

Au.D. Licensure Law Language: 05/08/2007

We are trying to gather information from states that have changed the academic requirement in their licensure law to the Au.D. or who are in the process of changing their academic requirement to the Au.D.

Specifically, we need licensure law language that allows for anyone still holding a master's degree to be licensed after the new academic requirement is in effect.

1. Does your state allow for individuals holding a masters degree prior to your the academic requirement change to be licensed? For example, if someone were to move to your state with a master's degree and wanted to be licensed would this be possible?

2. Is there a waiver in your statute that would allow anyone holding the ASHA C's or ABA board certification to be licensed? Would this supersede the academic requirement change?

Thank you in advance for helping to gather this very important information for one of our state academies.

STATE:	RESPONSE:
Alabama	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Audiology</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masters in Audiology BEFORE January 1, 2007<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of possession of at least a master's degree in audiology or equivalent• Evidence of successful completion of supervised clinical practicum approved by the Board• Evidence of successful completion of postgraduate professional experienced approved by the Board• Audiology Degree AFTER January 1, 2007<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of a doctoral degree in audiology from an education institution approved by the Board• Evidence of successful completion of supervised clinic practicum approved by the Board <p>*Note: The January 1, 2007 change for licensure in audiology does not prevent the continued licensure of an audiologist with a master's degree that was received before January 1, 2007, provided the licensee keeps his/her license current.</p> <p>Review the entire licensure law at www.abespa.org</p> <p>Wanda Rawlinson, Director</p>

<p>California</p>	<p>California does allow for individuals holding a masters degree prior to your the academic requirement change to be licensed.</p> <p>There is an equivalency with the ASHA CCC's, not with ABA. So the candidate for CA licensure who holds their C's still needs to apply for a CA license however they do not have to provide a copy of course work/practicum settings.</p> <p>Robert Ivory</p>
<p>Delaware</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does your state allow for individuals holding a masters degree prior to your the academic requirement change to be licensed? YES 2. For example, if someone were to move to your state with a master's degree and wanted to be licensed would this be possible? YES 3. Is there a waiver in your statute that would allow anyone holding the ASHA C's or ABA board certification to be licensed? YES 4. Would this supersede the academic requirement change? NO
<p>Florida</p>	<p>I have pasted the Florida language below. The entire license law can be found at</p> <p>http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Index&Title_Request=XXXII#TitleXXXII</p> <p>Look for Chapter 468.</p> <p>The board may waive the education, practicum, and professional employment experience requirements for an applicant who received a professional education in another country if the board is satisfied that the applicant meets equivalent education and practicum requirements and passes the examination in audiology.</p> <p>(c) Earned a master's degree with a major emphasis in audiology which was conferred before January 1, 2008, from an institution of higher learning which was, or at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor, the United States Department of Education, or from an institution that is a member in good standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.</p> <p>Robert C. Fifer, Ph.D.</p>
<p>Idaho</p>	<p>We will be reviewing this issue at our next meeting. Will let you know what changes we will be suggesting to the legislature.</p> <p>Joe Seitz F-AAA South Idaho Hearing and Audiology</p>
<p>Kansas</p>	<p>Au.D. not required</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Child Care and Health Facilities Health Occupations Credentialing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Formal Education Requirements for</p>

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology License

Speech-language pathologists and audiologists were licensed in Kansas beginning December 31, 1992 by “grandfathering” qualified practitioners into the fields. Grandfathering ended December 31, 1993. After that date, all applicants for licensure were required to meet the following requirements:

Education At least a master’s degree or equivalent in speech-language pathology or audiology from an educational institution with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas.

Clinical Practicum At least 375 clock hour clinical practicum of which at least 250 hours were earned at the graduate level in the area in which licensure is sought.

Supervised Postgraduate Professional Experience Applicants must successfully complete the supervised postgraduate professional experience (PPE) requirement in the area for which the applicant seeks licensure. The applicant may complete the requirement on a full-time or part-time basis. (“full-time” means 30 hours per week for nine months. “part-time” means 15 to 19 hours per week for 18 months, 20 to 24 hours per week for 15 months, or 25 to 29 hours per week for 12 months.) Each PPE supervisor shall be currently and fully licensed in Kansas for speech-language pathology or audiology, or if the experience was completed in another state, either be currently and fully licensed in that state or hold the certificate of clinical competence issued by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. The supervisor’s license or certificate shall be in the area for which the applicant seeks licensure.

Examination Score at least 600 on the specialty area test of the national teacher examination of the educational testing service in the area for which licensure is being sought.

