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New Statute and Rules for Inactive Status of License for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology is pleased to announce that during any biennial renewal period, a speech-language pathologist or audiologist may choose to place their license in Inactive Status. Below, is the new law (Ohio Revised Code section 4753.091), which will take effect on September 13, 2010. We are also including the new rule (Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-3-11) that explains the requirements for maintaining your license in inactive status and restoring an inactive license to active status. Additionally, we are including the amendment to OAC 4753-5-01 (C)(3), which sets the fee for inactive licensure at \$25.00 for each biennial renewal. Finally, we are including an FAQ page regarding the inactive license option. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the board office.

R.C. 4753.091 – Inactive Licensure

(A) A person licensed under this chapter may apply to the board of speech-language pathology and audiology to have the person's license classified as inactive. If a fee is charged under division (B) of this section, the person shall include the fee with the application.

If the person's license is in good standing, the person is not the subject of any complaint, the person is not the subject of an investigation or disciplinary action by the board, and the person meets any other requirements established by the board in rules adopted under this section, the board shall classify the license as inactive. The inactive classification shall become effective on the date immediately following the date that the person's license is scheduled to expire.

(B) The board may charge a fee for classifying a license as inactive.

(C) During the period that a license is classified as inactive, the person may not engage in the practice of speech-language pathology or the practice of audiology, as applicable, in this state or make any representation to the public indicating that the person is actively licensed under this chapter.

(D) A person whose license has been classified as inactive may apply to the board to have the license reactivated. The board shall reactivate the license if the person meets the requirements established by the board in rules adopted under this section.

(E) The board's jurisdiction to take disciplinary action under this chapter is not removed or limited when a person's license is classified as inactive under this section.

(F) The board shall adopt rules as necessary for classifying a license as inactive and reactivating an inactive license. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

OAC 4753-3-11 - Inactive Status of license; restoration.

(A) A person licensed as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist may, at the time of biennial renewal, apply for inactive status of his/her license. The application for inactive status shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed by rule 4753-5-01 of the Administrative Code and by a signed statement that the licensee will not engage in the active practice of speech-language pathology or audiology, as defined by divisions (C) and (G) respectively of section 4753.01 of the Revised Code, while the license is inactive.

(B) A person whose license is inactive may request a return to active status at any time by submitting a restoration application to the board. Applications shall be:

- (1) Typewritten or printed in ink or submitted electronically via the Ohio e-license system;
 - (2) Signed by the applicant or electronically signed if applying electronically via the Ohio e-license system;
 - (3) Accompanied by the fee prescribed by rule 4753-5-01 of the Administrative Code;
 - (4) Accompanied by such evidence, statements, or documents as specified on the form; and
 - (5) Contain proof that the applicant completed at least twenty contact hours of continuing education in accordance with rule 4753-4-01 of the Administrative Code within the two year period immediately preceding the application for restoration. Contact hours used to meet the requirements of this paragraph shall not be used to renew the restored license.
- (a) A license in inactive status for less than twelve months shall be restored to active status when the licensee demonstrates proof he or she completed an additional ten contact hours of continuing education during the time the license was in inactive status.
- (b) A license in inactive status for twelve months to twenty-four months shall be restored to active status when the licensee demonstrates proof he or she completed an additional twenty contact hours of continuing education during the time the license was in inactive status.
- (c) A license in inactive status for twenty-five months to forty-eight months shall be restored to active status when the licensee demonstrates proof he or she completed an additional forty contact hours of continuing education during the time the license was in inactive status.
- (d) A license in inactive status for forty-nine months to sixty months shall be restored to active status when the licensee demonstrates proof he or she completed an additional fifty contact hours of continuing education during the time the license was in inactive status.

(C) In addition to the requirements contained in paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, applicants for restoration of an inactive license who have not engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology for more than five years prior to the date the individual applies to the board for restoration may be subject to additional requirements outlined by the board. The board may consider, but is not limited to, the following additional requirements:

- (1) Competency based performance appraisals;
- (2) Mentorship;
- (3) Additional continuing education;
- (4) Extended coursework; and
- (5) Professional development plan.

(D) For the purposes of filing an electronic application via the Ohio e-license system, the board shall supply the applicant with a "UserID" and password. The use of the "UserID" and password provided by the board is solely the responsibility of the individual to whom it is issued and shall be limited to filing an electronic application for license restoration. The "UserID" and password shall constitute the legally recognized signature for the purposes of this rule and may not be transferred, distributed, or shared with any other person.

OAC 4753-5-01 - Speech-language pathologist or audiologist; fee for initial license; fee for renewal of license; late renewal fee.

(C) Pursuant to division (B) of section 4753.11 of the Revised Code:

- (3) The fee for an inactive license shall be twenty five dollars for each biennial renewal.

Inactive Licensure FAQ

1. When is inactive licensure an option?
 - a. A person licensed as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist may, at the time of biennial renewal, apply for inactive status of his/her license.
2. When should inactive license be considered?
 - a. Placing your license in inactive status should be considered if at the time you are renewing your license, you do not intend or are unable to continue practicing speech-language pathology or audiology beginning January 1, 2011, for an extended period of time.
3. How do I apply for inactive status of my license?
 - a. Prescribed applications to place a license in inactive status are available on the board's website at www.slpaud.ohio.gov.
4. What are the requirements for placing a license in inactive status?
 - a. The application for inactive status shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed by rule 4753-5-01 of the Administrative Code and by a signed statement that the licensee will not engage in the active practice of speech-language pathology or audiology.
5. What is the fee for inactive licensure?
 - a. The fee for an inactive license shall be twenty-five dollars for each biennial renewal.
6. How do I restore my inactive license back to active status?
 - a. A person whose license is inactive may request a return to active status at any time by:
 - i. submitting a signed restoration application to the board.
 - ii. accompanied by the fee prescribed by rule 4753-5-01 of the Administrative Code (currently, the fee is \$120.00);
 - iii. accompanied by such evidence, statements, or documents as specified on the form;
 - iv. contain proof that the applicant completed at least **twenty contact hours** of continuing education in accordance with rule 4753-4-01 of the Administrative Code within the two year period immediately preceding the application for restoration. Contact hours used to meet the requirements of this paragraph shall not be used to renew the restored license; **AND**
 - v. complete continuing education hours specified under rule 4753-3-11 (5)(a) through (d), as determined by the period of time in which a license has been in inactive status.
 1. Less than twelve months = completes at least **ten additional contact hours**;
 2. Twelve months to twenty-four months = at least **twenty additional contact hours**;
 3. Twenty-five months to forty-eight months = at least **forty additional contact hours**;

4. Forty-nine months to sixty months = at least **fifty additional contact hours**;
 5. More than five years prior to the date the individual applies to the board for restoration may be subject to additional requirements outlined by the board. The board may consider, but is not limited to, the following additional requirements:
 - a. Competency based performance appraisals;
 - b. Mentorship;
 - c. Additional continuing education;
 - d. Extended coursework; and
 - e. Professional development plan.
7. What are the benefits of placing my license in inactive status?
- a. The benefits of inactive status include:
 - i. an alternative to allowing your license to expire and subsequently reactivating within one year of expiration and paying a late fee; the cost would be \$270.00 for late renewal, i.e., (\$120.00, plus \$150 late fee) versus \$145.00 for inactive status, followed by restoration within same time period, i.e., (\$25 to process inactive application and \$120 paid at time the license is restored to active status).
 - ii. a reduced fee to maintain your license in inactive status; the cost for inactive status is \$25.00 for each biennial renewal and \$120.00 when the restoration application is submitted.