

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 870 Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Rules No. 870-X-2-.03(2)(b)

Rule Title: Requirements For Licensure

\_\_\_\_\_ New  Amend \_\_\_\_\_ Repeal \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?

\_\_\_\_\_ No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying Officer Uluda C. Rowland

Date 06-16-16

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Rules No. 870-X-2-.04(1)(b)

Rule Title: Disposition Of Applications For Licensure

       New   X   Amend        Repeal        Adopt by Reference

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Signature of certifying Officer           Wanda C. Rawlins          

Date           06-16-16

Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language  
Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA)

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Rule Number & Title:

870-X-02-.03  
Requirements For Licensure

870-X-.02-.04  
Disposition Of Applications For Licensure

Intended Action:

To Amend Rule

Substance of Amendment:

ABESPA proposes to amend rule to update  
language in the rules.


Time, Place, Manner of Presenting Views: Interested person may present their views in writing to the executive secretary of the Board at a time during the 35 day period following the 20th day of June. Any person who wishes to present his or her views orally at the public hearing may notify the Board in writing, before August 12, 2016, to P.O. Box 304760, Montgomery, AL 36130-4760. The public hearing will be held on August 12, 2016 at 400 South Union Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Montgomery, Alabama at 12:00 p.m.

Final Date for Comment and Completion of Notice:

August 12, 2016

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Executive Secretary

870-X-2-. 03 Requirements For Licensure.

(1) Upon receipt of the licensure application and payment of the licensing fee, the Board may grant licensure to any person certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association that is, holding a currently valid Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) or an equivalent certification from an accrediting Association or Academy in the area for which licensure is applied. A license may be granted in either speech-language pathology or audiology. Licenses in both speech-language pathology and audiology may be granted to an applicant who requests both licenses and who are certified in both areas. The fee will be twice that of a license in a single area.

(2) Persons without the CCC (not holding a currently valid Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) or an equivalent certification from another accrediting Association or Academy must meet the following:

(a) Education Requirements. Submit official transcripts from one or more accredited colleges or universities approved by the Board, showing evidence of possession of at least a Master's degree, the completion of academic requirements preceding the Fourth-Year Internship in Au.D. programs or the equivalent in speech-language pathology or audiology. The word "equivalent" as stated in the Code of Ala. 1975, §34-28A-1 is defined in these Rules and Regulations as being equal to or greater than requirements for the Master's degree or Doctorate of Audiology degree.

(b) Practicum Requirements. Provide documentation (letter on university/college letterhead with original signature) from the director of the training program that the individual meets the clinical requirements commensurate with the training program and degree (specifically defined in the document). The practical experience was obtained under the qualified supervision within the training institution or one of its cooperative training programs.

(c) Written Examination Requirements. See Chapter 870-X-3.

Authors: David Savage, Beth Hardaway, Robin Auerbach, Kay Wilson, Ken Earley, Robert L. Rane, Florence Cuneo, and Richard Talbott.

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-28A-1, et seq.

History: Filed September 20, 1982. Amended: Filed December 12, 1988; January 14, 1994.

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870-X-2-.04 Disposition Of Applications For Licensure.

(1) Board Action.

(a) Applications, which are deemed to be in order, will be reviewed by the Board. If approved, the applicant will be notified and will be licensed upon receipt of the \$200.00 application fee and appropriate license fee. Failure of the applicant to respond to the Board's notification (within 30 days) will necessitate investigation by the chair of the Board's Committee on Credentials Review and Enforcement.

(b) A majority vote by a quorum (four members) or more shall be required to determine disposition of an application for licensure. The applicant will be notified by letter of the Board's decision.

(2) Restrictions on Member Voting. Board members must abstain from voting in the licensing process if there is a conflict of interest.

(3) Issuance of License Certificate.

(a) Each person approved for licensure by the Board shall be issued a license. Licenses will be issued at least quarterly. Applications should be received five (5) days prior to the meeting for review.

(b) A license certificate will identify the licensee as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

(c) License certificates shall bear the full name of the licensee, the date of Board approval, and a serial number. They shall be signed by the chair and executive secretary under the seal of the Board.

Authors: David Savage, Denise P. Gibbs, Kay Wilson, Ken Earley, Robert L. Rane and Richard Talbott

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