-44-10, 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "Duplicate License" adopted. F. Sept. 3, 1976; eff. Sept. 23, 1976.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Inactive Status" adopted. F. Oct. 17, 1978; eff. Nov. 6, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Duplicate Identification Card" adopted. F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: New Rule entitled "Licensure without Examination" adopted. F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.

Rule 609-3-.08. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Duplicate Identification Card" adopted. F. Sept. 3, 1976; eff. Sept. 23, 1976.
Repealed: F. Oct. 17, 1978; eff. Nov. 6, 1978.
Amended: New Rule entitled "Inactive Status" adopted. F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Rule 609-3-.09. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-3-.09
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Temporary License" adopted. F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Chapter 609-4. PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.

Rule 609-4-.01. Principles and Standards of Conduct.

Applicability. For the purpose of the chapter,"licensees" shall mean those persons who hold a license to practice speech-language pathology and audiology and speech-language pathologists and audiologists who hold a provisional license for the purpose of completing a paid clinical experience or required professional experience under Section 43-44-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-4-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "Code of Ethics" was filed on September 16, 1975; effective October 6, 1975.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed April 2, 1979; effective April 22, 1979.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Principles and Standards of Conduct" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1990; eff. Dec. 9, 1990.
Amended: F. Apr. 3, 2000; eff. Apr. 23, 2000.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.

Rule 609-4-.02. Professional Competence.

(1) Licensees shall provide services and supervision of services only for which they have been properly prepared and shall permit their staff to provide services only for which they are properly prepared.

(2) Licensees shall maintain accurate and complete records of professional services rendered, including but not limited to:

(a) records of tests and procedures used in the evaluation of speech, language and hearing disorders, and for determination of the need for any products dispensed or services delivered;

(b) records of products dispensed, such as hearing aids, augmentative communication devices, alaryngeal devices, etc., which describe the product including serial number when applicable, document any applicable warranties or guarantees accompanying the product, state whether the product is new or used and the price of the product, if sold, and the name and address of both the licensee and the intended user of the product;

(c) for the audiologist dispensing hearing aids, evidence of having met all requirements promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services applicable to the dispensing of hearing aids.

(d) for audiometers used in service provision, calibration reports containing as a minimum:

1. audiometer identification including make, model, and serial number,

2. calibrator's identification including company name and location and name of individual performing the calibration,

3. date of calibration, and

4. post-calibration readings for all signal outputs, signal leakage and attenuation linearity.

(3) Licensees shall identify and use qualified referral sources for persons served professionally.

(4) Licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists, excluding those holding a provisional license, shall delegate only those portions of their practice which do not require the professional competence of a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist, and that have been approved by the Board.

(5) Licensees shall provide supervision of and assume full responsibility for clinical services offered by supportive personnel.

(6) Licensees shall not require anyone under their supervision to engage in any practice that is a violation of the Rules of the Georgia Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

(7) Licensees shall use calibrated equipment in the delivery of professional services and shall maintain any calibration reports for at least 36 months. Appropriate equipment shall be calibrated in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, or for audiometers at least annually, and the post-calibration readings shall meet or exceed applicable ANSI standards.

(8) Licensees shall inform the Board when they have reason to believe that a licensee has violated the Rules of the Board and shall cooperate fully with the Board concerning matters of professional conduct.

(9) Licensees shall inform he Board when they have reason to believe that individuals are holding themselves out to the public to be Speech-Language Pathologists or Audiologists (SLPs/Auds.) or to practice SLP/Aud. without a license, except as provided by O.C.G.A. 43-44-7.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-4-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-7, 43-1-19.
History. Original Rule entitled "Professional Competence" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1990; eff. Dec. 9, 1990.
Amended: F. Aug. 16, 1994; eff. Sept. 4, 1994.

Amended: . F. May 30, 1996; eff. June 19, 1996.
Amended: F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.

Rule 609-4-.03. Welfare of Clients.

(1) Licensees shall hold paramount the welfare of persons served professionally.

(2) Licensees shall fully inform persons served of the nature and possible effects of the services.

(3) Licensees shall take all reasonable precautions to avoid injuring persons in the delivery of professional services.

(4) Licensees shall charge only for services rendered and shall provide itemized statements for charges for goods dispensed and services provided to the consumer. Nothing in this Rule shall preclude requests to the consumer for prepayment of fees for service as long as fees are refunded for services not rendered. This Rule shall also not preclude requests for appointment deposit charges when the consumer has received prior notification of this charge policy.

(5) Licensees shall fully inform subjects participating in research or teaching activities of the nature and possible effects of these activities.

(6) Licensees shall afford persons used in teaching or research free choice to participate and shall protect their privacy.

(7) Licensees shall evaluate services rendered and products dispensed to determine effectiveness based on recognized standards of practice.

(8) Licensees shall accept persons for treatment for whom reasonable benefit can be expected.

(9) Licensees shall continue treatment to clients as long as reasonable benefit is demonstrated.

(10) Licensees shall provide reasonable statements of prognosis to clients without guaranteeing the results of any therapeutic procedures, directly or by implication.

(11) Licensees shall evaluate or treat speech, language or hearing disorders exclusively within the confines of a professional relationship.

(12) Licensees shall avoid evaluating or treating speech, language or hearing disorders solely by correspondence. This does not preclude follow-up correspondence with persons previously seen, nor providing them with general information of an educational nature.

(13) Licensees shall not discriminate in the delivery of professional services on any basis that is unjustifiable or irrelevant to the need for the potential benefit from such services, such as race, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or handicapping condition.

(14) Licensees shall avoid participation in activities that constitute a conflict of professional interest.

(15) Licensees shall reveal professional or personal information obtained from the person served professionally only a) if authorized by the person served, b) if required by law or, c) to protect the welfare of the person or the community.

(16) Licensees shall provide to clients information relating to products dispensed, including but not limited to any applicable warranties or guarantees, whether the product is new or used, and, if the product is sold or leased, a receipt indicating the price of the product and the amount paid or terms and conditions of payment.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-4-.03
Authority: Ga. L. 1974, pp. 1009, 1013; O.C.G.A. Secs. 84-6705(c); 43-44-6, 43-44-6(a)(4), 43-1-19(a)(6).
History. Original Rule entitled "Welfare of Clients" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1990; eff. Dec. 9, 1990.
Amended: . F. Jun. 9, 1993; eff. Jun. 29, 1993.
Amended: F. Aug. 16, 1994; eff. Sept. 4, 1994.

