



Fall Quarter eNewsletter

Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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Message from the Board Chairperson, Dr. Helene Levenfus

Seasons Greetings! As 2012 draws to a close, December will be a very busy time for most of us attending holiday events and spending time with co-workers, friends and family. I would like to remind licensees who have not renewed their license yet that your license will expire at midnight on December 31, 2012. If your license is not renewed by the deadline, you must immediately discontinue practice, a late fee will be assessed at the time of renewal, and your employer will be notified about the status of your license. Renewing your license in a timely manner will ensure the continuation of professional speech-

language pathology and audiology services to consumers into 2013.

I would like to thank all of you who have already renewed your license and kept our professions strong by maintaining your continuing education hours. The Board recognizes that the overwhelming majority of our licensees go far beyond the twenty hours that are required for renewal each biennium.

The Board is looking forward to a very productive year in 2013. Be

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Message from the Executive Director, Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

Welcome to the Fall 2012 issue of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology eNewsletter. This edition contains important information about the 2012 license renewal. All licenses for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and aides expire at

midnight on December 31, 2012. If your license is renewed after December 31, a late fee of \$150 will be added to the renewal fee. You will also find information about recent board appointments, professional experience year requirements, and a new way the Board will track (Continued on Page 2)



Message from the Board Chairperson

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sure to check out the article from the Ohio Department of Health regarding early hearing and detection for pediatric audiologists. The Board is excited to be working with CE Broker during the upcoming biennium to streamline the management of its continuing education requirements. Please review the article in this edition for complete details about CE Broker.

The end of the calendar year is also a period of transition for the Board. As we conclude 2012, the Board will hold its organizational board meeting on December 4. The Board will set its meeting dates and elect board and committee positions for 2013. We will have more information about this in our next eNewsletter edition.

The Board’s annual strategic planning meeting will be in January on a date yet to be determined. If you are experiencing any issues or concerns in the professions that you would like the Board to address in 2013, please let us know by contacting our Executive Director, Mr. Gregg B. Thornton.

On behalf of the entire Board, we wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Helene Levenfus, Au.D.

Message from the Executive Director

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and manage continuing education hours.

We always invite you to provide feedback. If you recently contacted the Board for services or information, please take a moment to complete a brief customer satisfaction survey and let us know your opinion about that experience. The survey may be accessed at the bottom of our home page:

<http://slpaud.ohio.gov/>

If there is a topic or question you would like the Board to address in the eNewsletter, please let us know. I personally invite you to contact me directly at gregg.thornton@slpaud.ohio.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you
Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

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Important Information

Has your contact information changed?

You may submit a written request to update your contact information at board@slpaud.ohio.gov. Please include your license number. You may also update your information at any time using your assigned User ID/Password.

All licensees are required to notify the Board in writing of any change of name, place of business, or mailing address within thirty days of said change per OAC section 4753-3-03.

Board’s Contact Information

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Monday through Friday

Board office is closed during observance of state holidays

Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Licensure Renewal – Updated Information

*SLP, AUD, Dual SLP/AUD and Aide licenses
expire at midnight on December 31, 2012*



At the end of August 2012, the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology mailed license renewal notices to all active and inactive licensees. On November 6, 2012, the Board sent information about licensure renewal via e-mail to practitioners whose license is in 'Active-in-Renewal' status. A final renewal letter will be mailed by mid-December.

Licensure Statistics	
As of November 23, 2012	
Audiologists:	970
Speech-Language Pathologists:	6552
Conditional Licenses:	324
Student Permits:	42
SLP Aides:	10
AUD Aides:	68
Inactive SLP:	102
Inactive AUD:	22
Total Licenses:	8090

Please contact the Board at (614) 466-3145 or e-mail us at board@slpaud.ohio.gov if you have not received your renewal notice in the mail. All active licenses for audiology, speech-language pathology, dual audiology and speech-language pathology, audiology aide, and speech-language pathology aide will expire at midnight on December 31, 2012. Individuals must renew their license prior to January 1, 2013, in order to legally practice.

