

STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY

201 KAR 17:030E

Pursuant to KRS 13A.190(1)(a)2., KRS 334A.055, and KRS 334A.188 SECTION 3.B.1, this emergency amendment to the administrative regulation is being promulgated to comply with the adoption of 2026 HB 657 which requires the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (the “Board”) to require a national and state criminal background investigation for every applicant seeking an initial license issued by the Board to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology, and applicants seeking to reinstate a license. The criminal background investigation shall be by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The effective date of KRS 334A.055 requires that this emergency amendment be promulgated to ensure there is no delay in processing applications upon the effective date of the Act.

As a result, this emergency amendment to the administrative regulation—and the identical amendment to the ordinary regulation being concomitantly filed—have been amended to align with this statutory change to offset the potential delay in processing licensure applications—whereby the Board would be unable to process applications and collect fees in accordance with the terms of the statute—and therefore “[p]revent an imminent loss of federal or state funds” pursuant to KRS 13A.190(1)(a)2. This emergency amended administrative regulation is temporary and will be replaced by an ordinary amended administrative regulation as provided by KRS 13A.190. The ordinary amendment will be filed with this emergency amendment and will be identical.

Margaret Adkins, Au.D., CCC-A, Board Chair
Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Dated: July 15, 2026

Andy Beshear, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Dated: July 15, 2026

1 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2 KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

3 (Emergency Amendment)

4 201 KAR 17:030E. License fees, ~~and~~ renewal, reinstatement, and inactive license requirements.

5 RELATES TO: KRS 334A.130, 334A.160, 334A.170, 334A.189

6 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 334A.055, 334A.080(3), (6)

7 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 334A.080(3) requires the Board of
8 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to promulgate responsible administrative regula-
9 tions, including administrative regulations which delineate qualifications for licensure and re-
10 newal of licensure. KRS 334A.080(6) requires the board to establish fees for licensure as a
11 speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathology assistant, or audiologist, in accordance
12 with the maximum limits established in KRS 334A.160 and 334A.170. KRS 334A.170 authoriz-
13 es the renewal and reinstatement of a license. KRS 334A.189 establishes an inactive licensure
14 status. KRS 334A.188. Section 3.J. authorizes Member states to charge a fee for granting a com-
15 pact privilege to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Kentucky. KRS
16 334A.055 requires applicants seeking license reinstatement to engage in a profession authorized
17 by the board to obtain a national and state criminal background investigation by the Kentucky
18 State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This administrative regulation establishes
19 the required fees and the requirements for renewal, reinstatement, and inactive status.

20 Section 1. Fee Schedule.

21 (1) Application Fee. The application fee is a one-time fee paid in addition to the initial licensure

fee in subsection (2) of this section, as follows:

(a) Fifty (50) dollars for an SLP, Interim SLP, SLP-A, Interim SLP-A, AUD, and Interim AUD;

(b) \$100 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD, or Interim SLP and Interim AUD; and

(c) The fifty (50) dollar application fee for an SLP, SLP-A, or AUD license shall be waived for a person holding an interim license.

(2) Initial Licensure Fee. The initial licensure fee shall be as follows:

(a) \$100 for an SLP and AUD;

(b) Seventy-five (75) dollars for an SLP-A; and

(c) \$200 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD

(3) Biennial Renewal Fee. The biennial renewal fee shall be:

(a) \$100 for an SLP, SLP-A, and AUD;

(b) \$200 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD;

(c) Twenty (20) dollars for an inactive license as an SLP, SLP-A, AUD, and dual licensure as a SLP and AUD; and

(d) There is no renewal for interim licenses.

(4) Grace Period Fee. If the license is renewed after January 31 but before the thirty (30) day grace period expires, the following grace period fee shall be paid in addition to the biennial renewal fee:

(a) Fifty (50) dollars for an SLP, SLP-A and AUD; and

(b) \$100 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD.

(5) Delinquency Fee for Renewal by Reinstatement. Upon expiration of a license for failure to timely renew, the following delinquency fee shall be paid in addition to the biennial renewal fee:

1 (a) \$150 for an SLP, SLP-A, and AUD; and

2 (b) \$300 for dual licensure as an SLP and AUD.

3 (6) Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Biennial Fee. The state fee
4 for the initial privilege to practice audiology and speech-language pathology in Kentucky shall
5 be \$170. The state fee for any renewal shall be \$120 biennially.