Rule 609-4-.04. Public Statements.

(1) Licensees shall accurately represent their training or competence in both written and verbal statements made to persons served professionally and to the public.

(2) Licensees shall accurately represent the professional services and products they offer and shall not present claims that are false, deceptive or misleading.

(3) Licensees shall disclose accurate and complete price information about professional services rendered and products dispensed.

(4) Licensees shall not engage in misleading or deceptive advertising.

(5) Licensees shall assign credit to those who have contributed to a publication.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-4-.04
Authority: Ga. L. 1974, pp. 1009. 1013; O.C.G.A. Secs. 84-6705(c); 43-44-6, 43-1-19(a).
History. Original Rule entitled "Public Statement" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1990; eff. Dec. 9, 1990.
Amended: F. May 30, 1996; eff. June 19, 1996.

Rule 609-4-.05. Assessment Practices.

(1) Licensees shall make every effort to select and use assessment instruments, techniques or procedures that are valid, reliable and appropriate for the individual client.

(2) Licensees shall provide the client with an orientation to the purpose of assessment or to the proposed use of assessment results prior to administration of assessment instruments, techniques or procedures.

(3) Licensees shall administer assessment instruments, including technology based assessment instruments, which are within the licensee's competence for scoring and interpretation.

(a) Speech-Language Pathologist.

1. A Speech-Language Pathologist who is not licensed in Audiology may perform nondiagnostic hearing screenings for the purposes of either performing a speech and language evaluation or for the initial identification of individuals with other communication disorders. A non-diagnostic hearing screening shall be defined as a pure tone air conduction procedure which is conducted in a manner such that the results can only be reported on a pass/fail basis. A report of the screening results may include ear specific information regarding frequencies tested and intensity criteria (screening levels).

2. Other audiological screenings may be performed only when monitored by a licensed Audiologist. These audiological screenings must be conducted in a manner such that the results can only be reported on a pass/fail basis. The licensed audiologist is ultimately liable for the quality of such services and any complaints against the speech-language pathologist regarding these services shall be viewed by the Board as a complaint against the licensed audiologist.

(b) Audiologist.

1. An audiologist who is not licensed as a speech-language pathologist may perform a non-diagnostic speech and language screening for the purposes of performing either an audiological evaluation or for the initial identification of individuals with other communicative disorders. A non-diagnostic speech and language screening is a procedure conducted in a manner such that the results can only be reported on a pass/fail basis.

2. Other speech and language screenings may be performed only when monitored by a licensed speech-language pathologist. These speech and language screenings must be conducted in a manner such that the results can only be reported on a pass/fail basis. The licensed speech-language pathologist is ultimately liable for the quality of such services and any complaints against the audiologist regarding these services shall be viewed

by the Board as a complaint against the licensed speech-language pathologist.

3. Licensees shall perform a visual inspection of the ear and ear canal prior to any audiological testing.

(4) Licensees shall record results accurately and in language which is clear and understandable.

(5) Licensees shall make available to the client, upon request, copies of any assessment results in the possession of the licensee which have been prepared for and paid for by the client.

(6) Licensees shall use only reliable assessment data to select or recommend specific products to be dispensed or services to be rendered.

(a) Test data used for the selection of a hearing aid shall not be more than six months old. This shall not apply for the replacement of a hearing aid with a hearing aid of the same make and model unless new testing is required by the consumer's age, history or condition.

(b) Audiometric testing must be performed using a wide range audiometer which meets the specifications of the American National Standards Institute (s3.6-1996 or current American National Standard Institute standard) for diagnostic audiometers.

(7) A hearing aid is defined as a wearable sound-amplifying device that is intended to compensate for impaired hearing As such, any device marketed, labeled or otherwise stated or claims to improve impaired hearing is by definition a hearing aid, whether the claim was overt or implied. Further, any wearable device which claims to have characteristics or features that would only be necessary to improve impaired hearing (i.e. noise reduction, multiple bands or channels, noise cancellation, feedback reduction, etc.) would be considered a hearing aid. This definition of hearing aid shall not apply to cochlear implants, active middle ear implants, auditory brainstem implants and osseointegrated implants.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-4-.05
Authority:

OCGA §§ 43-44-3, 43-44-6, and 43-1-19.

Ga. L. 1974, pp. 1009, 1013; O.C.G.A. Secs. 84-6705(c); 43-1-19, 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-6(a)(4).

History. Original Rule entitled "assessment Practices" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1990; eff. Dec. 9, 1990.
Amended: F. Aug. 16, 1994; eff. Sept. 4, 1994.

Amended: F. May 30, 1996; eff. June 19, 1996.
Amended: F. Jun. 20, 2012; eff. July 10, 2012.

Chapter 609-5. SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

Rule 609-5-.01. Student or Intern.

(1) The term "student" or "intern" shall mean a person enrolled in an accredited program for the purpose of meeting the academic requirements for licensure.

(2) The student or intern is not required to hold a license in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-5-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6 to 43-44-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Clinical Experience" adopted. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Student or Intern" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. Dec. 20, 2006; eff. Jan. 9, 2007.

Rule 609-5-.02. Reserved.

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Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "Supervision" adopted. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.
Repealed: Rule reserved. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Rule 609-5-.03. Reserved.

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Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "Equivalency" adopted. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.
Repealed: Rule reserved. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Chapter 609-6. SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AIDE AND AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS.

Rule 609-6-.01. Speech-Language Pathology Aides.

Registration as a Speech-Language Pathology Aide. A person who seeks to assist in the practice of speech-language pathology must apply to the Board for registration as a speech-language pathology aide. The Board may approve registration as a speech-language pathology aide upon receipt of applicable fees and approval of the education and training of the applicant, the specific

duties to be assigned, the amount and nature of the supervision available, and other factors as deemed relevant by the Board. Training shall not begin until the application for registration has been approved by the Board.

(a) Application for Registration. The person seeking registration as a speech-language pathology aide and the supervising speech-language pathologist shall submit an appropriate application to the Board on forms available on the website or the Board office.

1. Each application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee (see Fee Schedule). Registration fees are not prorated during the biennial licensure period.

2. If the application is approved, the applicant will be notified in writing that practice as an aide may begin following completion of the approved training program.

3. An application file will become void, without notification to the applicant, if it has not been completed within six months of the date the application is received by the Board.