The Board strongly encourages online renewal through its secure website. The renewal fee will be \$120.00 for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. The renewal fee for individuals holding a dual license (SLP & AUD) will be \$170.00. The renewal fee for speech-language pathology and audiology aides will be \$50.00. There will be a \$150.00 late fee applied to any renewal application that is not received or post-marked by December 31, 2012. Practitioners holding a speech-language pathology or audiology license may visit our website at: <https://license.ohio.gov/secure/login.asp> to renew their license online. The following credit cards will be accepted for online renewal: American Express, Visa, Master Card, and Discover. Dual licensees and aides must renew their license through the mail using the renewal application attached with your renewal letter. Practitioners holding an inactive license will receive a letter from the Board with information about continuing inactive status for the 2013-2014 biennium. If you do not intend to renew your license and allow it to expire, you should notify us via e-mail at board@slpaud.ohio.gov. This will allow us to update our records and avoid sending a cease practice letter to you and/or your employer after January 1, 2013.

Please visit the board's website (Laws and Regulations) for complete information regarding the continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01. In summary, a licensed audiologist or speech-language pathologist is required to earn twenty hours of continuing education within the two-year renewal period immediately preceding their renewal application. An individual licensed as both an audiologist and speech-language pathologist shall earn twenty continuing education hours for each license within the two-year period immediately preceding their renewal application. A licensed audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or dual licensee is not required to obtain continuing education for the first renewal.



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Licensure Renewal – Updated Information (Continued, from p. 3)

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Please ensure that your contact information is current. If you changed your mailing address, e-mail address, or name since the last renewal in 2010, please take a moment to submit your updated information in writing at board@slpaud.ohio.gov. You may also update your contact information using your user ID/password at any time at the following link on our website: <https://license.ohio.gov/secure/login.asp>. If you do not have your assigned user ID/password, please submit a written request to the Board office via mail, fax or e-mail. Updating your contact information will ensure that you receive your renewal notice in a timely manner. Additionally, all licensees are required to notify the board in writing through the U.S. mail, e mail or fax of any change of name, place of business or mailing address within thirty days of said change.

Finally, if we do not have receipt of your renewal application by midnight on December 31, 2012, the following will occur:

- ◇ **License will be changed to ‘Expired’ status;**
- ◇ **Licensee is not legal to practice beginning 1/1/2013;**
- ◇ **Late fee of \$150 will be added to renewal fee at time of renewal; Board cannot waive the late fee for any reason;**
- ◇ **Licensee may be subject to continuing education audit and employment verification; and**
- ◇ **Board will notify licensee and employer by letter about expired license, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-5-01(D).**

We look forward to renewing your license. If there are any questions about the renewal process, please do not hesitate to let us know.



Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Board Utilizing CE Broker Tracking System to Improve Random CE Audit Selection Process

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has a new electronic continuing education tracking system, set to launch in January 2013. The Board has decided to use CE Broker, a 3rd party organization, to track and monitor licensee continuing education activities. This new tracking system will enable the Board to more efficiently monitor compliance of the continuing education requirements for all licensees and thereby ensure consumer protection.

CE Broker is already the official tracking system for the Florida Department of Health, District of Columbia Board of Nursing, and Wyoming Board of Psychology. Licensed healthcare professionals use CE Broker to report continuing education and access the official CE records that their Boards review at the end of each license cycle. The Board will use CE Broker to review and audit your records to make sure continuing education requirements have been met. If all of your courses are posted and your requirements met, you will automatically be exempt from any Board continuing education audits.

CE Broker does not receive any funding from the Board for its services. Therefore, CE Broker offers an optional, paid service to licensees.

Here are some important key points for licensees about this new CE tracking system:

- ◇ CE Broker is the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology's official continuing education tracking system.
- ◇ CE Broker will be used by the Board for continuing education audits.
- ◇ Licensees are not required to report their continuing education to CE Broker. Creating a free or paid subscription account is completely voluntary.
- ◇ A paid subscription to CE Broker is not required. You can report your hours into CE Broker at no-charge with a free account.
- ◇ CE Broker does not receive funding from the Board, so it has optional subscription services.
- ◇ Use CE Broker to report continuing education and demonstrate CE compliance before renewing your professional license.
- ◇ If your records are complete in CE Broker, you automatically pass the Board's audit.
- ◇ CE Broker has an option called Professional Account that helps you manage continuing education requirements.
- ◇ Professional Account is \$29 annually with a 30-day free trial.
- ◇ Professional Account comes with CE Broker's CE Compliance Transcripts. These show current renewal requirements and all posted courses so you can know how many more hours you need to be compliant.



