

CHAPTER 44C

AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subchapter 4, Provisional Licensure as Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist, was repealed by R.1990 d.111, effective February 5, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3433(a), 22 N.J.R. 358(a).

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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).

Chapter 44C, Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, was readopted as R.2009 d.87, effective February 17, 2009. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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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; or
 - ii. A master's 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; and
- 2. Achieved a score of 600 on the National Teachers' Examinations in audiology or speech-language pathology, as appropriate, administered and set by the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey.

(b) An applicant shall also complete a clinical internship, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.5, in either audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, as appropriate.

Amended by R.1989 d.579, effective November 20, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 2702(a), 21 N.J.R. 3670(b).

In (a), deleted text on score levels related to percentiles.
Amended by R.1993 d.383, effective August 2, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1668(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(b).
Amended by R.1998 d.374, effective July 20, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 1195(a), 30 N.J.R. 2634(a).

Substituted "Commission on" for "Department of" preceding "Higher Education".

Repeal and New Rule, R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

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

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

Added new (a)1i; recodified former (a)1i and (a)1ii as (a)1ii and (a)1iii; in (a)1ii, inserted ", or another state's department of education," and deleted "or 3.4" following the N.J.A.C. reference; rewrote (a)1iii; deleted former (a)2; recodified (a)3 as (a)2; and added (b).

Amended by R.2013 d.106, effective September 3, 2013.

See: 44 N.J.R. 1962(a), 45 N.J.R. 626(c), 45 N.J.R. 2042(b).

In (a)1i, inserted "or" at the end; rewrote (a)1ii; deleted (a)1iii; and in (b), deleted "who completed a master's degree or bachelor's degree pursuant to (a)1ii or iii above" following "applicant".

13:44C-3.3 (Reserved)

The following annotations apply to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3 prior to its repeal by R.2009 d.87:

Recodification and New Rule, R.1993 d.383, effective August 2, 1993.

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

Prior text at section, "Waiver," recodified as 13:44C-3.4.

Recodified to N.J.A.C. by R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

New Rule, R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3, Requirements for clinical internships, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.6.

The following annotations apply to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3 subsequent to its recodification from N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.4 by R.2009 d.87:

Repeal and New Rule, R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

Section was "Waiver".

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.4 and amended by R.2009 d.87, effective March 16, 2009.

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

Section was "Additional education requirements: education obtained on or after January 1, 1993". In the introductory paragraph of (a), substituted "ii or iii" for "on or after January 1, 1993,"; and in (b) and (c), substituted "completed the educational requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2(a)1ii or iii" for "obtained their master's degree on or after January 1, 1993,". Former N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3, Additional education requirements: education obtained prior to January 1, 1993, repealed.

Repealed by R.2013 d.106, effective September 3, 2013.

See: 44 N.J.R. 1962(a), 45 N.J.R. 626(c), 45 N.J.R. 2042(b).

Section was "Additional education requirements".

13:44C-3.4 Licensure without examination due to licensure in another state

(a) An applicant who is licensed in another state as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist which has substantially equivalent requirements for licensure as those in New Jersey may obtain licensure without providing proof of achieving a passing score in the National Teachers' Examinations in audiology or speech-language pathology.

(b) An applicant for licensure qualified pursuant to (a) above 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; or

ii. A master's 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 the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education or another state's department of education; and

2. Holds a current license in a state, which has standards substantially equivalent to those of New Jersey.

(c) An applicant shall also complete a clinical internship, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.5, in either audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, as appropriate.

New Rule, R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.5 and amended by R.2009 d.87, effective March 16, 2009.

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

Added new (b)1i; recodified former (b)1i and (b)1ii as (b)1ii and (b)1iii; in (b)1ii and (b)1iii, substituted "a" for "an accredited" preceding "college"; in (a)1iii, inserted ", or another state's department of education," and inserted "and" at the end; deleted former (b)2 and (b)3; recodified former (b)4 as (b)2; in (b)2, inserted a comma following "state"; and added (c). Former N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.4, Additional education requirements: education obtained on or after January 1, 1993, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3.

Amended by R.2013 d.106, effective September 3, 2013.

See: 44 N.J.R. 1962(a), 45 N.J.R. 626(c), 45 N.J.R. 2042(b).