4. All speech language pathology aides are required to register by March 31 of odd numbered years.

5. Registration identification cards will be issued by the Board within three months following approval of the registration application and the training program.

6. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19, the Board has the authority to refuse to grant a registration as a speech-language pathology aide if it is in receipt of information that applicant has practiced without a valid registration.

(b) Minimum Requirements.

1. Education. The minimum education requirement is graduation from high school or receipt of a GED certificate. The speech-language pathology aide applicant shall provide documentation of a high school diploma, GED certificate, or college transcript to the Board.

2. Training.

(i) Training shall not begin until the application for registration has been approved by the Board.

(ii) Description. On a form provided by the Board, the supervisor shall submit a description of a minimum of 40 hours of proposed instruction in the specific duties that the aide will perform. This description shall include the ages and diagnoses of the clients for whom the services are intended, the specific duties trained, and the type and duration of training. Instruction must be

provided by a Georgia licensed speech-language pathologist or through an accredited educational institution.

(iii) Scope. Training for aides shall be defined by and shall be specific to the approved application and the assigned tasks. The Georgia licensed speech-language pathologist supervisor shall ensure that the scope and intensity of training will encompass all of the activities assigned to the aide. Training shall be competency based and provided through a variety of formal and informal instructional methods. Licensed supervisors shall inform the aides of their roles, functions, and of any related laws. The licensed supervisor shall maintain written documentation of training activities.

(iv) Verification. The supervisor shall submit to the Board verification that the training was completed satisfactorily within thirty (30) working days of the applicant's employment as a speech-language pathology aide.

(c) Supervision.

1. The supervisor of an aide shall be a Board-approved Georgia licensed speech-language pathologist who will be known as the supervisor of record. The aide may provide services only under the known supervisor(s) of record. If more than one supervisor is to be involved with the aide, an application shall be submitted by each supervisor.

2. The supervisor of record shall:

(i) accept full and complete responsibility for the duties performed by the aide;

(ii) maintain the legal and ethical responsibilities for all assigned activities provided by the aide;

(iii) make all decisions relating to the diagnosis, treatment, management and future disposition of the patient/client(s) served;

(iv) have the responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the patient/client(s) served by the aide;

(v) be responsible for the aide's competence to perform *Board approved* activities;

(vi) be responsible for the aide's adherence to the Principles and Standards of Conduct as defined in Board Rule; and

(vii) not supervise an immediate family member.

3. The supervisor of record who works full time (more than 34 hours per week) shall supervise no more than two (2) aides under the provisions of this rule. A supervisor of record who works part-time (less than 35 hours per week) shall supervise no more than one (1) aide under the provisions of this rule.

4. The supervisor shall submit a plan of supervision which will specify the frequency, duration, and type of supervision he/she will provide to the aide.

5. Supervision shall be a culmination of direct and indirect involvement that will permit verification of adequate performance that include, but are not limited to, a variety of techniques such as audio-and/or videotape recordings, telephone communications, conferences, e-mails, charts, logs and review of numerical data.

6. Direct on-site observation of the aide shall be provided according to the following:

   (i) The supervisor of record shall be with the aide during the first ten (10) hours of direct client contact following training; and

   (ii) Then shall be with the aide one hour per week after the first ten (10) hours of direct client contact. These one hour observations must, over a period of time, include a sampling of all assigned activities;

   (iii) The direct observation must be documented. This documentation should include quality of interaction, performance, accuracy in implementation of assignments, accuracy in recording data, and the aide's ability to interact effectively with the client.

   (iv) Information obtained during direct observations shall include response data that is ninety percent (90%) accurate between the aide and the supervisor of record, on correct-incorrect judgment of target behavior.

   (v) Whenever response data falls below the 90% reliability level between the supervisor of record and the aide, the supervisor of record shall retrain the aide in those skills. Direct observation shall be increased until the reliability level returns to 90%.

7. The supervisor of record shall retain documentation of all direct and indirect supervisory activities for two (2) years.

8. Prior to services, the patient or family must be informed in writing, by the supervisor of record, that services will be rendered by a speech language pathology aide.

9. The supervisor shall notify the Board within ten (10) working days of terminating a supervisor/aide agreement. Upon termination of a supervisor/aide agreement that particular aide registration would become void.

(d) Duties and Authorizations.

1. The aide is authorized to perform only those duties described on the application as approved by the Board.

2. The aide is authorized to perform speech-language pathology activities only when the supervisor of record is in the same.

3. The speech language pathology aide shall:

   (i) not perform standardized or non-standardized diagnostic tests, formal or informal evaluations, nor shall they provide clinical interpretation of test results;

   (ii) not screen patients/clients;

   (iii) not participate in conferences or counseling sessions regarding the patient/client without the presence of the supervisor of record or another speech language pathologist designated by the supervisor of record;

   (iv) not write, develop, or modify a patient/client's individual treatment plan.

   (v) not treat patients/clients without following the individualized treatment plan prepared by the supervision of record and or the designated speech-language pathologist;

   (vi) not sign any formal documents related to speech language pathology;

   (vii) not select patients/clients for services;

   (viii) not discharge patients/clients from services;

   (ix) not disclose clinical or confidential information either orally or in writing to anyone not designated by the supervisor of record;

   (x) not make referrals for additional services;

   (xi) not perform any task without the express knowledge and approval of the supervisor of record;

   (xii) not counsel or consult with the patient/client, family, or others regarding the patient/client status or service;

   (xiii) not assist the supervisor of record by completing a checklist or by tabulating results of a feeding or swallowing evaluation;

   (xiv) not demonstrate swallowing strategies or precautions to patients, family, or staff;

(xv) not make advertisement or public announcement of services independent of the supervisor of record;

(xvi) not represent herself/himself as a practitioner of speech-language pathology;

4. The speech language pathology aide shall be clearly identified as a speech language pathology aide by a badge that is to be worn whenever working as a speech-language pathology aide.

5. The aide registration shall become void when the authorized supervisor(s) is no longer available for supervision.

(e) Change of Plan. If the duties and/or authorizations approved by the board change, a new application, fee and all required documents must be submitted to the board for consideration before such change can be made.

(f) Re-registration of speech-language pathology aides.

1. All aide registration shall expire on March 31 of odd numbered years.

2. Application and biennial renewal fee (see Fee Schedule) must be received in the Board Office by March 31 of odd numbered years.