TEMPORARY LICENSE

The temporary license is intended for those who have completed the education and clinical practicum requirements for full licensure, but have not yet completed the supervised postgraduate professional experience and/or passed the examination. The temporary license shall be issued for a period of 12 months and may be renewed for one subsequent 12-month period upon request and with the department’s approval. The requirements for temporary licensure are as follows:

Education At least a master’s degree or equivalent in speech-language pathology or audiology from an educational institution with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas.

Clinical Practicum At least 375 clock hour clinical practicum with at least 250 of which were earned at the graduate level in the area in which licensure is sought.

Supervised Postgraduate Professional Experience Plan Each applicant seeking temporary licensure for the purpose of completion of the supervised postgraduate professional experience shall provide to the department a plan for completion of the supervised postgraduate professional experience that has been signed by a supervisor who is currently fully licensed in Kansas in the area in which the applicant seeks licensure.

⇒A temporary license may also be obtained to enable an applicant for

	<p>reinstatement to complete the continuing education requirements. This license is valid for 12 months and may not be renewed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENDORSEMENT OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE</p> <p>To obtain Kansas license based on endorsement of a license issued by another state, the applicant must document that the standards met to receive the other state's license were equal to or exceed the current Kansas licensure standards. The applicant must also be in good standing with each state's licensing authority that has issued a license to the applicant. "Good standing" means the applicant's license is not under any administrative proceeding and the applicant's license is not under any disciplinary action.</p> <p>Carmen Schulte</p>
Maryland	<p>Qualifications for Full License in Audiology:</p> <p>To qualify for a full license in audiology, an applicant must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be of good moral character 2. Hold a Master's Degree in Audiology, or 3. Hold an equivalency from an educational institution which incorporates the academic course work and the minimum hours of supervised training required by the regulations of the Board. 4. Have completed the period of supervised postgraduate professional practice (CFY) in audiology as specified by the regulations adopted by the Board. 5. Have passed the National Examination in Audiology or <p>(1) Hold a doctoral degree in audiology from an educational institution which incorporates the academic course work and the minimum hours of supervised training required by the regulations adopted by the Board or its equivalent, and (2) Have passed the National Exam in Audiology.</p> <p>In most instances, the Board's requirements parallel ASHA's. However, a Certificate of Clinical Competence from ASHA is not required to obtain a license to practice in Maryland. Holding the CCC does reduce considerably the paper work needed for licensure.</p> <p>http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/boardsahs/professionals/audiolicqual.htm</p> <p>Ronni Dinkes</p> <p>Maryland effective October 1, 2007 signed into law today May 8, 2007</p> <p>Doctorate in Audiology required as of 10/1/2007. If someone has a Master's Degree and holds a valid license from another state they can still obtain a license in Maryland after 10/1/2007. There is no waiver for someone holding the CCC's or ABA certification. They must hold a valid audiology license already.</p> <p>Sharon Sorensen Au.D.</p>

<p>Minnesota</p>	<p>MN has a doctoral entry level bill pending.</p> <p>Legislation pending would allow for individuals holding a masters degree prior to the academic requirement change to be licensed. There is no waiver for individuals holding ASHA C's or ABA Board certification.</p> <p>The language pending can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H0336.0.html&session=ls85</p> <p>Joscelyn Martin</p>
<p>Montana</p>	<p>Montana's rewritten statutes were put into force on Jan. 1, 06 and our new rules took effect in the fall of 06. We felt that, in order to accommodate our evolving profession, we needed to include ways for our existing work force to maintain their earned professional status without penalties. We do require as of Jan 1, 2007, a person entering the profession for the first time, to hold an Au.D. for their original license. The following are sections that address these issues:</p> <p>STATUTES: 37-1-304: "This section does not prevent a board from entering into a reciprocity agreement with the licensing authority of another state or jurisdiction.- - -"</p> <p>RULES: 24.222.502 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE (2)-(c) If the applicant is a holder of a valid Montana license prior to January 1, 2007, and maintains that license in good standing, the applicant will not be required to obtain a doctorate to maintain licensure to practice audiology in the future.</p> <p>24.222.506 LICENSURE OF OUT-OF -STATE APPLICANTS (2) A license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in the state of Montana may be issued at the discretion of the board provided the applicant completes and files with the board an application for licensure and the required application fee, and provides proof the applicant holds the certificate of competence of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in the area for which the applicant is applying for a license. (3) If an applicant for audiologist licensure is the holder of a valid and unrestricted license to practice audiology in another state, which was issued under standards equivalent to or greater than the current standards in this state prior to January 1, 2007, the applicant will not be required to obtain a doctorate to qualify for licensure to practice audiology in the future, in this state.</p> <p>Darrell J. Micken, Au.D.</p>

