

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board), pursuant to Chapter 119, of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption, amendment, and recession of rules.

The public hearing will be conducted on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.** **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public hearing will be conducted virtually via Teams Meeting.** **Anyone wishing to attend and/or testify can join as follows:**

Join on your computer or mobile app

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Join with a video conferencing device

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Video Conference ID: 111 173 926 5

Join via telephone (audio only)

(614) 721-2972 and entering the Conference ID: 189380636

Please note:

- When you join the meeting by telephone, your telephone number may appear to other participants on the public view screen.
- Closed captioning is available via Microsoft Teams Meeting if you are logged in using your personal account.
- Please mute your microphone when not speaking. You may use the "hand raise" icon to be acknowledged.
- Note that the "Meeting Chat" section is not being utilized.
- Thank you in advance for your patience with the virtual technology.

The public hearing will continue until all parties in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard. Oral or written testimony may be presented by any person affected by the proposed action.

The following rule is being proposed as a new rule:

4747-1-24 – Temporary licensure for members of the military and spouses; consideration of military experience and expedited licensure for military and spouses.

This rule specifies the requirements for a temporary hearing aid dealer license, hearing aid fitter license, or trainee permit for out of state active duty members of the military and spouses. The rule specifies how the Board will document, track, prioritize and expedite the issuance of temporary licenses. The rule specifies the manner in which the Board will expedite an initial application for these licenses and permit based on the applicant's status as a member of the

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military or veteran, or as the spouse or surviving spouse of a member of the military or veteran. The rule specifies the requirements for renewal of an expired license for military members or the spouse of a military member. The rule specifies the requirements for members of the military or the spouse of a military members to request an extension to complete continuing education.

The following rule is being proposed as an amended rules:

4753-12-01 – Temporary licensure for members of the military and spouses; consideration of military experience and expedited licensure for military and spouses.

This rule specifies the requirements for a temporary audiology license, speech-language pathology license, conditional speech-language pathology license, audiology aide license, or speech-language pathology aide license for out of state active duty members of the military and spouses. The rule specifies how the Board will document, track, prioritize and expedite the issuance of temporary licenses. The rule specifies the manner in which the Board will expedite an initial application for these licenses based on the applicant's status as a member of the military or veteran, or as the spouse or surviving spouse of a member of the military or veteran. The rule specifies the requirements for renewal of an expired license for military members or the spouse of a military member. The rule specifies the requirements for members of the military or the spouse of a military members to request an extension to complete continuing education.

A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be downloaded from the Register of Ohio at www.registerohio.state.oh.us. In addition, individuals may request a complete text of the proposed rules by contacting the Board office at the address and/or telephone number noted below. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail at Gregg.Thornton@shp.ohio.gov.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony at the hearing are encouraged to inform the Board prior to the hearing date and may be given preference in the order of testimony.

Written testimony received by the Board by the close of business the day before the hearing is scheduled will be considered. Written testimony in lieu of oral testimony may be submitted by:

Written testimony via e-mail to Gregg.Thornton@shp.ohio.gov (**Note: written testimony by e-mail must be received no later than one day prior to the hearing date**)
Written testimony mailed to the attention of: (**Note: written testimony by mail must be received at the board office no later than Wednesday, May 5, 2021.**) To ensure timely receipt of any written testimony, the Board recommends submitting testimony via e-mail, in lieu of mailing to the Board office. Written testimony submitted via e-mail will be acknowledged by the Board via e-mail.

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