

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

AUDIOLOGY - GENERAL RULES

(By authority conferred on the director of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by sections 16145(3) and 16801 of 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145(3) and 333.16801, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-1, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 330.3101, 445.2001, 445.2011 and 445.2030)

R 338.1 Definitions.

Rule 1. As used in these rules:

- (a) "Board" means the board of audiology.
- (b) "Code" means 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101.
- (c) "Department" means the department of community health.
- (d) "Endorsement" means the acknowledgement that the licensing criteria in 1 jurisdiction is substantially equivalent to the criteria established and described in section 16186 of the code.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.2 Application for audiologist license; requirements.

Rule 2. (1) An applicant for an audiologist license, in addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules

promulgated under the code, shall comply with all of the following provisions:

- (a) Submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.
- (b) Possess a master's or doctoral degree in audiology from an accredited educational program that is acceptable to the board under R 338.8.
- (c) Successfully completed a minimum of 9 months of supervised clinical experience in audiology as demonstrated by 1 of the following:
 - (i) For an applicant who possesses a doctor of audiology (au.d) degree, submission of an official transcript that indicates the awarding of a doctor of audiology (au.d) degree from an accredited educational institution that is acceptable to the board under R 338.8.
 - (ii) For an applicant who possesses either a doctoral or master's degree in audiology, submission of a certification of clinical experience form that indicates that the applicant completed the required supervised clinical experience.
- (d) Successfully completed an examination in audiology under R 338.7.

(2) If an applicant for an audiologist license submits either certification of clinical competence in audiology (ccc-a) from the American speech-language-hearing association (asha) or board certification in audiology by the American board of audiology (aba) that has been held up to September 1, 1995, then it will presumed

that the applicant meets the requirements of subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of subrule (1) of this rule.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.3 Licensure by endorsement; audiologist.

Rule 3. (1) An applicant for an audiologist license by endorsement shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated under the code, an applicant shall satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) If an applicant was registered or licensed as an audiologist in another state with substantially equivalent requirements and holds a current and unencumbered registration or license as a audiologist in that state, then it will be presumed that the applicant meets the requirements of section 16811 (1)(a) or (b), and (2) or (3) of the code.

(3) If an applicant does not meet the requirements of subrule (2) of this rule, then the applicant shall meet all of the following, in addition to meeting the requirements of the code:

(a) Possess a master's or doctoral degree in audiology from an accredited educational program that is acceptable to the board under R 338.8.

(b) Have successfully completed a minimum of 9 months of supervised clinical experience in audiology.

(c) Have successfully completed an examination in audiology under R 338.7.

(d) Verify that the registration or license from the other jurisdiction located in another state or territory of the United States, whether current or expired, is in good standing.

(e) In place of subdivisions (a), (b) and (c) of this subrule, submit certification of clinical competence in audiology (ccc-a) from the American speech-language-hearing association (asha) or board certification in audiology by the American board of audiology (aba).

(4) If the applicant is a Canadian registered audiologist who is currently certified as a audiologist by the Canadian association of speech-language pathologists and audiologists (caslpa) or who is currently licensed or registered to practice in Canada, and the license or registration is active and has not been sanctioned, then it will be presumed that the applicant meets the requirements of section 16811(1)(a) or (b) and (2) or (3) of the code.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.4 Supervised clinical experience; limited license requirements.

Rules 4. (1) An applicant for an audiology license who has earned a master's or doctoral degree in audiology but who still must complete the required 9 months of supervised clinical experience in audiology shall submit a completed application for a limited license on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting other requirements of the code and

administrative rules, an applicant for a limited license shall establish both of the following:

(a) That the applicant is a graduate of an accredited educational program in audiology, as described in R 338.8.

(b) That the applicant has been accepted for training in a clinical situation under the supervision of an individual who is licensed in audiology in this state or who holds a current certification of clinical competence from the American speech-language-hearing association (asha) or board certification in audiology by the American board of audiology (aba).

(2) The applicant shall complete 9 months of clinical supervised experience (1,080 clock hours) or the equivalent of 9 months of experience after having graduated from an accredited master's degree program in audiology, as described in R 338.8. Both of the following shall apply:

(a) The experience shall be subject to R 338.5.