<p>Nebraska</p>	<p>Our licensure law is being considered by the state legislature as we discuss this.</p> <p>We changed the entry level degree requirement from a Master's degree to an AuD. We were lucky in that there is a concurrent effort to streamline the licensure language for all health professions in a separate bill. That bill has specific suggestions about how to word grandfather clauses and we followed those recommendations.</p> <p>The way that the legal counsel for the Department of Health recommended that we word our grandfather clause was to set an effective date after which time a previously unlicensed person with a master's degree would not be eligible for licensure. Our grandfather clause still allows portability with a Master's degree based on licensure in another state.</p> <p>None of our licensure language is tied to ABA or ASHA certification requirements specifically.</p> <p>Ryan McCreery</p>
<p>New Hampshire</p>	<p>New Hampshire is currently undergoing a re-write of the Rules. One who holds a master's degree will still be able to be licensed as the statute indicates "at least a master's degree" is required for licensure. The legislature would have to make the change and we are not re-opening the licensure bill at this time. Only the rules are being affected.</p> <p>ASHA C's nor ABA are cited in the statute or the rules. We (audiologists in NH) want to refer to academic requirements and not anything else.</p> <p>Peggy Sheets</p>
<p>Oklahoma</p>	<p>Oklahoma has changed the regulations with effective date 2007. You may obtain the full information at the website http://www.state.ok.us/~obespa/.</p> <p>The following wording was used in the bill.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through December 31, 2006, hold not less than a master's degree, or the equivalent, with major emphasis in audiology from a regionally accredited academic institution offering a graduate or post baccalaureate professional degree program in audiology that meets or exceeds prevailing national standards. After December 31, 2006, each audiology applicant shall hold not less than a post baccalaureate residential or a post-master's distance education professional Doctor of Audiology degree (Au.D.), a Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) with emphasis in audiology, or its equivalent as determined by the Board, from a regionally accredited academic institution; 2. Through December 31, 2006, submit evidence of completion of supervised clinical practicum experience that meets or exceeds prevailing national standards from a regionally accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs, the content of which shall be approved by the Board and delineated in the rules. After December 31, 2006, applicants applying with a residential Doctor of Audiology professional degree (Au.D) must demonstrate preparation that includes three years of didactic coursework and clinical education equivalent to a twelve-month, full-time clinical rotation or externship; 3. Through December 31, 2006, submit evidence of completion of supervised postgraduate professional experience, as approved by the

	<p>Board and described in the rules. After December 31, 2006, applicants will be required to present to the Board only a copy of the Doctor of Audiology diploma along with a transcript demonstrating clinical experience equivalent to a twelve-month, full-time clinical rotation or externship, a copy of the Doctor of Philosophy diploma with an emphasis in audiology and a transcript reflecting a twelve-month, full-time clinical rotation or externship, or the equivalent as determined by the Board, from an accredited academic institution in order to demonstrate completion of the clinical rotation or externship requirement;</p> <p>4. Pass examinations approved by the Board, whether or not administered by the Board; application for examination for a license or for a license without examination shall be upon forms prescribed by the Board; the Board may require that the application be verified; the license fee, which shall include an examination fee not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), shall accompany the application; the cost of examinations administered by the Board shall be included in the examination fee; the Board shall determine the subject and scope of the examinations and shall provide for examinations to qualified applicants at least twice a year; an applicant who fails the examination may be reexamined at a subsequent examination upon payment of another examination fee. Only the Board has the power to determine whether an applicant's examination has been passed or failed;</p> <p>5. Attest to their status as either a United States citizen, a United States noncitizen national or a qualified alien;</p> <p>6. Have not committed any acts described in Section 1619 of this title for which disciplinary action may be justified; and</p> <p>7. Be of good moral character.</p> <p>Eva K. Saffer, Ph.D., CCC-A</p>
Texas	<p>In Texas, we will be handling this issue when we go through sunset review beginning in June of this year. Legislation must be written by 09-01-2008 and a bill will be introduced in January of 2009.</p> <p>Todd H. Porter, AuD</p>
Wisconsin	<p>Wisconsin is also working on legislation and the answers parallel MN.</p> <p>Laura J. Feldhake, Au.D.</p>