



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
PLEASE SHARE THIS NOTICE WITH COLLEAGUES, EMPLOYERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

***** New CE requirements- LGBTQ and Public Health CEs are now mandatory. *****

Read below for:

COVID-19 Update

Licensing and Renewal Information

CE Changes

Invitation for DC residents to join the board and help make a difference!

Licensees should monitor the Board's webpage for the most up to date information: [Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology](#). Those with additional questions should contact the Board, at dcboaud@dc.gov

COVID-19

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, DC Health remains operational. We continue to provide essential services; however, there are changes to how some services are provided. For the latest information, please continue to review and monitor coronavirus.dc.gov/ or the Board's webpage: [Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology](#).

The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) Processing Center will be open to the public by appointment only on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The online appointment scheduler is appts.dcvsim.com.

DC COVID Alert Notice (DC CAN) is an alert notification system that allows iPhone and Android mobile device users to receive an alert when they may have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. For more information about DC CAN, visit coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan.

For questions related to the District of Columbia's vaccination plan, please send all inquiries to covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov

LICENSURE/REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Licenses expired on December 31, 2020. Renewals are occurring online, and the portal is still live.
- Licensees that didn't renew by December 31, 2020 will have a sixty (60) day grace period to do so with an additional late fee of \$85. The grace period ends on February 28, 2021.
- The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology regulates the following five (5) professional groups:
 - Audiologists (AUD)
 - Audiology Assistants (AUDA)
 - Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP)
 - Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPA)
 - Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellows (CF)
- As they enter the workforce, remember a license **is required prior to providing services**.
- **How to obtain Supervised Practice Approval:** A request for Supervised Practice Form must be submitted to the Board and approved before any provision of physical therapy services can begin. Supervised practice is a Board approved status which allows an individual with a complete* licensure application and negative criminal background check (CBC) results the opportunity to work, while the application is in the processing phase.

***A complete application means, all required forms and documents have been received, meet the requirements, and there is no positive criminal background result.**

- Licensed Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists supervising these persons may be subject to disciplinary action if supervisees are not properly licensed.
- **A filed application is not a license and does not authorize the provision of services.**
- Verify a license by visiting doh.force.com/ver/s.
- Licensure Waiver Information for those in good standing in another jurisdiction: dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/Order%20-%20Licensure%20Waivers.20.03.13.pdf
- **Updating Your Contact Information:** If your information (name, mailing address, email address, phone number, etc.) has changed since your last renewal, please send your new contact information to dcboaud@dc.gov. For **name changes**, please include copy of a govt. issued ID and one of the following name change documents (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.).

UPDATED CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION:

- An audiology or speech-language pathology application for renewal of a license expiring on December 31, 2020, **for this licensure term only shall** complete, ten (10) continuing education units (CEUs).
- One (1) CEU must be in ethics.
- Two (2) hours of CEUs of the ten (10) CEUs are required in cultural competence and appropriate clinical treatment specifically for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.
- All licensed health care providers in the District of Columbia are now required to complete 10% or two (2) or one (1) CEUs of the required total of continuing education in the Public Health Priorities of the District as determined by the Director and published every five (5) years or less frequently as deemed appropriate. Please follow the link and refer to the identified subjects areas for the public health considerations: dchealth.dc.gov/page/policy-statement-identifying-public-health-issues-continuing-education
- The current period in which licensees are mandated to obtain the CEUs is January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

- Proof of successful completion shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after it is requested by the Board.
- The LGBTQ and the public health priorities CEUs are also required for a reactivation and reinstatement application.
- Audiology Assistants and Speech-Language Pathology Assistants are exempted from the CE requirements for this renewal period as this is their first renewal.

BOARD INFORMATION:

- **Formation of Voluntary Subcommittee:** The Board is forming a voluntary subcommittee, who will review the current laws and regulations and make recommendations to the Board as it updates its laws and regulations for audiologists and speech-language pathologists. The Board welcomes the participation from practitioners working in various settings as well as other stakeholders.
 - **TIME COMMITMENT:**
 - The subcommittee work will begin in April 2021 and is expected to conclude in a year or less.
 - The subcommittee will meet at least monthly for 2-4 hours.
 - If selected to serve you will be notified by the Board and informed of meeting times and dates.
 - If you are interested in being considered to serve on the voluntary subcommittee, please submit a resume along with a short statement indicating the current client population you work with and why you want to participate on the committee to dcboaud@dc.gov by **March 1, 2021**.
- If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact the Mayor's office of Talent and Appointments: motaboards.theresumator.com/apply. The Board has **five(5) vacancies** for a **District of Columbia resident** to serve as a board member.
- The following seats are vacant on the Board, two (2) consumer member, speech-language pathologist, and two (2) audiologists.
- The public is invited to attend the Open Session portion of Board meetings, view the Board's webpage at for [Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology](#) meeting dates and times.

SPECIAL THANKS to the following Board Members who are outgoing and/or no longer on the Board for their years of dedication to the Board and the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia:

- Stephanie Marshall
- Robert Traina

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