3. An audit shall be conducted to determine compliance with the direct observation guidelines enumerated above. A percent of renewal applicants, to be determined by the Board, shall be requested to submit the documentation of supervision to the Board by March 31 of odd numbered years. Failure to document the direct observation and/or to demonstrate compliance with the guidelines shall have the same effect as a revocation of said aide registration and may subject the supervisor to disciplinary action.

4. Biennial renewal identification cards will be issued by the Board office within three months following receipt of acceptable renewal application and renewal fee.

5. The failure to renew an aide registration by March 31 of odd numbered years shall have the same effect as a revocation of said registration; however, an aide registration may be restored, reissued, or reinstated at the discretion of the Board. If in its discretion, the Board denies such a request, such person may submit an application and supportive documentation to obtain a new registration. At all times, the applicant must meet the current standards for aide registration.

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Repealed: New Rule entitled "Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Aides - to Assist" adopted. F. Dec. 5, 1979; eff.

Dec. 25, 1979.
Amended: F. July 1, 1982; eff. July 21, 1982.
Amended: F. Dec. 21, 1993; eff. Jan. 10, 1994.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Speech-Language Pathology Aides" adopted. F. July 29, 1994; eff. August 18, 1994.
Amended: F. Mar. 25, 2005; eff. Apr. 13, 2005.
Amended: F. June 23, 2005; eff. July 13, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 29, 2005; eff. Sept. 18, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 15, 2007; eff. Apr. 4, 2007.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Dec. 11, 2008; eff. Dec. 31, 2008.

Rule 609-6-.02. Audiology Assistant.

Registration as an Audiology Assistant. An Audiology Assistant means any person who assists in the providing of those audiology services authorized by the Board, who meets the minimum requirements established by the Board and who works under the supervision of a licensed audiologist.

A person who seeks to assist in the practice of audiology must apply to the Board for registration as an audiology assistant. The Board may approve registration as an audiology assistant upon receipt of applicable fees and approval of the education and training of the applicant, the specific duties to be assigned, the amount and nature of the supervision available, and other factors as deemed relevant by the Board. Training shall not begin until the application for registration has been approved by the Board.

(a) **Application for Registration.** The person seeking registration as an audiologist assistant and the supervising audiologist shall submit an appropriate application to the Board on forms available on the website or in the Board office.

1. Each application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee (see Fee Schedule). Registration fees are not prorated during the biennial licensure period.

2. The Audiology assistant application shall be filed with the Board for approval and the application shall include, but need not be limited to:

(i) The location(s) (name and address) where the assistant will work;

(ii) The business name and address of the employer of the assistant;

(iii) A description of the activities to be performed by the assistant;

(iv) A description of the training the assistant will receive that will enable the assistant to perform the planned activities;

(v) A description of the supervision that the assistant will receive in the performance of the assistant's duties;

(vi) An agreement to abide by the Georgia State Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act.

3. If the application is approved, the applicant will be notified in writing and practice as an audiologist assistant may begin following completion of the approved training program.

4. An application file will become void without notification to the applicant if it has not been completed within six months of the date the application is received by the Board.

5. Registration identification cards will be issued by the Board office within three months following approval of the registration application.

(b) **Minimum Requirements.** Qualifications for Audiology Assistants shall be:

1. Education. Documentation by official transcript of the minimum education requirement of two years of college education (60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours) and/or an associate's degree from an accredited college, or completion of a technical school certification program in health care approved by the Board or completion of an audiology assistant program approved by the Board.

2. Training.

(i) Description. On a form provided by the Board, the Georgia licensed audiologist supervising the Audiology assistant shall submit a description of a minimum of forty (40) hours of proposed instruction in the specific duties that the assistant will perform. This description shall include the ages and diagnoses of the clients/patients for whom the services are intended, the specific duties trained, and the duration of training. Instruction must be provided by a Georgia licensed audiologist or through an accredited educational institution approved by the Board. Training for assistants shall be well-defined and specific to the approved application and the assigned tasks. The Georgia licensed audiology supervisor shall ensure that the scope and intensity of training encompass all of the activities assigned to the assistant. Training shall be competency based and provided through a variety of formal and informal instructional methods. Georgia licensed supervisors shall provide assistants with information on roles, functions, and any related laws. Continuing education opportunities shall be provided to ensure that practices are current and that skills are maintained. The Georgia licensed supervisor shall maintain written documentation of training activities.

(ii) Verification. The supervisor shall submit to the Board within thirty (30) days verification that the training was completed satisfactorily. An audiologist assistant shall not begin practice until approved by the Board.

(c) **Supervision.**

1. The supervisor of an audiology assistant shall be a Georgia licensed audiologist who is approved as the supervisor of that assistant. The assistant may provide services only under the supervision of the licensed audiologist supervisor of record for that applicant. If more than one supervisor is to be involved with the assistant, an application shall be submitted by each supervisor.

2. The supervisor shall accept full and complete responsibility for the duties performed by the assistant. The supervisor of an audiology assistant shall maintain the legal and ethical responsibilities for all assigned activities provided by the assistant; shall make all decisions relating to the diagnosis, treatment, management and future disposition of the patient/client(s) served; and shall have the responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the patient/client(s) served by the assistant. The supervisor shall be responsible for the assistant's competence to perform board approved activities and adherence to the Principles and Standards of Conduct as defined by Chapter 609-4.

3. The supervisor who works full time or more than 35 hours per week shall supervise no more than two (2) assistants under the provisions of this rule. A supervisor who works part-time or less than 35 hours per week shall supervise no more than one (1) assistant under the provisions of this rule.

4. The supervisor shall submit a plan of supervision which shall specify the frequency, duration, and type of supervision he/she will provide the assistant.

5. Supervision shall include the personal and direct involvement of the supervisor in any and all ways that will permit verification of the adequacy of the assistant's performance.

6. Indirect supervision or observation shall be provided through daily contacts and may include a variety of techniques such as audio-and/or videotape recordings, telephone communications, conferences, and review of numerical data.

7. Direct on-site observation of the assistant shall be provided according to the following:

   (i) The supervisor shall be with the assistant during the first ten (10) hours of direct client contact following training; and

   (ii) The supervisor shall provide no less than two (2) hours per week of documented direct supervision, after the first ten (10) hours of direct client contact, to include a sampling of all assigned activities. Direct supervision means on-site and in-view supervision as an activity is performed; the direct observation must be documented and include information on the quality of the aide's performance.

