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**Policy on Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Licensure Requirements**

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The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter, the “Board”) maintains licensure standards for speech-language pathologists and audiologists that are based, in part, upon standards created by recognized professional organizations. To reiterate the language in § 2.03 of the Board’s regulations, when “standards created by professional organizations are referenced, the Board does not require that licensees maintain membership in said organization.” In order to maintain high professional standards and ensure adequate preparation for applicants, the Board issues this policy in anticipation of a longer-term regulation change.

Applicants for licensure as speech-language pathologists on or after September 1, 2014 must meet the 2014 Standards for Certification of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (hereinafter, “ASHA”) or the then-current ASHA Standards for Certification in Speech-Language Pathology. For the 2014 Standards for Certification, the major differences between them and the prior standards are a greater emphasis on the study and mastery of biological science, the physical sciences, statistics, and the social/behavioral sciences. More information can be found on ASHA’s website: [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

Applicants for licensure as audiologists on or after September 1, 2014 must meet either the current ASHA Standards for Certification in Audiology or the current requirements for Board Certification in Audiology of the American Board of Audiology, other than any requirement of licensure for such certification. More information can be found on the American Board of Audiology’s website: [www.boardofaudiology.com](http://www.boardofaudiology.com)