(b) Only experience obtained in an approved supervised clinical situation by an individual who holds a limited license shall count toward the experience requirement.

(3) If an applicant transfers to a different supervised clinical situation, then he or she shall notify the department by submitting information about the new supervised clinical situation on a form provided by the department.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.5 Clinical experience requirements.

Rule 5. (1) The 9 months of supervised clinical experience required for licensure in R 338.2 (1)(c), R 338.3 (3)(b) and R 338.4(2) shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) The experience shall be obtained under the supervision of a licensed or certified audiologist.

(b) The experience shall be full time, which means at least 30 hours per week, and be obtained within 24 consecutive months.

(c) The experience shall be obtained postgraduate degree and be completed within 24 consecutive months following the awarding of the degree.

(2) The supervised clinical experience required under subrule (1) of this rule may be fulfilled on a part-time basis and shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) The experience shall be obtained under the supervision of a licensed or certified audiologist.

(b) The experience shall be part time, which means at least 15 hours per week.

(c) The experience shall be obtained postgraduate degree and be completed within 36 consecutive months following the awarding of the degree.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.6 Foreign trained applicants; licensure requirements.

Rule 6. An applicant for an audiologist license who graduated from a postsecondary institution that is located outside of the United States shall establish all of the following:

(a) That the applicant has completed an educational degree program in audiology that is substantially equivalent to the educational requirements in R 338.2(1)(b) for licensure or R 338.3(3)(a) for licensure by endorsement.

(i) The department shall accept as proof of an applicant's completion of the educational requirements a credential evaluation completed by a recognized and accredited credential evaluation agency.

(b) That the applicant is authorized to practice as an audiologist without limitation in the legal jurisdiction where the postsecondary institution from which the applicant has graduated is located or that he or she is authorized to practice as an audiologist in the legal jurisdiction where the applicant is a citizen.

(c) That the applicant whose audiology educational program was taught in a language other than English demonstrates a working knowledge of the English language. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, an applicant shall document that he or she has obtained a scaled score of not less than 550 on the paper-based test or a scaled score of not less than 213 on the computer-based test of English as a foreign language that is administered by the educational testing service and obtained a score of not less than 50 on the test of spoken English that is administered by the educational testing service, or a successor examination that assesses all of the following:

(i) Reading comprehension.

(ii) Speaking skills.

(iii) Listening skills.

(iv) The ability to write clearly, using complete sentences with correct spelling, punctuation, and word usage.

(d) That the applicant has completed in the United States 9 months of supervised clinical experience under a licensed audiologist or the equivalent, and the supervised clinical experience meets R 338.5.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.7 Examination; adoption; passing scores.

Rule 7. The board approves and adopts the national teacher's examination in audiology or the praxis series II audiology test that is administered by the educational testing service or its successor organization. Applicants shall be required to achieve a passing score on the national teacher's examination in audiology or the praxis series II test examination in audiology or any successor examination.

History: 2005 AACCS; 2013 AACCS.

R 338.8 Educational standards; adoption by reference.

Rule 8. (1) The board adopts by reference in these rules the standards of either of the following organizations:

(a) The council on academic accreditation in audiology and speech language pathology (caa) for the accreditation of audiology education programs as in the publication entitled "Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology," May 2004, which is available from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 10801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 at no cost from the association's website at

<http://www.asha.org/about/academia/accreditation/standards.htm>. A copy of the standards also is available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Audiology, Bureau of Health Professions, Michigan Department of Community Health, 611 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48909. Completion of an accredited audiology education program at the level required by the code shall be evidence of completion of a program acceptable to the department and approved by the board. Any other program that is submitted by an applicant shall be evaluated by the board to determine the program's equivalence to the standards of an accredited program.

(b) The accreditation commission for audiology education (acae) for the accreditation of doctor of audiology programs as in the publication entitled "Accreditation Standards for the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) Program", adopted March 2005, which is available at no cost from the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education, 1718 M Street, NW #297, Washington, D.C.20036-4504 or at no cost from the commission's website at www.acaeaccred.org. Copies of the standards are available for inspection and distribution at cost from Board of Audiology, Bureau of Health Professions, Michigan Department of Community Health, 611 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48909.