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- ◇ Professional Account also comes with smart phone app, digital storage of certificates, course history, email notifications and deadline reminders, and the ability to report courses.
- ◇ Direct access to the CE Broker Help desk M-F; 8am – 5pm ET.

What's next:

- ◇ In early 2013, licensees will receive a welcome packet in the mail with complete information about creating a free or paid subscription account with CE Broker.
- ◇ In early 2013, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association will begin transmitting course completion information to CE Broker on behalf of individuals who have 1) completed courses in 2013 offered for ASHA CEUs by ASHA Approved CE Providers, 2) paid the 2013 ASHA CE Registry fee and 3) provided their Ohio license number to ASHA.
- ◇ In early 2013, watch your mail box for more information, a welcome packet from CE Broker, and information about ASHA transmitting your CEUs to CE Broker.

Please visit the “Coming Soon” link for additional details: <https://www.cebroke.com/Ohio/>

Board Receives Notification of Passing of Dr. Edward E. Corbett, Jr., former Superintendent of the Ohio School for the Deaf



DR. EDWARD E. CORBETT, JR.,
1942-2012

Dr. Edward E. Corbett, Jr., served as the Superintendent of the Ohio School for the Deaf from 1990 through 2010. He also served as the Co-Chair of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Committee (UNHS). It was Dr. Corbett's leadership on the UNHS Committee that the Board had the distinct privilege to know and work with him. The Board is a member of the UNHS Committee, which issues recommendations to the Ohio Department of Health, related to the universal newborn hearing screening statewide program that requires all babies to receive a hearing screening before they go home from the hospital. Dr. Corbett passed away on October 12, 2012 after a long illness. The Board appreciated Dr. Corbett's many contributions while serving on the committee. Dr. Corbett also brought a national

presence to the Ohio School for the Deaf. He was respected throughout the nation as one of the premier deaf leaders and deaf educators of our time. We hope you will visit the Ohio School for the Deaf's website to read more information about Dr. Corbett's life and notable accomplishments at:

<http://osd.oh.gov/Corbett.aspx>



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Number of Conditional Licensees Exceeds 300 for Third Consecutive Year

An overview of the requirements for completing the Supervised Professional Experience Year

For the third consecutive year, the number of conditional speech-language pathology licensees completing their supervised professional experience is well over 300. As of November 23, 2012, the exact number is 324. There are currently 279 SLP conditional licensees in active status, and 45 who are Active-Pending Receipt of a Supervised Professional Experience Plan.

The majority of individuals practicing under this license were initially licensed between May and September 2012, upon graduation from graduate level programs in speech-language pathology, speech-language pathology and audiology, or communications sciences and disorders. SLP Conditional licensees are in the process of completing their supervised professional experience under the mentorship of a licensed speech-language pathologist. Board Vice-Chairperson Amy Thorpe Wiley stated that the purpose of the supervised professional experience is to provide the opportunity for successful transition in status from recent graduate to independent professional. The primary goals and objectives during the professional experience are to refine clinical skills and develop professional independence by applying the knowledge and skills gained in academic training.

The length of time to complete the SPE depends on the licensee's work status. A licensee working full-time (a minimum of 30 hours per week), can complete their SPE in 36 weeks. Part-time status requires 72 weeks. The following is a brief overview of other important requirements. Please refer to Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4753-3-07 for the complete list of requirements. You may also direct any questions regarding the supervised professional year to our e-mail address at: board@slpaud.ohio.gov.

