

## TITLE 54

### PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES

#### CHAPTER 29

#### SPEECH AND HEARING SERVICES PRACTICE ACT

54-2904.LICENSE REQUIRED. ~~[EFFECTIVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2018]~~ (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice or to perform or offer to practice audiology or speech language pathology or to act as a hearing aid dealer or fitter unless such person is duly licensed in accordance with this chapter. A license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be posted in the licensee's established place of business or carried upon the person, and shall be presented as proof of licensure upon demand.

(2) It is unlawful for any person or business entity, or its employees, agents or representatives, to use in connection with his or her name, or name of activity of the business, the words "audiologist," "audiometrist," "hearing clinician," "hearing therapist," or any other title, abbreviation or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that such person, business entity, employee, agent or representative is engaged in the practice of audiology, unless such services are provided by an audiologist licensed in accordance with this chapter or lawfully exempt pursuant to section [54-2905\(1\)\(c\)](#), Idaho Code.

(3) It is unlawful for any person or business entity, or its employees, agents or representatives, to use in connection with his or her name, or name of activity of the business, the words "speech pathologist," "speech therapist," "speech correctionist," "speech clinician," "language therapist," "language pathologist," "voice therapist," "voice pathologist," "logopedist," "communicologist," "aphasiologist," or any other title, abbreviation or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that such person, business entity, employee, agent or representative is engaged in the practice of speech language pathology, unless such services are provided by a speech language pathologist licensed in accordance with this chapter or lawfully exempt pursuant to section [54-2905\(1\)\(c\)](#), Idaho Code.

(4) It is unlawful for any person or business entity, or its employees, agents or representatives, to use in connection with his or her name, or name of activity of the business, the words "hearing aid dealer and fitter" or any other title, abbreviation or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that such person, business entity, employee, agent or representative is engaged in the practice of audiology or hearing aid dealing and fitting, unless such services are provided by an audiologist or hearing aid dealer and fitter licensed in accordance with this chapter.

54-2904.LICENSE REQUIRED. ~~[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]~~ (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice or to perform or offer to practice audiology or speech-language pathology or sign language interpreting or to act as a hearing aid dealer or fitter unless such person is duly licensed in accordance with this chapter. A license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be posted in the licensee's established place of business or proof of licensure carried upon the person, and shall be presented as proof of licensure upon demand. The proof of licensure required by this section may be produced in either paper or electronic format. Acceptable electronic formats include display of electronic images on a cellular

phone or any other type of portable electronic device.

(2) It is unlawful for any person or business entity, or its employees, agents or representatives, to use in connection with his or her name, or name of activity of the business, the words "audiologist," "audiometrist," "hearing clinician," "hearing therapist," or any other title, abbreviation or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that such person, business entity, employee, agent or representative is engaged in the practice of audiology, unless such services are provided by an audiologist licensed in accordance with this chapter or lawfully exempt pursuant to section [54-2905\(1\)\(c\)](#), Idaho Code.

(3) It is unlawful for any person or business entity, or its employees, agents or representatives, to use in connection with his or her name, or name of activity of the business, the words "speech pathologist," "speech therapist," "speech correctionist," "speech clinician," "language therapist," "language pathologist," "voice therapist," "voice pathologist," "logopedist," "communicologist," "aphasiologist," or any other title, abbreviation or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that such person, business entity, employee, agent or representative is engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology, unless such services are provided by a speech-language pathologist licensed in accordance with this chapter or lawfully exempt pursuant to section [54-2905\(1\)\(c\)](#), Idaho Code.

(4) It is unlawful for any person or business entity, or its employees, agents or representatives, to use in connection with his or her name, or name of activity of the business, the words "hearing aid dealer and fitter" or any other title, abbreviation or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that such person, business entity, employee, agent or representative is engaged in the practice of audiology or hearing aid dealing and fitting, unless such services are provided by an audiologist or hearing aid dealer and fitter licensed in accordance with this chapter.

(5) It is unlawful for any person or business entity, or its employees, agents or representatives, to use in connection with his or her name, or name of activity of the business, the words "sign language interpreter" or any other title, abbreviation or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that such person, business entity, employee, agent or representative is engaged in the practice of sign language interpreting, unless such services are provided by a sign language interpreter licensed in accordance with this chapter.

54-2916A.QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE -- SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER. To be eligible for licensure as a sign language interpreter, the applicant shall:

(1) File a written application with the board on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. A nonrefundable application fee shall accompany the completed written application. Such fees shall be established by the administrative rules of the board and shall be in such amounts as are reasonable and necessary for the proper execution and enforcement of this chapter;

(2) Provide verification acceptable to the board of the following:

~~(a) Having attained at least eighteen (18) years of age;~~

~~(b)~~ (b) Good moral character;

~~(c)~~ (c) Never having had a license or certification revoked or otherwise sanctioned as part of disciplinary action from this or any other state;

~~(d)~~ (d) Never having been convicted, found guilty or received a withheld judgment for any felony; and

~~(e)~~ (e) Never having been found by the board to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this chapter.

The board may take into consideration the rehabilitation of the applicant and other mitigating

circumstances when considering applications for licensure.

(3) Provide evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully passed a nationally recognized competency examination approved by the board or achieved certification defined by board rule;

(4) Provide educational documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has successfully graduated from a four-year course at an accredited high school or the equivalent; and

(5) Provide documentation that the applicant has successfully passed an examination approved by the board.