

CHAPTER 44C

AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Chapter 44C, Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, was readopted as R.2004 d.23, effective December 15, 2003. See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

13:44C-1.1 Change of address or telephone; service of process

(a) Every licensed audiologist and speech-language pathologist shall notify the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee (Committee) in writing within 60 days of any change in address of record or telephone number.

(b) Service of an administrative complaint or other Committee-initiated action at a licensee’s address which is currently on file with the Committee shall be deemed adequate notice for the purposes of N.J.A.C. 1:1-7.1 and the commencement of any disciplinary proceedings.

Amended by R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).
Rewrote the section.

SUBCHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION; FEES

13:44C-2.1 Election of officers

The membership of the New Jersey Audiology and Speech–Language–Pathology Advisory Committee shall once each year elect a chairman, and a secretary-treasurer. The chairman shall have the responsibility to conduct all meetings unless, in his or her discretion, a delegation of that responsibility is made. In the absence of the chairman or an express delegation of responsibility, the secretary-treasurer shall assume all duties of the chairman.

13:44C-2.2 Fees and charges

(a) The following fees shall be charged by the Advisory Committee:

- 1. Application fee..... \$75.00
- 2. Initial license fee
 - i. If paid during the first year of a biennial license renewal period..... \$170.00
 - ii. If paid during the second year of a biennial license renewal period..... \$85.00
- 3. License renewal fee, biennial..... \$170.00
- 4. Temporary license (one year)..... \$50.00
- 5. Late renewal fee (up to 30 days)..... \$50.00
- 6. Reinstatement fee (after 30 days)..... \$50.00
- 7. Certification of licensure to other states..... \$50.00
- 8. Duplicate license fee..... \$10.00
- 9. Duplicate wall certificate \$25.00
- 10. Inactive license fee..... (to be established by the Director by rule).

Amended by R.1994 d.89, effective February 22, 1994.
See: 25 N.J.R. 5448(a), 26 N.J.R. 1106(a).
Amended by R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).
Added (a)10.
Amended by R.2006 d.68, effective February 21, 2006.
See: 37 N.J.R. 3910(a), 38 N.J.R. 1215(a).
In (a)2, raised initial license fee from \$100.00 to \$170.00 if paid during the first year and raised initial license fee from \$50.00 to \$85.00 if paid during the second year; in (a)3, raised license renewal fee from \$100.00 to \$170.00.

SUBCHAPTER 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

13:44C-3.1 Application forms

(a) Applications for licensure may be obtained at the office of the Advisory Committee, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The Committee’s mailing address is Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, Post Office Box 45002, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The Committee’s website is <http://www.nj.gov/oag/ca/medical/audiology.htm>.

(b) All applications for licensure shall be accompanied by the fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-2.2.

Administrative change to (a).
See: 25 N.J.R. 1516(b).
Amended by R.2009 d.87, effective March 16, 2009.
See: 40 N.J.R. 5175(a), 41 N.J.R. 1259(a).
In (a), inserted the last sentence.

13:44C-3.2 Requirements for licensure

(a) An applicant for licensure shall submit to the Committee proof that the applicant has:

- 1. Graduated from:
 - i. A doctoral degree program in the area of audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, accredited by either the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the Accreditation Council for Audiology Education of the American Academy of Audiology. The college or university awarding the degree shall be recognized by either the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education or another state’s department of education;
 - ii. A master’s degree program in the area of audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, at an accredited college or university recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or another state’s department of education, which meets the educational requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3; or
 - iii. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or another state’s department of education, and 42 post-baccalaureate semester hours acceptable toward a master’s degree at a college or university recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or another state’s department of education. Of these 42 hours, at least 30 shall be in the area of speech-language pathology or audiology and at least 21 shall be obtained from a single college or university. No more than six hours may be in courses that provide credit for clinical practice. The bachelor’s degree and post-baccalaureate hours shall meet the educational requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3; and

In (b)4, substituted “, lectures or in-service workshops” for “and conferences”; in (b)6, substituted “15 hours per course credit, up to a maximum of 15 hours” for “one hour per contact hour”; and added (b)7 and (b)8.

13:44C-6.3 Documentation of continuing education credits

(a) A licensee shall keep comprehensive records of the continuing education hours which the licensee completes in order to verify program attendance or activity completion. Each licensee shall submit such documentation to the Advisory Committee upon its request.

(b) The licensee shall verify attendance at approved continuing education programs by a certificate of attendance or by a statement from the instructor of the offering. The verification shall include the name of the licensee, the name of the sponsor, the title, location and date of the offering, the signature of a program official and the number of continuing education hours.

(c) The licensee shall verify individual activities by retaining the following:

1. For publications, a copy of the published article;
2. For presentations, copies of the program, syllabus, course outlines, course objectives and bibliographies;
3. For teaching appointments, copies of the syllabus, bibliography, course outline and verification from the academic institution that the course was not previously taught by the licensee; and
4. For reading articles and completing on-line seminars, certificates of completion from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Academy of Audiology.

(d) A licensee may document completion of continuing education programs, self-assessment home study courses, reading journal articles or on-line seminars through a transcript from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Academy of Audiology continuing education registry.

(e) A licensee shall verify completion of academic coursework by an official transcript.

(f) A licensee shall maintain verification records for five years following the renewal period for which the Advisory Committee has granted the licensee or certificate holder continuing education credit.

New Rule, R.1998 d.374, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1195(a), 30 N.J.R. 2634(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.3, Excess hours credited to subsequent renewal period, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.4.

Amended by R.2009 d.87, effective March 16, 2009.

See: 40 N.J.R. 5175(a), 41 N.J.R. 1259(a).