(iii) The supervisor shall provide no less than two (2) hours per week of documented indirect supervision, to include a sampling of all assigned activities.

(iv) Information obtained during direct observations shall include data relative to

(1) agreement (reliability) between the assistant and the supervisor on correct-incorrect judgment of target behavior,

(2) accuracy in implementation of assessment and management procedures,

(3) accuracy in recording data, and

(4) ability to interact effectively with the client;

(v) Whenever the assistant's performance is judged to be unsatisfactory over two consecutive observations, the assistant shall be retrained in the necessary skills and direct observation shall be increased 100% of all sessions until the assistant's performance is judged to be satisfactory over two consecutive sessions.

8. The supervisor shall retain documentation of all direct and indirect supervisory activities for two (2) years, and shall include information on the quality of the assistant's performance;

9. The supervisor shall notify the Board of any changes in the approved application required in Board Rules as a condition of registration, including termination of employment for either party. The supervisor shall notify the Board within ten (10) working days of terminating a supervisor/assistant agreement. Failure to notify the Board of a change or termination of an approved registration application shall be grounds for discipline in accordance with Board Rules. Supervision of an unregistered assistant shall be aiding and abetting unlicensed practice and shall be grounds for discipline in accordance with Board Rules.

(d) **Duties and Authorizations.**

1. The audiology assistant is authorized to perform only those duties described on the application and approved by the Board.

2. After appropriate training and demonstration of competency, the types of services an Audiology assistant can perform include, but are not limited to:

(i) equipment maintenance,

(ii) hearing aid repair,

(iii) electroacoustic analysis, real ear measurements, other verification methods of hearing aids,

(iv) hearing screening on a pass/fail basis,

(v) preparation of patient for electrophysiologic and balance testing,

(vi) hearing conservation and assisting the audiologist in testing,

(vii) record-keeping,

(viii) assisting in clinical research,

(ix) clerical duties and other administrative support functions

3. Authorized duties of an audiology assistant shall NOT include:

(i) Performing diagnostic testing;

(ii) Dispensing hearing aids;

(iii) Selection of a hearing aid;

(iv) Making ear mold impressions;

(v) Fitting a hearing aid (i.e. including but not limited to initial programming or changes to prescribed programming;

(vi) Determining the suitability of hearing aids;

(vii) Interpreting observations or data into diagnostic statements of clinical management strategies or procedures;

(viii) Determining case selection;

(ix) Initiating, modifying, planning or developing therapy procedures;

(x) Implementing therapy procedures;

(xi) Functioning without supervision;

(xii) Transmitting clinical information; either verbally or in writing to anyone without the approval of the licensed supervisor of record;

(xiii) Composing clinical reports except for notes to be reviewed by the supervisor and help in the patient's/client's records;

(xiv) Referring a patient/client to other professionals or agencies;

(xv) Referring to himself or herself either orally or in writing with a title other than "audiology assistant";

(xvi) Signing any formal documents such as treatment plans, reimbursement forms or reports;

(xvii) Discharging a patient/client from services;

(xviii) Communicating with the patient/client, family, or others regarding any aspect of patient/client status or service without the specific consent of the supervisor and in accordance with the application approved by the Board;

(xix) Acting for the licensed person at treatment team meetings or in any matter related to direct care of patients/clients which requires judgment or decision-making;

(xx) Providing consultation, counseling, recommendation for assessment, assessment, treatment protocols, results/outcomes, recommendations, treatment/intervention plans, or patient/client referrals on any matter regarding care of patients/clients;

(xxi) Providing professional training of other staff;

(xxii) Providing program review for individualized habilitation plans or other forms of care planning for patients/clients;

(xxiii) Supervising or managing infant hearing screening programs or occupational hearing conservation/prevention programs. The supervision and management of infant hearing screening programs and occupational hearing conservation/prevention screening programs must be performed by a licensed audiologist;

(xiv) Performing any duties not prescribed in the approved registration application nor working for any other audiologist who is not specified as the supervisor on the approved registration application;

(xv) Performing any duties without proper training; and using influence in clinical matters, when the assistant is the owner of a practice/business

providing services, while being supervised by an employee or consultant of their business/practice.

4. The audiology assistant shall not represent herself/himself as a practitioner of audiology, and shall be clearly identified as an audiology assistant by a badge worn during all contact with patients/clients.

5. When services are to be rendered by an audiology assistant, the patient or family must be informed in writing.

6. The audiology assistant shall not make advertisement or public announcement of services independent of the supervisor.

7. The audiology assistant registration shall become void when the authorized supervisor is no longer available for supervision.

8. Any experience obtained while acting as an audiology assistant shall not be creditable toward the supervised clinical experience required in Rule 609-3-.01(c) or the professional experience required in 609-3-.01(d).

(e) **Renewal.**

1. All Audiology assistant registration shall expire on March 31 of odd numbered years.

2. Application and biennial renewal fee (see Fee Schedule) must be received in the Board Office by March 31 of odd numbered years.

3. An audit shall be conducted to determine compliance with the direct observation guidelines enumerated above. A percent of renewal applicants, to be determined by the Board, shall be requested to submit the documentation of supervision to the Board by March 31 of odd numbered years. Failure to document the direct observation and/or to demonstrate compliance with the guidelines shall have the same effect as a revocation of said assistant registration and may subject the supervisor to disciplinary action.

4. Audiology assistants must complete ten (10) hours of continuing education per biennium.

5. Biennial renewal identification cards will be issued by the Board office within three months following receipt of acceptable renewal application and renewal fee.

6. The failure to renew an Audiology assistant registration by March 31 of odd numbered years shall have the same effect as a revocation of said registration; however, an assistant registration may be restored, reissued, or reinstated at the

discretion of the Board. If in its discretion, the Board denies such a request, such person may submit an application and supportive documentation to obtain a new registration. If required to do so, the applicant must meet the current standards for aide registration.

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Rule 609-6-.03. Repealed.

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Rule 609-6-.04. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-6-.04
Authority: Ga. Code Ann. Secs. 84-6703, 84-6705.
History. Original Rule entitled "Board Notification" adopted. F. Apr. 22, 1976; eff. May 12, 1976.
Repealed: F. Dec. 5, 1979; eff. Dec. 25, 1979.

Rule 609-6-.05. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-6-.05
Authority: Ga. Code Ann. Secs. 84-6703, 84-6705.
History. Original Rule entitled "Volunteers" adopted. F. Apr. 22, 1976; eff. May 12, 1976.
Repealed: F. Dec. 5, 1979; eff. Dec. 25, 1979.