- ◇ A Plan for Supervised Professional Experience must be submitted to the Board within 30 calendar days upon the start date of employment.
- ◇ A conditional license can be issued to someone while seeking employment; their license status will reflect: 'Active – Pending Receipt of SPE Plan.' This status means that the Board has not received and/or approved a conditional licensee's Plan for their employment. Practicing without submitting a Plan within 30 days of employment is considered practicing without a license and can cause serious consequences, especially if any professional services were provided by the conditional licensee for which reimbursement will be sought from a third party insurance provider. Insurance providers require that reimbursable services be provided by a duly licensed practitioner; therefore a conditional licensee whose status reflects 'Active – Pending Receipt of SPE Plan' should ensure their Plan is on file with the Board.
- ◇ Any change in supervisor or employer requires an Amended Plan be submitted to the Board within 30 calendar days of the change.

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Board Vice-Chairperson Amy Thorpe Wiley



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An overview of the requirements for completing the Supervised Professional Experience Year

- ◇ A PRN position or other employment that runs currently with the primary employment for supervised professional experience requires a Plan and SLP supervisor within 30 days of the start date of the PRN position or other employment, even if it will not count towards completion of the supervised professional experience.
- ◇ A Supervised Professional Experience Report and Contacts Log is due within 30 calendar days upon completion of the supervised professional experience or upon a change in employment or SLP supervisor.

Conditional licensees, SPE supervisors, and employers may direct further questions about the supervised professional experience requirements to the board's e-mail address at: board@slpaud.ohio.gov.

Board Appointments - Update

On September 27, 2012, Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, FAAA, ABA, was appointed to the Board by Governor Kasich. Ms. Brown will complete the remaining term of an audiology board position that will end on September 26, 2014. Ms. Brown is from Loveland, Ohio. She received her B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Miami University in 1989 and M.A. in Audiology from the University of Cincinnati in 1991. She is a clinical pediatric audiologist at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center and an adjunct instructor and clinical audiologist with Miami University's Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. Ms. Brown has extensive clinical experience and expertise in the audiology profession. Since 1992, she has held a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Since 2007, she has been certified with the American Board of Audiology. Ms. Brown has been a licensed audiologist since 1994. Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.A., CCC-SLP was reappointed to a second term on the board until September 26, 2015.



Dr. Helene Levenfus (left), Ms. Patricia Leppla, and Executive Director, Gregg B. Thornton

At its October 4, 2012, board meeting, Chairperson, Dr. Helene Levenfus recognized Ms. Patricia L. Leppla's, M.A., CCC-SLP, service on the board. Ms. Leppla's term officially ended on November 26, 2012. Dr. Levenfus thanked Ms. Leppla for her hard work and dedication while serving during the past three years. Ms. Leppla stated that it was an honor and privilege to serve on the Board. She enjoyed working with fellow board members, as well as the board staff. She expressed her appreciation for the good work that was done during the past three years. Ms. Leppla stated that serving on the board offered excellent opportunities to ensure consumer protection. In recognition of Ms. Leppla's dedication and service to the citizens of the State of Ohio, Dr. Levenfus presented her with a plaque.



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Ohio Department of Health (ODH) – EHDI Update & Reminders for Pediatric Audiologists

EHDI Goals: 1; 3; 6 Screen by 1 month; Diagnose by 3 months; Early Intervention by 6 months

Submitted by Susan Wendt, Au.D, CCC-A, FAAA; Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Infant Hearing Program Audiologist
IHP Website: <http://www.ohiohelpmegrow.org/parents/infanthearing/infanthearing.aspx>

UPDATE: **The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention-Pediatric Audiology Links to Services (EHDI-PALS)** is an **optional national web-based directory** and search engine designed to help parents, hospital personnel, and physicians identify pediatric audiology facilities. Facilities listed in EHDI-PALS must have the appropriate equipment and be able to provide audiology services to evaluate and treat children who are younger than 5 years of age. Additionally, these services must be provided by licensed audiologists.

- ◇ The EHDI-PALS Directory will be available to the public in early spring
- ◇ To have your facility listed in the initial EDHI PALS directory, Pediatric Audiologists needed to **complete a 10–20 minute online survey at www.ehdi-pals.org by the end of November**
- ◇ If you missed the November deadline or have questions concerning EDHI-PALS, please contact Winnie Chung at ihx9@cdc.gov



REMINDERS: Follow JCIH 2007 EDHI Guidelines when conducting follow-up hearing evaluations. **Report follow-up audiological evaluation results for “Birth to Three” to ODH** until a diagnosis or normal hearing is confirmed. **Reporting results is important because all birth to three** infants and toddlers **with reported** confirmed permanent hearing losses (PHL) are eligible for Ohio’s Help Me Grow (HMG) early intervention (EI) services and Ohio’s Regional Infant Hearing Program’s (RIHPs) specialized habilitation services.

