

INSTRUCTIONS/CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETING AN APPLICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN AUDIOLOGIST (MUST HAVE VA PROVISIONAL LICENSE)

READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE PROCEEDING

- Laws and Regulations: Application requires an attestation to having read the applicable laws and regulations.
- Application processing and documentation: Applicant is responsible for notifying the source of the required documents to submit information directly to the board office by email, fax or postal mail. Optional forms for <u>licensure</u> and <u>employment</u> verification are available. Please allow 21 business days from initial mailing for board staff to receive and process an application. An initial email will be forwarded that provides notification of receipt and a list of any missing application documentation.
- Application and Fee: An application fee for going from a current VA Provisional License to a Full License of \$85.00 is required; make check or money order payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia." All fees are nonrefundable.
- National Practitioner Data Bank Query (NPDB): Please request a current <u>digital self-query report</u> from the NPDB. There is a processing fee charged by NPDB for this service. Upon receipt of the digital report, please email report to the board office at <u>audbd@dhp.virginia.gov</u>.
- PRAXIS Scores: Please use Board code 9347 to have your PRAXIS scores released to the Virginia Department of Health Professions' Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology.
- Initial license expiration dates: Licenses issued prior to January 1 of the current year will expire on June 30 of the following year (example: License issued December 1, 2020, will expire on June 30, 2021). Licenses issued on or after January 1 of the current year expire on June 30 of the second year (example: License issued January 3, 2021, will expire June 30, 2022).
- **Board Communication:** The Board's method of communication with applicants is via email.

Provisional to Full License

- Certification
 - Current and unrestricted ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence. (Note: Board staff will download documentation of ASHA certification.) **OR**
 - Current and unrestricted certification issued by ABA AND documentation of passage of the qualifying examination.
- Submission of NPDB digital self-query report.
- License verification of all licenses ever held, including expired, in another U.S. jurisdiction. (NOTE: Staff will obtain license verifications from U.S. jurisdictions that provide online primary source verification that includes disciplinary history. An applicant is responsible for requesting license verifications from jurisdictions that do not have an online verification system. The other jurisdiction is required to send the verification directly to the Board preferably via email at audbd@dhp.virginia.gov.)
- Evidence of active practice if ever held a license in another US jurisdiction:
 - Documentation of active practice for at least one of the past three consecutive years preceding date of application. Review Guidance Document <u>30-6</u>, Board guidance on definition of active practice for information on active practice. Employment may be verified on the Board's optional <u>Employment Verification</u> <u>Form</u>, company letterhead or tax returns (1040) reflecting occupation.
 - An applicant who graduated from an accredited program in audiology or speech-language pathology within 24 months immediately preceding application may be issued a license without evidence of active practice if the applicant holds a current and unrestricted Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by ASHA or ABA certification.