



Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language  
Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA)

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**Rule Number & Title:** 870-X-2-.02(7)  
Application for Licensure.


**Intended Action:** To amend rule

**Substance of Amendment:** ABESPA proposes to amend rule to update  
language in the rule.

**Time, Place, Manner of Presenting Views:** Interested person may present their views in writing to the Executive Secretary of the Board at [abespa@abespa.alabama.gov](mailto:abespa@abespa.alabama.gov) at any time during the 45 day period following November 30, 2020. Any person who wishes to present his or her views orally at the public hearing may notify the Board in writing, before February 12, 2021 to P.O. Box 304760, Montgomery, AL 36130-4760. The public hearing will be held on February 12, 2021 at 400 South Union Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Montgomery, Alabama at 11:00 a.m.

**Final Date for Comment and Completion of Notice:** February 12, 2021

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**870-X-2-.02 Application For Licensure.**

**(1) Be of good moral character.**

**(2) A person eligible for licensure shall make application upon a form and in such a manner as the Board prescribes and shall mail or deliver the application to a permanent address set and made known to the general public by publication by the Board. The application must be received at least five (5) business days prior to the Board meeting at which it will be reviewed.**

**(3) Applications must be accompanied by a \$200.00 application fee, which can in no case be refunded. Applications should be submitted prior to the initiation of practice in Alabama. However, those holding a valid Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) and/or an equivalent certification including an active license in Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology in another state may practice during the interim period between submission of the licensure application form and Board action on the application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is complete.**

**(4) A license will be issued in either speech language pathology or audiology upon Board approval of the license application and receipt of a \$75.00 license fee. The license fee may be prorated based on the following criteria:**

**(a) Full initial fee of \$75.00 is due for all licenses that are approved by the Board within the first eight (8) months of the licensure year (January-August).**

**(b) Applications submitted after August 31<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a license fee of \$10.00 less per month from the full fee up to December 31<sup>st</sup>. This proration will be effective based on the date of license approval, not based on the date of application. The prorated license is valid until December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**(c) The proration fee schedule described in (b) above applies only for individuals submitting applications for licensure for the first time. It does not apply to late renewals see 870-X-4-.03 for information regarding late renewals.**

**(5) Be a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.**

**(6) Each licensee shall notify the board in writing by certified mail within 30 days after he/she receives notice of:**

- a. a disciplinary action by another licensure board in another jurisdiction; or**
- b. any criminal convictions, misdemeanors, or felonies from the State of Alabama or another jurisdiction.**

Failure to notify the board of such will result in disciplinary action, as stated in Section 870-X-5-.01, est. seq. of the ABESPA rules and regulations.

7. Licensure Guidelines for Military Spouses

- (a) In accordance with Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act 2018, a military spouse who is licensed as a speech language pathologist, or audiologist in another state will be given special consideration when applying for licensure in this state.
1. Military spouse applicants apply according to 870-X-2-.02 but using the Military Spouse Expedited Licensure Form.
  2. Applicants who are the spouse of military personnel submit with the application a copy of current dependent military-issued identification.
  3. Application fees usually associated with licensure applications are waived.
  4. This section shall not apply to the spouse of a military member receiving a dishonorable discharge.

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