

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

AUDIOLOGY - GENERAL RULES

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(By authority conferred on the director of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by sections 16145, 16148, and 16811 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, and 333.16811, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030)

R 338.1, R 338.1a, R 338.2, R 338.3, R 338.4, R 338.5, R 338.6, R 338.7, R 338.8, R 338.9, R 338.10, R 338.11, and R 338.12 of the Michigan Administrative Code are amended, as follows:

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R 338.1 Definitions.

Rule 1. (1) As used in these rules:

(a) "Board" means the Michigan board of audiology created under section 16805 of the code, MCL 333.16805.

(b) "Code" means the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211.

(c) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.

(2) A term defined in the code has the same meaning when used in these rules.

R 338.1a Training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking; requirements.

Rule 1a. (1) Under section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, an individual licensed or seeking licensure shall complete training in identifying victims of human trafficking that satisfies the following standards:

(a) Training content must cover all the following:

(i) Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in Michigan or the United States.

(ii) Identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings.

(iii) Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in health care settings for adults and minors.

(iv) Resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.

- (b) Acceptable providers or methods of training include any of the following:
  - (i) Training offered by a nationally recognized or state-recognized, health-related organization.
  - (ii) Training offered by, or in conjunction with, a state or federal agency.
  - (iii) Training obtained in an educational program that has been approved for initial licensure, or by a college or university.
  - (iv) Reading an article related to the identification of victims of human trafficking that satisfies the requirements of subrule (1)(a) of this rule and is published in a peer review journal, health care journal, or professional or scientific journal.
- (c) Acceptable modalities of training include any of the following:
  - (i) Teleconference or webinar.
  - (ii) Online presentation.
  - (iii) Live presentation.
  - (iv) Printed or electronic media.
- (2) The department may select and audit a sample of individuals and request documentation of proof of completion of training. If audited by the department, an individual shall provide an acceptable proof of completion of training, including either of the following:
  - (a) Proof of completion certificate issued by the training provider that includes the date, provider name, name of training, and individual's name.
  - (b) A self-certification statement by an individual. The certification statement must include the individual's name and either of the following:
    - (i) For training completed under subrule (1)(b)(i) to (iii) of this rule, the date, training provider name, and name of training.
    - (ii) For training completed under subrule (1)(b)(iv) of this rule, the title of article, author, publication name of peer review journal, health care journal, or professional or scientific journal, and date, volume, and issue of publication, as applicable.
- (3) Under section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, the requirements specified in subrule (1) of this rule apply for license renewals beginning with the 2017 renewal cycle and for initial licenses issued after April 22, 2021.

**R 338.2 Application for audiologist license; requirements.**

Rule 2. (1) An applicant for an audiologist license, in addition to satisfying the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated under the code, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (a) Submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.
- (b) Possess a master's or doctoral degree in audiology from an accredited educational program under R 338.8.
- (c) Successfully completed a minimum of 9 months of supervised clinical experience in audiology as shown by 1 of the following requirements:
  - (i) For an applicant who possesses a doctor of audiology (Au.D.) degree, submission of an official transcript that indicates the awarding of a doctor of audiology (Au.D.) degree from an accredited educational institution under R 338.8.

(ii) For an applicant who has either a doctoral or master's degree in audiology, submission of a certification of clinical experience form that indicates that the applicant completed the required supervised clinical experience.

(d) Successfully completed an examination in audiology under R 338.7.

(2) If an applicant for an audiologist license submits either a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) or an American Board of Audiology Certified credential from the American Board of Audiology (ABA) that has been held up to September 1, 1995, then it is presumed that the applicant satisfies the requirements of subrule (1)(b), (c), and (d) of this rule.

### R 338.3 Licensure by endorsement; audiologist.

Rule 3. (1) An applicant for an audiologist license by endorsement shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to satisfying the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated under the code, an applicant shall satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) If an applicant was registered or licensed as an audiologist in another state with substantially equivalent requirements and holds a current and unencumbered registration or license as an audiologist in that state, then it is presumed that the applicant satisfies the requirements of section 16811(1)(a) or (b), and (2) or (3) of the code, MCL 333.16811.

(3) If an applicant does not satisfy the requirements of subrule (2) of this rule, then the applicant shall satisfy all the following requirements, in addition to satisfying the requirements of the code:

(a) Possess a master's or doctoral degree in audiology from an accredited educational program under R 338.8.

(b) Have successfully completed a minimum of 9 months of supervised clinical experience in audiology.

(c) Have successfully completed an examination in audiology under R 338.7.

(d) Verify that the registration or license from the other jurisdiction found in another state or territory of the United States, whether current or expired, is in good standing.

(e) In place of subdivisions (a), (b) and (c) of this subrule, submit a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) from ASHA or an American Board of Audiology Certified credential from the ABA.