In (b)1i, inserted "or" at the end; rewrote (b)1ii; deleted (b)1iii; and rewrote (c).

13:44C-3.5 Requirements for clinical internship

(a) An applicant who completed a doctoral degree shall have completed a clinical internship that met the requirements of (b) through (h) below during or after the doctoral degree program. An applicant who completed a master's degree shall have completed a clinical internship that met the requirements of (b) through (h) below after he or she completed the master's degree program.

(b) For purposes of this section, “professional employment” means direct clinical work with patients, consultations, recordkeeping, and any other duties relevant to a bona fide program of clinical work.

(c) For purposes of this section, “full-time employment” means a minimum of 30 clock hours of work per week or part time equivalent employment as follows:

1. Work of 15 to 19 hours per week over 18 months;
2. Work of 20 to 24 hours per week over 15 months;
3. Work of 25 to 29 hours per week over 12 months.

(d) The clinical internship shall comprise no less than nine months of full-time professional employment.

(e) In the event that part-time employment is used to fulfill a part of the clinical internship, 100 percent of the minimum hours of the weekly part-time work must be spent in direct professional employment, and the internship must be completed within a maximum period of 18 consecutive months.

(f) Clinical internship shall be under the direct supervision of a person licensed to practice audiology or speech-language pathology, as appropriate, by this State or another state which has standards substantially equivalent to those of this State. If

the clinical internship takes place in an exempt setting or in a state without licensure or comparable requirements, the supervisor shall be a person who holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence (C.C.C.) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), or its equivalent.

(g) The supervisor shall be responsible for the professional practices of the temporary licensee.

(h) The supervisor shall provide a minimum of one hour of on-site direct supervision for each 20 hours of direct, face-to-face evaluation or therapeutic services rendered by the supervisee. Supervision shall take place not less than once a month.

Recodification and New Rule, R.1993 d.383, effective August 2, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1668(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(b).

Prior text at section, “Waiver,” recodified as 13:44C-3.4.
Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3 by R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.6 by R.2009 d.87, effective March 16, 2009.

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

Former N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.5, Licensure without examination due to licensure in another state, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.4.

Amended by R.2013 d.106, effective September 3, 2013.

See: 44 N.J.R. 1962(a), 45 N.J.R. 626(c), 45 N.J.R. 2042(b).

Added new (a); and recodified former (a) through (g) as (b) through (h).

13:44C-3.6 (Reserved)

Recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.5 by R.2009 d.87, effective March 16, 2009.

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

Section was "Requirements for clinical internship".

**SUBCHAPTER 4. RENEWAL OF LICENSURE;
REINSTATEMENT; INACTIVE LICENSURE**

13:44C-4.1 Renewal of license

(a) Licenses shall be renewed biennially on a form provided by the Committee. Each applicant for renewal shall attest that the continuing education requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.1 have been completed during the prior biennial period.

(b) The Committee shall send a notice of renewal to each licensee, at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. If the notice to renew is not sent at least 60 days prior to the expiration date, no monetary penalties or fines shall apply to the holder for failure to renew.

(c) The licensee shall submit the renewal application and pay the renewal fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-2.2 prior to the date of expiration of the license. If the licensee does not renew the license prior to its expiration date, the licensee may renew the license no later than 30 days after its expiration date by submitting a renewal application and paying a renewal fee and a late fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-2.2. A licensee who fails to renew the license within 30 days after the expiration date of the license shall be suspended without a hearing.

(d) A person who continues to practice or hold himself or herself out as a licensee of this State after the license has been suspended shall be deemed to have committed unlicensed practice, even if no notice of suspension has been provided to the person.

(e) A person seeking reinstatement within five years following the suspension of a license shall submit the following to the Committee:

1. A completed reinstatement application;
2. Payment of all past delinquent renewal fees as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-2.2;
3. Payment of a reinstatement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-2.2;
4. Proof that he or she has completed the continuing education credits required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.1 for each biennial period the license is suspended; and
5. An affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period of suspension which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each employer.

(f) A person seeking reinstatement after more than five years following the suspension of a license shall successfully complete the examination required for initial licensure as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2(a)2 and shall submit:

1. A completed reinstatement application;
2. Payment of all past delinquent renewal fees as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-2.2;
3. Payment of a reinstatement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-2.2; and
4. An affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period of suspension which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each employer.

