

1. Am I eligible for a grace period to begin my employment?

Section 2.5 states “Persons entering the practice of speech-language pathology and/or audiology are required to submit the application for licensure within the first 30 days of beginning practice. The Board shall then review and act upon the application at the next regular Board meeting.

2. Is there a specific license for audiologists to dispense hearing aids?

No, an Arkansas audiology license allows you to dispense hearing aids according to the rules and regulations in Section 10.

3. How do I make a change in my name, address, employment or other information?

Complete forms from website and submit to ABESPA office.

4. What is “inactive status”?

According to Section 4.4 “A one time fee of forty dollars shall be charged a speech-language pathologist or audiologist, otherwise qualified and licensed by the Board, to place his/her license on inactive status. If inactive status is requested more than 30 days after expiration, late fees apply as set out in Section 4.3. Request for inactive status must be made to the Board in writing. The individual shall not engage in the practice of speech-language pathology and/or audiology in a non-exempt facility in Arkansas while his/her license is inactive.”

5. When do I submit my Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours if I take “inactive status”?

Section 4.5 states, “An individual wishing to regain active status shall notify the Board in writing, submit documentation of CPE’s for each year the license was inactive (maximum of 50 hours for a single license or 75 for dual licensure), and submit the balance of forty dollars of the renewal fee.

6. How do I request inactive status?

Submit a written request to place your license in the inactive status to the Board office including your name, license number and current contact information along with the \$40 fee.

7. What happens if I’m late renewing my license?

Renewals are due by June 30th each year. The following penalties are added to the renewal fee according to the tardiness of the renewal:

- July 16- August 15: The fee is \$100.00.
- August 16- September 15: The fee is \$200.00.
- September 16- October 15: The fee is \$300.00
- October 16- November 15: The fee is \$400.00
- November 16 – December 15: The fee is \$500.00