(2) The board adopts by reference the recognition standards and criteria of the council for higher education accreditation (chea), effective January 1999, and the procedures and criteria for recognizing postsecondary accrediting agencies of the U.S. department of education, effective July 1, 2000. Copies of the standards and criteria of the council for higher education accreditation and the U.S. department of education are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Audiology, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Community Health, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. The chea recognition standards also may be obtained from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20036-1110, or from the council's website at <http://www.chea.org> at no cost. The federal recognition criteria may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 or from the department's website at

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OPE/index.html> at no cost.

(3) The board adopts by reference the standards of the following postsecondary accrediting organizations, which may be obtained from the individual accrediting organization at the identified cost. Copies of these standards also are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Michigan Board of Audiology, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Community Health, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

(a) The standards of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, in the document entitled "Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education: Eligibility Requirements and

Standards for Accreditation," 2002 edition, which is available free of charge on the association's website at <http://www.msche.org> or for purchase at a cost of \$7.40 as of the time of adoption of these rules.

(b) The standards of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, 209 Burlington Road, Bedford, MA 07130, in the document entitled "Standards for Accreditation," 2001 edition, which is available free of charge on the association's website at <http://www.neasc.org>.

(c) The standards of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Higher Learning Commission, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, in the document entitled "Handbook of Accreditation," 2003 edition, which is available for purchase through the association's website at <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org> at a cost of \$30.00 as of the time of adoption of these rules.

(d) The standards of the Northwest Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities, the Commission on Colleges and Universities, 8060 165th Avenue NE, Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052, in the document entitled "Accreditation Handbook," 2003 edition, which is available for purchase through the association's website at <http://www.nwccu.org> at a cost of \$20.00 as of the time of adoption of these rules.

(e) The standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033, in the document entitled "Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement", January 2004, which is available free of charge on the association's website at <http://www.sacscoc.org> or for purchase at a cost of \$12.00 for members and \$24.00 for nonmembers as of the time of adoption of these rules.

(f) The standards of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, in the document entitled "2001 Handbook of Accreditation," which is available free of charge on the commission's website at <http://www.wascweb.org> or for purchase at a cost of \$15.00 for member institutions and \$20.00 for nonmember institutions as of the time of adoption of these rules.

(g) The standards of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949 in the document entitled "Accreditation Reference Handbook", July 2003, which is available free of charge on the commission's website a <http://www.wascweb.org>.

History: 2005 AACCS.

Editor's Note: An obvious error in R 338.8 was corrected at the request of the promulgating agency, pursuant to Section 56 of 1969 PA 306, as amended by 2000 PA 262, MCL 24.256. The rule containing the error was published in *Annual Administrative Code Supplement*, 2005. The memorandum requesting the correction was published in *Michigan Register*, 2014 MR 8.

R 338.9 Relicensure.

Rule 9. (1) An applicant whose license has been lapsed for less than 3 years preceding application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16811(5) of the code and upon meeting either of the following requirements:

(a) Providing to the department documentation that the applicant holds an unrestricted license in another state.

(b) Providing to the department documentation that the applicant has completed at least 20 hours of board approved continuing education in the 2 years immediately preceding the submission of an application for relicensure.

(2) An applicant whose license has been lapsed for 3 years or more preceding application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16811(5) of the code and upon meeting either of the following requirements:

(a) Providing to the department documentation that the applicant holds an unrestricted license or registration in another state.

(b) Providing to the department documentation that the applicant has achieved a passing score in the last 2 years on the praxis series II test examination in audiology or any successor examination as provided in R 338.7.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.10 License renewal and relicensure; continuing education requirements.

Rule 10. (1) An applicant for license renewal who has been licensed for the 2-year period immediately preceding the expiration date of the license or an applicant for relicensure shall accumulate not less than 20 continuing education clock hours that are approved by the board under these rules during the 2 years preceding an application for renewal or relicensure.

(2) Submission of an application for renewal or relicensure shall constitute the applicant's certification of compliance with this rule. An applicant for renewal or relicensure shall retain documentation of meeting this rule for a period of 3 years from the date of applying for license renewal or relicensure. Failure to comply with this rule shall be a violation of section 16221(h) of the code.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.11 Acceptable continuing education; limitations.