Chapter 609-7. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.

Rule 609-7-.01. Continuing Professional Education Requirements.

(1) The purpose of continuing education is to maintain and enhance the professional competency of speech-language pathologists and audiologists licensed to practice in Georgia for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the State of Georgia.

(2) A continuing education unit (CEU) is defined as ten (10) clock hours of continuing professional education. CEU hours may not be carried over from one licensure biennium to the next.

(3) In order to renew a license, the licensee must obtain a minimum of 2.0 CEUs (20 clock hours) during each biennium period of licensure.

(4) Not more than 1.0 CEUs (10 clock hours) can be acquired in any one 24 hour period.

(5) Individuals who hold licenses in both Speech-Language Pathology and in Audiology shall be required to complete a minimum of 2.0 CEUs in Speech-Language Pathology and 2.0 CEUs in Audiology.

(6) CEU requirements for newly approved license holders will be pro-rated during the first biennium licensure period as follows:

(a) Licensees whose applications are approved during the first six (6) months of the biennium will be required to accrue two (2) CEUs.

(b) Licensees approved during the second six (6) months of the biennium will be required to accrue one and one half (1 1/2) CEUs.

(c) Licensees approved during the third six months of the biennium will be required to accrue one (1) CEU.

(d) Licensees approved during the final six (6) months are not required to accrue CEUs until the following licensure biennium.

(7) CEU hours must be in educational experiences directly related to the scope of practice of the licensee, and must be designed to increase the competence of the licensee in the area of licensure. Examples of activities that may provide CEU hours include:

(a) Scientific and educational lectures, workshops, or seminars;

(b) College courses taken for credit or through official audit:

1. College course credit shall be deemed to be equivalent to CEUs as follows: One Semester Hour = 1.5 CEUs; One Trimester Hour = 1.3 CEUs; One Quarter Hour = 1.0 CEU.

(c) Presentations by licensees: 0.5 CEUs (5 clock hours) will be awarded for the presentation of any lecture, workshop or seminar. A licensee may only receive credit for one presentation per biennium.

(d) Audio and video conferences, online courses, and teleconferences; and self-study courses accompanied by an examination by the CEU provider.

(e) Praxis Examination in the area of licensure.

1. Two (2.0) CEUs will be awarded for successful completion of the Praxis with a score of 650. Successful completion of this examination during the biennium will satisfy all CEU requirements for the license during that biennium.

2. The Board approved national examination results that are used in order to receive a license may not be used again for the renewal of that license.

3. A person who is licensed in both Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology must pass tests in both Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to meet all continuing education requirements. If the licensee passes the examination in only one area, s/he must obtain 2.0 additional CEUs in the area for which the examination was not passed.

(f) Not more than two (.2) CEUs of the required twenty (2.0) per biennium will be awarded for courses in the area(s) of ethics, record-keeping, documentation, Georgia laws and rules, Medicaid regulations and/or Medicare regulations.

(8) Documentation of CEUs:

(a) Each licensee shall maintain for three (3) years their own record of the CEU activities that they completed. The Board will not maintain CEU files for licensees.

(b) Licensees shall retain documentation of their continuing education activities and shall not send them to the Board Office unless the Board requests the licensee to do so.

(c) Licensees shall attest on their biennial licensure renewal application that they have satisfied the CEU requirements as set out above.

(d) False attestation of satisfaction of CEU requirements on a renewal application shall subject the licensee to disciplinary actions, including revocation.

(9) Method of Auditing CEU's:

(a) The Board will audit a random fixed percentage of applications. Licensees who are audited will be required to document the CEU activities. Required documentation is a certificate or proof of attendance which includes the sponsoring agency, the licensee's name, the date of the activity, the length of the session, and either the signature of a representative from the sponsoring agency or official certification by the sponsoring agency. A description of the CEU activity may be required if the title of the activity does not clearly state the content of the CEU activity. If the licensee attends a multi-session

CEU activity, as in a state or national convention or meeting, additional required information includes a specific listing of each session, the length of each session, and a description of each session if the title does not clearly state the content of the session.

(b) Current members of the Board, who are licensees of the Board, shall be audited for each biennium that they serve on the Board.

(c) Delinquent renewals shall be subject to the CEU audit for that biennium.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-7-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, and 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "Procedural Rules" adopted. F. Sept. 3, 1976; eff. Sept. 23, 1976.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Continuing Professional Educational Requirements" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. Aug. 1, 1989; eff. Aug. 21, 1989.
Amended: F. Sept. 30, 1992; eff. Oct. 20, 1992.
Amended: Rule retitled "Continuing Professional Education Requirements." F. Jan. 17, 1997; eff. Feb. 6, 1997.
Amended: F. June 28, 2001; eff. July 18, 2001.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 22, 2004; eff. Oct. 12, 2004.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Dec. 20, 2006; eff. Jan. 9, 2007.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 11, 2007; eff. July 31, 2007.
Amended: F. Dec. 16, 2010; eff. Jan. 5, 2011.
Repealed: New Rule of the same title adopted. F. May 27, 2011; eff. June 16, 2011.
Amended: F. August 7, 2013; eff. August 27, 2013.
Amended: F. Nov. 19, 2013; eff. Dec. 9, 2013.

Chapter 609-8. RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT.

Rule 609-8-.01. Renewal.

(1) Full Licenses.

(a) All full licenses shall expire on March 31 of odd numbered years.

(b) Application, biennial renewal fee (See Fee Schedule) and documentation of continuing education must be received by March 31 of odd numbered years.

(2) Temporary Licenses. A temporary license shall be issued to an applicant who satisfies the requirements for Paid Clinical Experience Fellow while the PCE Fellow is engaged in the PCE. See O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-11. Such temporary license shall be valid for one year and may be renewed at the discretion of the Board for only one additional year upon application and payment of the biennial renewal fee (See Fee Schedule).

(3) Effective with the 2005 biennium, in order to renew a license, the licensee must obtain a minimum of 2.0 CEUs (20 CE) hours as set out in Rule 609-7-.01. 20 CE hours equals 2.0 CEUs.

(a) Biennial renewal identification cards will be issued by the Board Office within three (3) months following receipt of acceptable renewal applications, biennial renewal fee and documentation of professional education activities following the expiration date.