A few audiological evaluation key points for birth to three:

- ◇ Follow EDHI 1; 3; 6 Goals: Screen by 1 month, **diagnose by 3 months**, EI by 6 months
- ◇ Follow JCIH 2007 Position Statement Guidelines available at: <http://jcih.org/posstatemts.htm>
- ◇ JCIH recommends **different test batteries for** 1) infants **birth to six** months and 2) infants & toddlers **six months to three** years. Refer to JCIH 2007 guidelines for the specific test batteries
- ◇ If the hospital screening included an ABR, the follow-up audiological testing must include ABR
- ◇ Follow-up audiological testing should assess both ears even if only one ear did not pass the inpatient hospital screening
- ◇ Report additional evaluations until a diagnosis or normal hearing is confirmed including submitting information about no shows, unable to contact, chose not to have follow-up testing, tested at PCP office or any information that will help track & follow these infants on form HEA 8017
- ◇ **Report all follow up audiological evaluations (birth -3)** for infants that did not pass, did not receive a hospital hearing screening, and those that passed and latter were identified with PHL **to ODH** on Form HEA-8017
- ◇ ODH HEA-8017 forms can be ordered by: **FAX:** 614-728-9163 or **Phone:** 614-644-8389; See order form on next page

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**LITERATURE AND FORMS REQUISITION
Audiology Evaluation Report Form Orders**

Ordering

Please complete this form and submit by Fax: **(614) 728-9163**

Or By Mail: **Ohio Department of Health
Infant Hearing Program (BEIS)
246 N. High St., 5th floor
Columbus, OH 43215**

UNHS FORMS		
Quant ity	Item #	Limited Quantities Available
	8017	Follow-up Hearing Evaluation Report Forms (100/package)
		Your Audiology Consultant can send specified amounts lower than 100.

PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST 2 WEEKS FOR PROCESSING!

Ship To:

Agency: _____
ATTN: _____
Street Add.: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
County: _____

(No P.O.s)

Please complete, in case we need to contact you regarding your order

Ordered by: _____

Date: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____



Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Upcoming Conferences



Winter 2013 OAA

The Ohio Academy of Audiology (OAA) announces:

The OAA will hold its bi-annual Ohio Audiology Conference (OAC) in Columbus at the Embassy Suites Airport from February 21-23, 2013.

Registration for this conference is currently open. For more information about conference sessions and registration, please visit OAA’s website at this [link](#). Conferences offer excellent opportunities for continuing education hours and networking.

Special Note

The Board has been invited to present during the OAC, at a date and time to be determined. Board members and staff will also be in attendance throughout the conference to answer any questions related to licensure or audiology issues.

The Board’s presentation will briefly cover the role of the licensure board and include updates on audiology issues impacting your license. There will be opportunities during the presentation for questions and group discussion.

- **Learn about issues affecting your license**
- **Learn about new changes/updates to laws and rules**
- **Opportunity for discussion of issues in a group setting**
- **Opportunity to ask questions**
- **Direct access to Board members and staff**



Spring 2013 OSLHA Convention

The Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association (OSLHA) announces:

The OSLHA will hold its annual convention in Columbus at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton Town from March 14-16, 2013. The theme for the convention will be: “Soaring to New Heights.”

Registration for this conference is currently open. For more information about conference sessions and registration, please visit OSLHA’s website at this [link](#).

The Board will participate in two presentations. The first presentation will cover the role of the licensure board and include updates on speech-language pathology and audiology issues. The second presentation will be entitled, Hot Topics in Ethics, 2.0. The Board is once again developing an ethics presentation in collaboration with OSLHA’s Ethics Committee. Michelle Burnett, M.A., CCC-SLP, with the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center and Barbara Prakup, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, with Baldwin Wallace University, will be co-presenters. The date and time for both presentations will be announced in a future eNewsletter.