In (c)2, inserted the first occurrence of “course” and “, course objectives” and deleted “and” from the end; in (c)3, substituted “; and”

for a period at the end; added (c)4; added new (d); and recodified former (d) and (e) as (e) and (f).

13:44C-6.4 Excess hours credited to subsequent renewal period

In the event that a candidate for license renewal shall complete in two years a number of hours in excess of the number required in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.1, a maximum of five hours in excess of those required shall be credited toward license renewal requirements for subsequent years; provided, however, that the five hours were earned within the six months immediately prior to license renewal.

Amended by R.1993 d.383, effective August 2, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1668(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(b).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.3 by R.1998 d.374, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1195(a), 30 N.J.R. 2634(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.4, Waiver of requirements; appearance, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.5.

13:44C-6.5 Waiver of requirements; appearance

The director may, at his or her discretion, or upon the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, waive any of the requirements of this subchapter for due cause. An appearance before the Advisory Committee may be required.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.4 by R.1998 d.374, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1195(a), 30 N.J.R. 2634(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.5, Subjects; sponsors, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.6.

13:44C-6.6 Subjects; sponsors

(a) Acceptable Continuing Professional Education shall be related to the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology.

(b) The Continuing Professional Education hours must be accredited by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or accredited or sponsored by a local, state or national audiology and speech-language pathology professional organization, local, state, or Federal education or health agency, or a local, state or national medical, psychological, dental or similar professional organization. Courses accepted for credit by the National Registry on Continuing Education or by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association will be given credit by the Committee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.2.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.5 and amended by R.1998 d.374, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1195(a), 30 N.J.R. 2634(a).

In (a), substituted “anatomy and physiology relative to communication” for “human physiology; human anatomy”; and in (b), substituted “Commission on” for “Department of” preceding “Higher Education”.

Amended by R.2009 d.87, effective March 16, 2009.

See: 40 N.J.R. 5175(a), 41 N.J.R. 1259(a).

Rewrote (a).

SUBCHAPTER 7. AUTHORIZED PRACTICE

Petition for Rulemaking.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1287(b).

13:44C-7.1 Scope of practice—audiology

(a) The practice of audiology includes, but is not restricted to, the following functions:

1. Providing screening, identification, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, intervention (that is, prevention, restoration, amelioration, compensation), consultation, counseling, and follow-up services for disorders of the peripheral, vestibular and central auditory systems, and other neural systems;
2. Supervision and conduct of newborn hearing screening programs;
3. Measurement and interpretation of sensory and motor evoked potentials, electronystagmography, and other electrodiagnostic tests for purposes of neurophysiologic intraoperative monitoring and cranial nerve assessment;
4. Provision of hearing care by selecting, evaluating, fitting, facilitating, dispensing and adjusting prosthetic devices for hearing loss (that is, FM assistive listening devices), except for the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids unless licensed by the Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee;
5. Assessment of candidacy of persons with hearing loss for cochlear implants and provision of fitting, programming, and audiological rehabilitation to optimize device use;
6. Provision of audiological rehabilitation including speech-reading, communication management, language development, auditory skill development, and counseling for psychosocial adjustment to hearing loss for persons with hearing loss and their families and caregivers; case management and service as a liaison between the consumer, family, and agencies in order to monitor audiologic status and management and to make recommendations about educational and vocational programming;
7. Consultation with educators as members of interdisciplinary teams about communication management, educational implications of communication disorders, educational programming, classroom acoustics, and large-area amplification systems for children with hearing loss; consultation about accessibility for persons with hearing loss in public and private buildings, programs, and services;
8. Prevention of hearing loss and conservation of hearing function by designing, implementing and coordinating occupational, school, and community hearing conservation and identification programs;
9. Screening of speech-language, use of sign language, and other factors affecting communication function for the purposes of an audiological evaluation and/or initial identification of individuals with other communication disorders; and

10. Assessment and nonmedical management of tinnitus using biofeedback, masking, education, and counseling.

New Rule, R.1998 d.374, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1195(a), 30 N.J.R. 2634(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:44C-7.1, Business interest of unlicensed persons, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-7.3.

13:44C-7.2 Scope of practice—speech-language pathology

(a) The practice of speech-language pathology includes, but is not restricted to, the following functions:

1. Providing screening, identification, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, intervention (that is, prevention, restoration, amelioration, compensation), consultation, counseling, and follow-up services for disorders of:
 - i. Speech which includes articulation, fluency, and voice (including respiration, phonation, and resonance);
 - ii. Language which includes disorders of receptive and expressive communication in oral, written, graphic, and manual modalities;
 - iii. Oropharyngeal and related functions (that is, dysphagia, orofacial myofunctional disorders);
 - iv. Cognitive aspects of communication which includes communication disability and other functional disabilities associated with cognitive impairment; and
 - v. Pragmatic aspects of communication;
2. Training and supporting family members and other communication partners of individuals with speech, voice, language, other communication, and swallowing disabilities;
3. Developing and establishing effective augmentative and alternative communication techniques and strategies, including selecting, prescribing, and dispensing of aids and devices and training individuals, their families, and other communication partners in their use;
4. Selecting, fitting, and establishing effective use of appropriate prosthetic/adaptive devices for speaking and swallowing (that is, tracheoesophageal valves, electrolarynges, speaking valves);
5. Providing aural rehabilitation and related counseling services to individuals with hearing loss and central auditory processing dysfunction and to their families;
6. Conducting pure-tone air conduction hearing screening and noninvasive screening tympanometry for the purpose of initial identification and/or referral of individuals with other communication disorders or possible middle ear pathology;
7. Enhancing speech and language proficiency and communication effectiveness, including, but not limited to, accent reduction, collaboration with teachers of English as