6 Section 2. Renewal Requirements.

7 (1) A license shall be renewed biennially on or before the due date of January 31 and no later
8 than the grace period ending on March 2 of that year. Any license not timely renewed will expire
9 on March 3;

10 (2) To apply for renewal, a licensee shall submit a completed "Renewal Application", DPL-
11 SLPA-07; and

12 (3) The licensee shall pay the appropriate renewal fee as established in Section 1 of this adminis-
13 trative regulation.

14 (4)

15 (a) After the thirty (30) day grace period, to apply for renewal by reinstatement, an individual
16 whose license has expired shall:

17 1. Submit a completed "Application for Renewal by Reinstatement", DPL-SLPA-08;

18 2. Submit proof of completion of thirty (30) hours of board-approved continuing education
19 in accordance with the requirements of 201 KAR 17:090;

20 3. Complete a criminal background investigation performed within the last ninety (90)
21 days by the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
22 tion (FBI) which shall be sent directly to the Board. The applicant is responsible for the pay-
23 ment of any fee to the KSP and FBI;

1 4. Pay the renewal fee as established in Section 1(3) of this administrative regulation; and

2 5. Pay the delinquency fee as established in Section 1(5) of this administrative regulation.

3 (b) A person who fails to apply for renewal by reinstatement within five (5) years of expira-
4 tion or revocation of the license shall meet current licensure standards for the application of a
5 new license.

6 Section 3. Inactive Licenses.

7 (1) To apply for inactive license status, a licensee shall submit a completed "Renewal Applica-
8 tion", DPL-SLPA-07, prior to the expiration of the grace period for the current biennial renewal
9 cycle.

10 (2) To remain on inactive status, an inactive licensee shall apply to renew the inactive status bi-
11 ennially, and in accordance with 201 KAR 17:090. Failure to annually renew before expiration
12 of the grace period shall result in the expiration of the inactive license.

13 (3) To reactivate an inactive license as an SLP, SLP-A, AUD, or a dual license as an SLP and
14 AUD, an applicant shall:

15 (a) File a completed "Renewal Application", DPL-SLPA-07;

16 (b) Payment of the current renewal fee as set forth in Section 1 of this administrative regula-
17 tion; and

18 (c) Provide proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements established in
19 201 KAR 17:090, Sections 10 and 11.

20 Section 4. Incorporation by Reference.

21 (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

22 (a) "Renewal Application", DPL-SLPA-08, July 2026; and

23 (b) "Application for Renewal by Reinstatement", DPL-SLPA-09, July 2026.

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~~[(1) The following fees shall be paid in connection with speech language pathologist or audiologist applications, renewals, or penalties:~~

~~(a) Application fee for a speech language pathologist license: fifty (50) dollars;~~

~~(b) Application for an audiologist license: fifty (50) dollars;~~

~~(c) Combined application fee for a speech language pathologist and audiologist license: \$100;~~

~~(d) Application fee for a speech language pathology assistant license: fifty (50) dollars;~~

~~(e) Application fee for interim licensure for a speech language pathologist: fifty (50) dollars;~~

~~(f) Application fee for interim licensure for an audiologist: fifty (50) dollars;~~

~~(g) Combined fee for speech language pathologist and audiologist interim licensure: \$100;~~

~~(h) Application fee for interim licensure for a speech language pathology assistant: fifty (50) dollars;~~

~~(i) Initial speech language pathologist license fee:~~

~~1. \$100 if issued for one (1) year; or~~

~~2. \$150 if issued for the biennium;~~

~~(j) Initial audiologist license fee:~~

~~1. \$100 if issued for one (1) year; or~~

~~2. \$150 if issued for the biennium;~~

~~(k) Combined speech language pathologist and audiologist license fee: \$200 if issued for the biennium;~~

~~(l) Initial speech language pathology assistant license fee:~~

~~1. Seventy-five (75) dollars if issued for one (1) year; or~~

~~2. \$125 if issued for the biennium;~~

~~(m) Biennial renewal fee for speech language pathologist license: \$100;~~

~~(n) Biennial renewal fee for audiologist license: \$100;~~

~~(o) Biennial combined renewal fee for speech language pathologist and audiologist license:~~

~~\$200;~~

~~(p) Biennial renewal fee for speech language pathology assistant: \$100; or~~

~~(q) Biennial renewal fee for grace period extending from January 31 to March 2:~~

~~1. For speech language pathologist license: \$150;~~

~~2. For audiologist license: \$150;~~

~~3. For a combined speech language pathologist and audiologist license: \$300; or~~

