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**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) 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.

(e) The additional continuing education hours obtained during the time the license was in inactive status to restore an inactive license under this section may count toward the licensee's continuing education requirement for the first renewal of the restored license if they were obtained during the two (2) calendar years immediately prior to the next renewal date following restoration.

- (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 "StateplaceOhio" 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.