(4) Individuals who hold dual licenses in both Speech-Language Pathology and in Audiology shall be required to complete a minimum of 2.0 CEUs in Speech-Language Pathology and 2.0 CEUs in Audiology.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-8-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-5, 43-44-6, 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "Student, Intern, or Fellow in Supervised Clinical Service Directly Related to Meeting the Qualifications for Licensure" adopted. F. Jan. 7, 1977; eff. Jan. 27, 1977.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. Jan. 17, 1997; eff. Feb. 6, 1997.
Amended: F. Apr. 3, 2000; eff. Apr. 23, 2000.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 22, 2004; eff. Oct. 12, 2004.

Rule 609-8-.02. Late Renewal.

(1) Each license will expire and must be renewed by March 31st of odd numbered years. Licenses not renewed by this date may be renewed during the late renewal period of April 1 - April 30th of the corresponding year with payment of a late renewal fee in addition to the renewal fee. Late renewal applications must be accompanied by proof that all CE requirements have been met for the biennium.

(2) Failure to renew a license by the end of the established late renewal period shall have the same effect as revocation, subject to reinstatement in the discretion of the Board.

(3) Practicing with a lapsed or administratively revoked license is prohibited by law, and any unlicensed practice during this period may result in disciplinary action at the time of reinstatement.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-8-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-44-6, 43-44-7, 43-44-11.
History. Original Rule entitled "Board Notification of Change in Name, Address or Employment Status of Licensee" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. May 19, 1998; eff. June 8, 1998.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Late Renewal" adopted. F. Sept. 22, 2004; eff. Oct. 12, 2004.
Amended: F. July 20, 2023; eff. Aug. 9, 2023.

Rule 609-8-.03. Reinstatement.

(1) Expired License.

(a) The failure to late renew an expired license within three (3) months of its expiration shall have the same effect as a surrender or revocation and the applicant for reinstatement shall meet the same conditions provided in Rule 609-8-.03(2) regarding reinstatement of a surrendered or revoked license.

(b) An expired license may be reinstated following the expiration date and late renewal period by submission of a completed reinstatement application and payment of a reinstatement penalty fee as set by the Board (see Fee Schedule). Such persons must also provide evidence of having met continuing professional education as set out in Rule 609-7-.01. Reinstatement shall be at the discretion of the Board.

(2) Reinstatement of a Surrendered or Revoked License. A person applying for reinstatement must submit the following:

(a) If **12 months** or less from the date the license was surrendered or revoked, submit a completed reinstatement application to the Board, provide documentation of having completed thirty (30) contact hours or 3.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of application, and pay to the Board the reinstatement fee as set by the Board.

(b) If greater than 12 months but no more than **24 Months** from the date the license was surrendered or revoked, submit a completed reinstatement application to the Board, provide documentation of having completed forty (40) contact hours or 4.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of application, and pay to the Board the reinstatement fee as set by the Board.

(c) If greater than 24 months but no more than **36 Months** from the date the license was surrendered or revoked, submit a completed reinstatement applicant ion to the Board, provide documentation of having completed fifty (50) contact hours or 5.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of application, and pay to the Board the reinstatement fee as set by the Board.

(d) If 36 months or greater from the date the license was surrendered or revoked, the person may not have the license reinstated unless the person meets one of the following requirements:

1. Submit a completed reinstatement application to the Board and show that the person has:

(i) Retaken and passed the PRAXIS exam within two (2) years of the date of the application;

(I) If you have maintained current American Speech-Language-Hearing (ASHA) certification or American Board of Audiology (ABA) certification since the expiration date(s) of your Georgia license, you will not be required to re-take and pass the National Exam (PRAXIS). You must contact ASHA and/or ABA to request a Verification of Certification Letter be mailed directly to the Board. If the date of initial certification is beyond two (2) years, the applicant must show recency of study as specified in the Board Rules. The Board will review the application and the AHSA or ABA documentation. If the eligibility requirements as defined in Georgia laws and rules are met, the applicant may be issued a license. American Academy of Audiology (AAA) membership does not satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(ii) Obtained fifty (50) contact hours or 5.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of application. The continuing education must meet the approval of the Board;

(iii) Paid the reinstatement fee as set by the Board (see Fee Schedule); and

(iv) Met the requirements for the license in effect on the date of the application; or

2. Submit a completed reinstatement application to the Board and show that the person has:

(i) A current license from another state or country with equivalent standards to the current Georgia Act with the verification from the other state or country;

(ii) Practiced the licensed profession in such other state(s) or country for a period of at least 2 years, and practiced for a period of at least two (2) years of the previous five (5) years from the date of the reinstatement application;

(iii) Obtained fifty (50) contact hours or 5.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the

date of application. The continuing education must meet the approval of the Board;

(iv) Paid the reinstatement fee as set by the Board (see Fee Schedule).

(3) A surrendered or revoked license is subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the Board. The Board may restore or reissue a license and, as a condition thereof may impose any disciplinary action.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-8-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sections 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-44-6, 43-44-7, 43-44-8, 43-44-9, 43-44-11 and 43-44-13.
History. Original Rule entitled "Clinical Practice by Licensees in the Area in Which They Are Not Licensed" adopted. F. July 29, 1980; eff. August 18, 1980.
Amended: F. July 18, 1983; eff. August 7, 1983.
Amended: F. Oct. 30, 1986; eff. Nov. 19, 1986.
Repealed: F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: New Rule entitled "Revocation" adopted. F. May 19, 1998; eff. June 8, 1998.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement" adopted. F. Sept. 22, 2004; eff. Oct. 12, 2004.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 28, 2006; eff. August 17, 2006.
Amended: F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Nov. 19, 2013; eff. Dec. 9, 2013.

Rule 609-8-.04. Revocation.

The Board shall have the authority to revoke the license of a person licensed by the Board pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19. The voluntary surrender of a license or the failure to renew a license in accordance with these rules shall have the same effect as a revocation of said license.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-8-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-44-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Revocation" adopted. F. Sept. 22, 2004; eff. Oct. 12, 2004.

Chapter 609-9. INACTIVE STATUS.

Rule 609-9-.01. Reactivation of License from Inactive Status.

Effective June 1, 2011, license holders can no longer place their license on inactive status.

(a) An inactive license may be reactivated upon written application to reinstate, submission of the appropriate fee and compliance with the conditions of Board Rule 609-8-.03(3).