~~4. For speech language pathology assistant: \$150.~~

~~(2) In addition to the biennial renewal fees provided for in subsection (1)(m) through (p) of this section, delinquency fees after March 2 shall be:~~

~~(a) For a speech language pathologist license: \$150;~~

~~(b) For an audiologist license: \$150;~~

~~(c) For a biennial combined speech pathologist and audiologist license: \$300;~~

~~(d) For a speech language pathology assistant: \$150; or~~

~~(e) For an initial speech language pathologist license: \$100.~~

~~(3) There shall not be a renewal fee for interim licensure. The application fee of fifty (50) dollars for full licensure shall be waived for a person who has been duly licensed as an interim licensee.~~

~~Section 2.~~

~~(1) A completed Renewal Application or Renewal Application for Speech Language Pathology Assistants, whichever is appropriate, shall be submitted if the licensee wants to:~~

~~(a) Renew his license;~~

~~(b) Request to return to an active status from an inactive status;~~

~~(c) Request, or remain on, an inactive status; or~~

~~(d) Terminate licensure.~~

~~(2) Schedule of Licensure Renewals.~~

~~(a) A licensee shall renew his or her license biennially.~~

~~(b) The licensee shall pay the appropriate renewal fee as established in Section 1(1)(m) (p) of this administrative regulation.~~

~~Section 3. If an application is filed during the period of December 1 to January 30 and a license is issued, the board shall waive the renewal of the license for the ensuing licensing year.~~

~~Section 4. Inactive Licenses.~~

~~(1) Fees.~~

~~(a) The inactive license fee for a speech language pathologist for a biennial licensing period shall be twenty (20) dollars.~~

~~(b) The inactive license fee for an audiologist for a biennial licensing period shall be twenty (20) dollars.~~

~~(c) The combined inactive license fee for a speech language pathologist and audiologist for a biennial licensing period shall be twenty (20) dollars.~~

~~(d) The inactive license fee for a speech language pathology assistant for a biennial licensing period shall be twenty (20) dollars.~~

~~(2) Reactivation of an inactive license to practice speech language pathology or audiology shall~~

1 ~~be obtained by:~~

2 ~~(a) Filing a completed Renewal Application or Renewal Application for Speech Language Pa-~~
3 ~~thology Assistants, whichever is appropriate;~~

4 ~~(b) Payment of the current renewal fee as set forth in Section 1 of this administrative regulation;~~
5 ~~and~~

6 ~~(c) Compliance with the continuing education requirements established in 201 KAR 17:090, Sec-~~
7 ~~tions 10 and 11.~~

8 ~~(3) Application for an inactive license shall be made to the board prior to March 2 and shall be~~
9 ~~accompanied by the appropriate fee for the licensing year.~~

10 ~~Section 5. Incorporation by Reference.~~

11 ~~(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:~~

12 ~~(a) "Renewal Application", July 2013; and~~

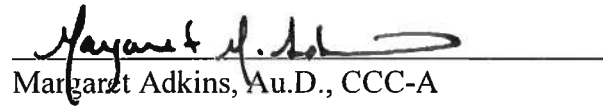
13 ~~(b) "Renewal Application for Speech Language Pathology Assistants", July 2013.~~

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17 ~~4:30 p.m.]~~

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APPROVED:

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Margaret Adkins, Au.D., CCC-A

Board Chair

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

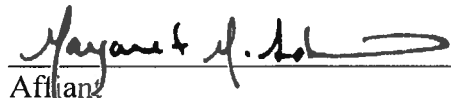
Date: July 15, 2026

AFFIDAVIT OF EMERGENCY STATEMENT BY BOARD CHAIR

Comes the Affiant, Margaret Adkins, Au.D., CCC-A, and after first being duly sworn, states the following:

1. I am Chair of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
2. The 2026 General Assembly enacted HB 657 requiring a criminal background investigation by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation for all initial applicants for licensure, and applicants for reinstatement, who apply for authorization to engage in the practice of professional counseling, effective on July 15, 2026.
3. The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology considered these amendments at its May 12, 2026, special meeting and authorized the filing of the accompanying emergency amendment to the administrative regulation prior to the effective date of HB 657 to ensure there is no undue delay in processing applications for initial licensure and reinstatement.
4. Based on a finding that an emergency exists in accordance with KRS 13A.190(1)(a)2., and an imminent deadline for the promulgation of amendments to the administrative regulation required by the passage of HB 657, the attached emergency amendment is being filed to ensure there is no undue delay in processing applications for initial licensure and reinstatement.

Further the Affiant saith naught.



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