(g) Renewal applications for all licensees shall provide the applicant with the option of either active or inactive renewal. Applicants electing to renew as inactive shall not practice or hold themselves out to the public as licensees of this State.

(h) Upon application to the Committee, the Committee may permit an applicant who has been on inactive status to return to active status provided such applicant completes the continuing education credits that are required for each biennial period that the applicant is on inactive status and the applicant pays the renewal fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44C-2.2.

Repeal and New Rule, R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

Section was "Requirements for reinstatement of lapsed license." Administrative correction.

See: 45 N.J.R. 2358(a).

**SUBCHAPTER 5. APPLICANTS FOR TEMPORARY
LICENSURE AS AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH-
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST**

13:44C-5.1 Applications

(a) Applications for temporary licensure may be obtained at the Office of the Advisory Committee, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The mailing address is Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology 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 temporary licensure shall be accompanied by the fee 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-5.2 Requirements for temporary licensure

(a) An applicant for temporary licensure as a recent resident shall submit the following to the Advisory Committee:

1. A notarized statement by the applicant that the applicant has become a resident of New Jersey within the preceding six months; and

2. Proof that the applicant holds a current and valid license to practice audiology and/or speech-language pathology in another state.

(b) An individual who requires a temporary license in order to commence a clinical internship shall submit to the Committee:

1. An application for temporary licensure;
2. A supervision plan signed by the applicant and supervisor licensed in New Jersey;
3. Proof that the applicant has met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2(a)1; and
4. Proof that the applicant has met the educational requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3.

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

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

Amended by R.1998 d.374, effective July 20, 1998.

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

In (b), rewrote the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2004 d.23, effective January 20, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3273(a), 36 N.J.R. 527(a).

Rewrote (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 (b)2, inserted "licensed in New Jersey"; and in (b)4, deleted "or 3.4" from the end.

13:44C-5.3 Limits on temporary licensure

(a) A temporary license for a recent resident is valid for one year and cannot be renewed.

(b) A temporary license for individuals participating in a clinical internship is valid for 18 months or until such time as the holder completes his or her clinical internship, whichever comes first. The temporary license cannot be renewed.

Amended by R.1991 d.227, effective May 6, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 167(a), 23 N.J.R. 1419(a).

Added "or until such time as the holder completes his or her clinical internship, whichever comes first. The temporary license . . ." in (b).

SUBCHAPTER 6. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

13:44C-6.1 License renewal

No license renewal shall be issued by the Director until the applicant confirms on the renewal application that the applicant has completed Committee-approved continuing education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.2 during the two calendar years preceding application for renewal. Such continuing education is a mandatory requirement for license renewal.

Amended by R.1998 d.374, effective July 20, 1998.

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

Rewrote the section.

13:44C-6.2 Allocation of credit

(a) Evidence of 20 documented hours of Continuing Professional Education shall be required biennially of each applicant for renewal.

(b) Credit for all Continuing Professional Education will be granted as follows for each two-year period:

1. Giving a new seminar or lecture or in-service workshop: one hour per contact hour up to a maximum of 10 hours.

i. "New" means new to the person presenting a seminar, lecture or in-service workshop; a seminar, lecture or in-service workshop which the licensee has never presented before in any setting.

ii. "Contact hour" means one hour of actual presence in or participation in a course of study.

2. Teaching a new graduate course: six hours for each new course up to a maximum of 12 hours.

i. "New" means new to the person teaching it; a course which the licensee has never taught before in any educational setting.

3. Publication in a national journal of a copyrighted article in audiology or speech-language pathology: three hours per publication to a maximum of six hours.

4. Attendance at seminars, lectures or in-service workshops: one hour per contact hour.

5. Self-Assessment Home Study courses accompanied by examination and sponsored by a nationally-recognized professional organization in audiology or speech-language pathology: maximum of 10 hours.

6. Successful completion of graduate course work taken beyond that required for professional license: 15 hours per course credit, up to a maximum of 15 hours.

7. Reading journal articles from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Academy of Audiology, one hour per article, up to a maximum of six hours.

8. Successful completion of on-line seminars recognized by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Academy of Audiology; one hour for each hour of the seminar, up to a maximum of 10 hours.