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OMNIE has announced that funding for its initiatives will completely discontinue after 2013. The Board will continue to work collaboratively with the other OMNIE Project sponsors and supporters to address any impact this may have in the future.



OMNIE Highlights

The Ohio Master's Network Initiatives in Education-Speech Language Pathology (OMNIE Project) is the collaborative endeavor of dedicated individuals who have undertaken a leadership role in identifying issues necessary to ensure the education, recruitment, and retention of qualified speech-language pathologists in Ohio schools. The OMNIE Project is sponsored and supported by the [Ohio Department of Education](#) (ODE) and collaborates with the [Ohio Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology](#) (OBSLPA), the [Ohio Speech Language and Hearing Association](#) (OSLHA), the [Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition](#) (OSSPEAC).

OMNIE Announces Open Positions

The Ohio Department of Education's OMNIE program recently announced open positions for any speech-language pathologist or audiologist in school settings. If you are a licensee looking for employment, information for open positions can be found on the OMNIE website at:

http://www.omnie.org/Jobs/employment_opportunities.html

For more information about open positions, please contact OMNIE's Project Coordinator, Nada Allender, M.A., CCC-SLP at: nada@ameritech.net or 330-699-4019.

News Flash For OBSLPA Licensed SLPs Seeking ODE Licensure

The Ohio Department of Education welcomes requests from **OBSLPA LICENSED** speech language pathologists for a review of their credentials by the Ohio Credential Review Board in order to determine if they qualify for the Pupil Services license required for Ohio school-based employment.

Requests for a review by the Credential Review Board must include:

- Valid license granted by the Ohio Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology (OBSLPA)
- Verification of professional experience working with children and/or other populations (multiple letters of recommendation and third party documentation of work experience)
- Official transcripts of all college coursework, undergraduate and graduate
- A summary cover letter from the candidate providing background information and requesting a credential review for ODE SLP licensure
- A resume
- Documentation of training, education, competency and/or professional development work related to the practice of speech language pathology with school age children
- Praxis II speech language pathology specialty area test scores
- Any other materials the candidate wishes to provide for review

Please visit the OMNIE website at:

<http://www.omnie.org/Whats%20New/ODElicensurenews.html> for more information and where to send your materials.



OBSLPA FALL/EARLY WINTER QUARTER CALENDAR



December 3
December 3
December 4
December 7

Application Review and Approval
Rules Committee
Board Meeting and Professional Competency Committee Meeting
Documents Received Deadline for Next Review



December 17
December 25
December 24
December 31

Application Review and Approval
State Holiday - Christmas Day - Board Office Closed
Documents Received Deadline for Next Review
AUD, SLP, Dual AUD/SLP & Aide licenses expire at midnight



January 1
January 2
January 8

State Holiday - New Year's Day - Board Office Closed
Application Review and Approval
Documents Received Deadline for Next Review



January 15
January 21
January 24
February 1
February 8
February 15
February 18
February 21-23
February 22
March 1

Application Review and Approval
State Holiday - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-Board Office Closed
Documents Received Deadline for Next Review
Application Review and Approval
Documents Received Deadline for Next Review
Application Review and Approval
State Holiday - Presidents' Day - Board Office Closed
Ohio Audiology Conference - Columbus
Documents Received Deadline for Next Review
Application Review and Approval

Please visit the Board's website at www.slpud.ohio.gov for the specific time and location of the Board and committee meetings. In addition, you may also download the Board's agenda and meeting minutes. Please note that this calendar is subject to change without notice.



Ask the Board:

Regular Feature

Frequently asked questions will appear in each quarterly newsletter.



When Can I Renew My License Online?

Beginning September 1, 2012, individuals holding a speech-language pathology or audiology license may renew their license online from our website. The online renewal process is quick and secure. There are no forms to sign or mail to the board office. The Board received positive feedback about the online renewal process during the 2010 renewal period. Practitioners may renew their license with the following credit cards: American Express, VISA, Master Card, or Discover.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reminder: Board and Committee meetings are open to the public.
- Public comment is welcome at all Board meetings.
- Please visit our website at www.slpud.ohio.gov for the latest updates and information.

