

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
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333.17609 License; issuance requirements; eligibility of certified teacher endorsed in speech and language impairment or individual credentialed by American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; temporary license.

Sec. 17609. (1) The department shall, upon submission of a completed application and payment of the appropriate application processing and license fee, issue a license under this part to the following:

(a) An individual who meets the requirements of subsection (2) or (3).

(b) An individual who possesses a master's or doctor of science or doctor of philosophy degree in speech-language pathology acceptable to the board, who has successfully completed an accredited speech-language pathology training program approved by the department and the board that has at least 9 months, or the equivalent, of full-time supervised postgraduate clinical experience in speech-language pathology, and who passes an examination acceptable to the board.

(2) A certified teacher who, on January 12, 2009, was endorsed in the area of speech and language impairment for the sole purpose of providing services as a part of employment or contract with a school district, intermediate school district, nonpublic school, or state department that provides educational services is eligible for a license under this part. An individual who meets the requirements of this subsection shall first apply for a license on or before the expiration of 2 years after the effective date of the rules promulgated under this part. An individual who obtains a license under this subsection is eligible for renewal of that license under this part if he or she continues to meet the requirements of this subsection.

(3) An individual who, on January 12, 2009, has the credential conferred by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association as a certified speech-language pathologist is eligible for a license under this part. An individual who meets the requirements of this subsection and who maintains the credential conferred by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or a successor credential conferred by its successor organization shall first apply for a license on or before the expiration of 2 years after the effective date of the rules promulgated under this part. An individual who obtains a license under this subsection is eligible for renewal of that license under this part if he or she continues to meet the requirements of this subsection.

(4) An individual may apply for a temporary license under this subsection for the purpose of completing a supervised postgraduate clinical experience. The department shall issue a temporary license under this subsection for a period not to exceed 24 months. A temporary license issued under this subsection may be renewed for 1 additional 12-month term if the applicant continues to meet the requirements of this subsection. An individual seeking a temporary license under this subsection shall obtain a temporary license before beginning the supervised postgraduate clinical experience. At the conclusion of the postgraduate clinical experience, the individual's supervisor shall sign and submit to the department a report that documents the individual's satisfactory completion of the supervised postgraduate clinical experience. To be eligible for a temporary license under this subsection, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Possess a master's or doctor of science or doctor of philosophy degree in speech-language pathology acceptable to the board. An applicant shall have his or her academic transcripts provided directly to the department by the academic institution.

(b) Submit a plan for supervised postgraduate clinical experience on a form approved by the board and signed by a licensed professional who will provide supervision.

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