### R 338.4 Supervised clinical experience; limited license requirements.

Rules 4. (1) An applicant for an audiology license who has earned a master's or doctoral degree in audiology but who still must complete the required 9 months of supervised clinical experience in audiology must submit a completed application for a limited license on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to satisfying other requirements of the code and administrative rules, an applicant for a limited license shall establish both of the following requirements:

(a) That the applicant is a graduate of an accredited educational program in audiology, as described in R 338.8.

(b) That the applicant has been accepted for training in a clinical situation under the supervision of an individual who is licensed in audiology in this state or who holds a current Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) from ASHA or an American Board of Audiology Certified credential from the ABA.

(2) The applicant shall complete 9 months of clinical supervised experience (1,080 clock hours) or the equivalent of 9 months of experience after having graduated from an accredited master's degree program in audiology, as described in R 338.8. Both of the following requirements apply:

(a) The experience is subject to R 338.5.

(b) Only experience obtained in an approved supervised clinical situation by an individual who holds a limited license counts toward the experience requirement.

(3) If an applicant transfers to a different supervised clinical situation, then he or she shall notify the department by submitting information about the new supervised clinical situation on a form provided by the department.

#### R 338.5 Clinical experience requirements.

Rule 5. (1) The 9 months of supervised clinical experience required for licensure in R 338.2(1)(c), R 338.3(3)(b), and R 338.4(2) must satisfy the following requirements:

(a) The experience must be obtained under the supervision of a licensed audiologist.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subrule (2) of this rule, experience must be full time, which means at least 30 hours per week, and be obtained within 24 consecutive months.

(2) The supervised clinical experience required under subrule (1) of this rule may be fulfilled on a part-time basis and must satisfy the following requirements:

(a) The experience must be obtained under the supervision of a licensed audiologist.

(b) The experience must be part time, which means at least 15 hours per week, and be obtained within 36 consecutive months.

#### R 338.6 Foreign trained applicants; licensure requirements.

Rule 6. An applicant for an audiologist license who graduated from a postsecondary institution that is located outside of the United States shall establish all of the following requirements:

(a) That the applicant has completed an educational degree program in audiology that is substantially equivalent to the educational requirements in R 338.2(1)(b) for licensure or R 338.3(3)(a) for licensure by endorsement. The department accepts as proof of an applicant's completion of the educational requirements a credential evaluation completed by a credential evaluation organization that is a current member organization of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES).

(b) That the applicant may practice as an audiologist without limitation in a country currently recognized by the United States. An applicant shall have his or her license, certification, or registration verified by the licensing agency of any country in which the applicant holds a current license, certification, or registration or has ever held a license, certification, or registration as an audiologist. If applicable, verification must include the record of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

(c) That the applicant has completed, in the United States, 9 months of supervised clinical experience under a licensed audiologist, and the supervised clinical experience satisfies R 338.5.

R 338.7 Examination; adoption; passing scores.

Rule 7. Examinations approved and adopted are the National Teachers Examination (NTE) in Audiology and the Praxis Series II Examination in Audiology that are administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) or its successor organization. Applicants are required to achieve a passing score on the National Teachers Examination (NTE) in Audiology or the Praxis Series II Examination in Audiology or any successor examination.

R 338.8 Educational standards; adoption by reference.

Rule 8. (1) Educational standards approved and adopted by reference in these rules include the following:

(a) The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) for the accreditation of audiology education programs as in the publication entitled "Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology," August 2017, which is available from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850 at no cost from the association's website at <https://caa.asha.org/wp-content/uploads/Accreditation-Standards-for-Graduate-Programs.pdf>. A copy of the standards also is available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Board of Audiology, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Evidence of completion of an accredited audiology educational program is proof of completion of an acceptable program.

(b) The Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE) for the accreditation of doctor of audiology programs as in the publication entitled "Accreditation Standards for the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) Program", adopted March 2016, which is available at no cost from the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education, 11480 Commerce Park Dr., Ste. 220, Reston, Virginia 20191 or at no cost from the commission's website at <http://acaecred.org/standards/>. Copies of the standards are available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Board of Audiology, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Evidence of completion of an accredited audiology educational program is proof of completion of an acceptable program.

(2) A higher education institution is considered approved if it is accredited by the accrediting body of the region in which the institution is located and the accrediting body satisfies either the recognition standards and criteria of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the recognition procedures and criteria of the United States Department of Education. The department in consultation with the board adopts by reference the recognition standards and criteria of CHEA, effective September 24, 2018,

and the procedures and criteria for recognizing accrediting agencies of the United States Department of Education, effective July 1, 2010, as contained in 34 CFR 602.10 to 602.38. Copies of the standards and criteria of CHEA and the United States department of education are available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Board of Audiology, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909. The CHEA recognition standards also may be obtained from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20036-1110, or from the council's website at <http://www.chea.org> at no cost. The federal recognition criteria may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 or from the department's website at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OPE/index.html> at no cost.