(c) "Documented" means that the applicant obtains a certificate of participation, a signed document by the instructor indicating attendance or an official transcript from an accredited college or university.

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

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

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 the following functions related to hearing, its disorders and related communication impairments:

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.

Amended by R.2010 d.081, effective June 7, 2010.

See: 41 N.J.R. 2082(a), 42 N.J.R. 1053(b).

In the introductory paragraph of (a), deleted “, but is not restricted to,” following “includes” and inserted “related to hearing, its disorders and related communication impairments”.

13:44C-7.1A Scope of practice—cerumen management

(a) The purpose of this section is to set forth standards for the performance of cerumen management by a licensed audiologist. Cerumen management is within the scope of practice of an audiologist who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) “Cerumen management,” as used in this section, shall mean the removal of wax like secretions from the cartilaginous portion of the external ear in otherwise healthy ears.

(c) A licensed audiologist may perform cerumen management only if he or she:

1. Completed initial education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2, 3.3 or 3.4, which included instruction in the topics required by (d) below; or

2. Has successfully completed a 12-hour seminar or workshop in cerumen management, which qualifies for American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), American Academy of Audiology (AAA) or Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA) continuing education credit and which includes instruction in the topics required by (d) below.

(d) Initial education or a course in cerumen management shall include:

1. Recognizing the presence of medical preexisting contraindications that warrant referral to a physician, such as:

- i. A patient who has hearing in only one ear;
- ii. A perforated tympanic membrane;
- iii. Inflammation, tenderness, open wounds or traces of blood in the external ear canal;
- iv. Drainage from the external ear canal or middle ear;
- v. Ear surgery within the last six months;
- vi. A patient who has tympanostomy tubes;

- vii. Diabetes mellitus, HIV infection or bleeding disorders;
- viii. Actual or suspected foreign body in the ear;
- ix. Stenosis or bony exostosis of the ear canal;
- x. Cerumen impaction that totally occludes the ear canal;
- xi. Cerumen located beyond the isthmus; or
- xii. Inability to see the tympanic membrane;

2. Recognizing patient distress and appropriate action to take if complications are encountered;

3. Infection control practices, including:

- i. Universal health precautions;
- ii. Decontamination;
- iii. Cleaning, disinfection and sterilization of multiple use equipment; and
- iv. Universal precautions for prevention of the transmission of human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis B virus and other blood borne pathogens; and

4. Methods for removal of cerumen, for example, cerumen loop, gentle water irrigation, suction and use of material for softening.

(e) In addition to the education requirements of (c) above, a licensed audiologist shall complete the following prior to performing cerumen management:

1. Observe a minimum of 2 cerumen management procedures using a cerumen loop, 2 cerumen management procedures using gentle water irrigation and 2 cerumen management procedures using suction performed by either a licensed audiologist who has met the requirements of this section, an audiologist authorized to perform cerumen management in another state or a physician; and

2. Successfully perform, under the supervision of a licensed audiologist who has met the requirements of this section, an audiologist authorized to perform cerumen management in another state or a physician, a minimum of 2 cerumen management procedures using a cerumen loop, 2 cerumen management procedures using gentle water irrigation and 2 cerumen management procedures using suction.

(f) A licensed audiologist shall perform cerumen management only in a healthcare facility licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services or in his or her office.

(g) A licensed audiologist shall not perform cerumen management and shall refer a patient to a physician if any of the pre-existing contraindications listed in (d)1 above occur.

(h) A licensed audiologist shall not perform cerumen management on a patient who is six years old or younger.

(i) A licensed audiologist shall not perform, or shall cease performing, cerumen management if patient reports:

- 1. Tenderness during manipulation of the pinna or at any time during the cerumen removal procedure; or
- 2. Dizziness occurring during cerumen removal.

(j) A licensed audiologist shall refer a patient for immediate treatment from a physician if a complication arises during the performance of cerumen management.

(k) A licensed audiologist who performs cerumen management shall maintain a case history for every patient and informed consent signed by the patient as part of his or her records.

New Rule, R.2010 d.081, effective June 7, 2010.
See: 41 N.J.R. 2082(a), 42 N.J.R. 1053(b).

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 individ-

uals 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