Rule 11. (1) The board shall consider any of the following as acceptable continuing education:

(a) For the purpose of this rule, "instruction" means education time, exclusive of coffee breaks; breakfast, luncheon, or dinner periods; or, any other breaks in the program.

(b) One continuing education clock hour shall be earned for each 50 to 60 minutes of participation at a continuing education program that complies with the standards in R 338.12.

(c) Three continuing education clock hours shall be earned for each 50 to 60 minute presentation of a continuing education program given as a regional, state,

national, or international professional presentation. The presentation shall not be part of the licensee's regular job description and shall comply with the standards in R 338.12. Credit shall be earned for the same program only once in each renewal period. A maximum of 9 continuing education clock hours shall be earned under this subrule.

(d) Five continuing education clock hours shall be earned for each semester credit earned for academic courses related to the practice of audiology offered in an educational program approved by the board under R 338.8.

(e) Three continuing education clock hours shall be earned for each term or quarter credit earned for academic courses related to the practice of audiology offered in an educational program approved by the board under R 338.8.

(f) One continuing education clock hour shall be earned for each 50 to 60 minutes of program attendance, without limitation, at a continuing education program that has been granted approval by another state board of audiology.

(g) One hour of continuing education shall be earned for each 50 to 60 minutes of program attendance, without limitation, at a continuing education program approved by the board under R 338.12.

(h) A maximum of 5 continuing education clock hours shall be earned for publication, in a peer-reviewed audiology journal or textbook, of an article or chapter related to the practice of audiology.

(i) A maximum of 5 continuing education clock hours shall be earned for each 50 to 60 minutes used in reading an audiology professional journal and successfully completing an evaluation created for continuing education credit in audiology practice education.

(j) A maximum of 5 continuing education clock hours shall be earned for each 50 to 60 minutes of attendance at a program approved by the board of medicine or the board of osteopathic medicine related to audiology practice.

(k) A maximum of 2 continuing education hours shall be earned for participation on a state or national committee, council, or board of a state or national audiology association, deemed acceptable by the board of audiology.

History: 2005 AACCS.

R 338.12 Continuing audiology education programs; methods of approval.

Rule 12. (1) The board approves and adopts by reference in these rules the standards of the American speech-language-hearing association continuing education board (asha ceb) for approved continuing education providers in the document entitled "ASHA Approved Continuing Education Provider Status - Ensuring Quality in Continuing Education", 2002, which is available at no cost from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 10801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-3226 or from the association's website at <http://www.asha.org/about/continuing-ed>. A copy of the guidelines also is available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Michigan Board of Audiology, Department of Community Health, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

(2) The board approves and adopts by reference in these rules the standards of the American academy of audiology for approved continuing education programs, which are based on the standards of continuing education by the international

association for continuing education and training (iacet) entitled "Criteria and Guidelines for Quality Continuing Education and Training Programs: The CEU and Other Measurement Units" 2004, and are available at no cost on the academy's website at <http://www.audiology.org> or on the association's website at <http://www.iacet.org>. A copy of the guidelines also is available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Michigan Board of Audiology, Department of Community Health, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

(3) A course or program may be reviewed and approved by the board or any organization that has been authorized by the board to approve such courses or programs.

(4) Courses or programs that need to be reviewed and preapproved by the board or its designee shall submit the following:

(a) Course content related to current issues in audiology practice.

(b) An outline of the course or program provided with time allotted for each section of the program.

(c) Documentation of qualifications of presenters.

(d) The method for delivering the course or program is described.

(e) Defined measurements of pre-knowledge and post-knowledge or skill improvement are included.

(f) Participant attendance at program or course is monitored.

(g) Records of a course or program are maintained and include the number of participants in attendance, the date of the program, the program's location, the credentials of the presenters, rosters of the individuals who attended, and the continuing education time awarded to each participant.

(h) A participant shall receive a certificate or written evidence of attendance at a program that indicates a participant's name, the date of the program, the location of program, the sponsor or program approval number, and the hours of continuing education awarded.

History: 2005 AACCS.