(b) The Board at its sole discretion reserves the right to investigate any and all requests for reactivation and to refuse to reactivate or reinstate, or to set conditions on the reactivation beyond these outlined above as the Board deems appropriate.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-9-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-44-6, 43-44-11, 43-44-41.
History. Original Rule entitled "Calibration" adopted. F. Aug. 7, 1978; eff. Aug. 27, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Inactive Status" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. May 19, 1998; eff. June 8, 1998.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Reactivation of License from Inactive Status" adopted. F. May 27, 2011; eff. June 16, 2011.

Chapter 609-10. CHANGE IN STATUS.

Rule 609-10-.01. Request for Duplicate Wall Certificate.

Upon receipt of a written request and appropriate fee, the Board will issue a duplicate wall certificate.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-10-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-1 to 43-44-18 .
History. Original Rule entitled "Continuing Professional Education Requirements" adopted. F. Oct. 17, 1978; eff. Nov. 6, 1978.
Amended: F. Aug. 7, 1979; eff. Aug. 27, 1979.
Amended: F. Feb. 5, 1980; eff. Feb. 25, 1980.
Amended: F. July 17, 1981; eff. August 6, 1981.
Amended: F. Dec. 15, 1981; eff. Jan. 4, 1982.
Amended: F. Dec. 22, 1982; eff. Jan. 11, 1983.
Amended: F. Jan. 4, 1985; eff. Jan. 24, 1985.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Request for Duplicate Wall Certificate" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Rule 609-10-.02. Request for Duplicate Identification Card.

Upon receipt of a written request and appropriate fee, the Board will issue a duplicate identification card.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-10-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Request for Duplicate Identification Card" adopted. F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Rule 609-10-.03. Change in Name.

The licensee shall submit a certified copy of a marriage certificate, court order, or other certified documentation of legal name change, and the appropriate application and fee established by the Board in order to make a change of name.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-10-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-7, 43-44-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Change in Name" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 21, 2007; eff. Mar. 13, 2007.

Rule 609-10-.04. Change in Address.

The licensee shall notify the Board Office, in writing, within 30 days of making an address change from that previously filed with the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-10-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-44-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Change in Address" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 21, 2007; eff. Mar. 13, 2007.

Chapter 609-11. FEES.

Rule 609-11-.01. Fees.

Refer to fee schedule for appropriate fees payable to the Board. Fees may be reviewed and changed at the discretion of the Board. Application fees are non-refundable. Any indebtedness to the Board caused by a returned check may be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement authorities pursuant to Code Section 16-9-20 of the Criminal Code of Georgia.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-11-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Clock Hours" was filed on December 11, 1979; effective December 31, 1979.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. Apr. 1, 1999; eff. Apr. 21, 1999.
Amended: F. Oct. 25, 2001; eff. Nov. 14, 2001.

Rule 609-11-.02. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-11-.02
Authority: Ga. L. 1974, pp. 1009, 1017, as amended (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-6708(c).
History. Original Rule entitled "Speech Pathology Applicant" was filed on December 11, 1979; effective December 31, 1979.
Repealed: F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Rule 609-11-.03. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-11-.03
Authority: Ga. L. 1974, pp. 1009, 1017, as amended (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-6708(c).
History. Original Rule entitled "Audiology Applicant" was filed on December 11, 1979; effective December 31, 1979.
Repealed: F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Rule 609-11-.04. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-11-.04
Authority: Ga. L. 1974, pp. 1009, 1017, as amended (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-6708(c).
History. Original Rule entitled "Supervision of Clinical Practicum" was filed on December 11, 1979; effective December 31, 1979.
Repealed: F. Jun. 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.

Chapter 609-12. PROCEDURAL RULES.

Rule 609-12-.01. Procedural Rules.

The Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology hereby adopts by reference as its permanent rules Chapter 295-3 through 295-13 and any future amendments thereto, Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Division Director Professional Licensing Boards Division, relating to Procedure for Hearings before the several Professional Licensing Boards.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-12-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-44-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Procedural Rules" adopted. F. June 22, 1989; eff. July 12, 1989.
Amended: F. June 28, 2001; eff. July 18, 2001.

Chapter 609-13. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

Rule 609-13-.01. Telecommunications.

Any person in this state or physically located in another state or foreign country who, using telecommunications and information technologies through which speech-language pathology information and auditory-vestibular system information or data is transmitted, performs an act that is part of a patient care service located in this state, including but not limited to any measures of speech-language pathology or auditory-vestibular system function or hearing instrument selection, fitting, or dispensing that would effect the diagnosis or treatment of the patient is engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology or audio logy in this state.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-13-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-7.

History. Original Rule entitled "Telecommunications" adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.

Rule 609-13-.02. License Requirement.

Any person who performs such acts through such means as described in Rule 609-13-.01 shall be required to have a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in this state and shall be subject to regulation by the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-13-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "License Requirement" adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.

Rule 609-13-.03. Restrictions.

No out-of-state or foreign practitioner shall have ultimate authority over the speech-language or auditory-vestibular system health care of a patient who is located in this state. Any such practitioner in this state, another state, or a foreign country shall abide by the rules of the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-13-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "Restrictions" adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.

Rule 609-13-.04. Exemptions.

(1) This shall not apply to:

(a) the acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist located in another state or foreign country who provides consultation services at the request of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist licensed in this state;

(b) the acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist licensed in another state or foreign country who:

1. provides consultation services without compensation, remuneration, or other expectation thereof and without altering, adjusting, or manipulating hearing aid device controls; or

2. provides consultation service to a graduate school located in this state and approved by the Board; or

3. The acts of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist located in another state or foreign country when invited as a guest of any graduate school or institution of higher learning approved by the Board, state, or national accrediting body or component thereof, for the sole purpose of

engaging in professional education through lectures, clinics, or demonstrations.

(2) This shall not be construed to alter the scope of practice of any health care provider or authorize the delivery of health care services in a setting or in a manner not otherwise authorized by the laws of this state.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-13-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "Exemptions" adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.

Rule 609-13-.05. Patient Records for Telecommunications.

All persons subject to the provision of the Code section 43-44-7 shall be required to comply with all applicable requirements of the laws of this state relating to the maintenance of patient records and the confidentiality of patient information, regardless of where such speech-language pathologist or audiologist may be located and regardless of where or how the records of any patient located in this state are maintained.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 609-13-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-44-6, 43-44-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "Patient Records for Telecommunications" adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2007; eff. Mar. 12, 2007.