#### R 338.9 Relicensure.

Rule 9. (1) An applicant whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(3) of the code, MCL 333.16201, if the applicant satisfies all of the following requirements:

(a) Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Establishes that he or she is of good moral character as defined under sections 1 to 7 of 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(c) Submits proof to the department of accumulating not less than 20 hours of continuing education credit that satisfies the requirements of R 338.10 and R 338.11 during the 2 years immediately preceding the application for relicensure.

(2) An applicant whose license has lapsed for 3 years or more preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(4) of the code, MCL 333.16201, if the applicant satisfies all of the following requirements:

(a) Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Establishes that he or she is of good moral character as defined under sections 1 to 7 of 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(c) Submits fingerprints as required under section 16174(3) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

(d) Complies with either of the following requirements:

(i) Pass an examination required under R 338.7.

(ii) Presents proof to the department that he or she was registered or licensed as an audiologist in another state during the 2-year period prior to the application for relicensure.

(3) An applicant shall have his or her license, certification, or registration verified by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current license, certification, or registration or has ever held a license, certification, or registration as an audiologist. If applicable, verification must include the record of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

R 338.10 License renewal; requirements; applicability.

Rule 10. (1) This rule applies to applications for renewal of an audiology license under sections 16201 and 16811 of the code, MCL 333.16201 and 333.16811.

(2) An applicant for license renewal who has been licensed for the 2-year period immediately preceding the expiration date of the license shall accumulate not less than 20 hours of continuing education in activities approved under these rules during the 2 years preceding the end of the license cycle.

(3) Submission of an application for renewal constitutes the applicant's certification of compliance with the requirements of this rule. A licensee shall retain documentation of satisfying the requirements of this rule for a period of 4 years from the date of applying for license renewal. Failure to satisfy this rule is a violation of section 16221(h) of the code, MCL 333.16221.

R 338.11 Acceptable continuing education; requirements; limitations.

Rule 11. (1) The 20 hours of continuing education required under R 338.10(2) for the renewal of an audiology license must satisfy the following requirements:

(a) For the purpose of this rule, "instruction" means education time, exclusive of coffee breaks; breakfast, luncheon, or dinner periods; or, any other breaks in the program.

(b) Not more than 10 hours of continuing education may be earned during a 24-hour period.

(c) A licensee may not earn credit for a continuing education program or activity that is identical or substantially identical to a program or activity the licensee has already earned credit for during that license cycle.

(d) Under section 16204 of the code, MCL 333.16204, at least 1 hour of continuing education must be earned in the area of pain and symptom management. Continuing education hours in pain and symptom management may include, but are not limited to, courses in behavior management, behavior modification, stress management, and clinical applications, as they relate to professional practice under sections 16801 to 16811 of the code, MCL 333.16801 to 333.16811.

(2) The following are acceptable continuing education activities:

ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Activity Code	Activity and Proof Required	Number of continuing education hours granted/allowed per activity
(a)	<p>Initial presentation of a continuing education program related to the practice of audiology provided to a state, regional, national, or international audiology organization.</p> <p>To receive credit, the presentation must not be a part of the licensee's regular job description and must satisfy the standards in R 338.12.</p>	<p>Three hours of continuing education are granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of presentation.</p> <p>No other credit is granted for preparation of a presentation.</p> <p>A maximum of 9 hours of continuing education are allowed</p>

	<p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of the presentation notice or advertisement showing the date of the presentation, the licensee's name listed as a presenter, and the name of the organization that approved or offered the presentation for continuing education credit.</p>	<p>for this activity in each renewal period.</p> <p>Under subrule (1)(c) of this rule, credit for a presentation is granted once per renewal period.</p>
(b)	<p>Initial presentation of a scientific exhibit, paper, or clinical demonstration to an audiology organization.</p> <p>To receive credit, the presentation must not be part of the licensee's regular job description or performed in the normal course of the licensee's employment.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of the document presented with proof of presentation or a letter from the program sponsor verifying the length and date of the presentation.</p>	<p>Two hours of continuing education are granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of presentation.</p> <p>No other credit is granted for preparation of a presentation.</p> <p>A maximum of 6 hours of continuing education are allowed for this activity in each renewal period.</p> <p>Under subrule (1)(c) of this rule, credit for a presentation is granted once per renewal period.</p>
(c)	<p>Passing a postgraduate academic course related to the practice of audiology offered in an educational program approved under R 338.8.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit an official transcript documenting successful completion of the course.</p>	<p>Five hours of continuing education are granted for each academic credit hour passed.</p> <p>Three hours of continuing education are granted for each academic term or quarter credit hour passed.</p> <p>A maximum of 20 hours of continuing education are allowed for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(d)	<p>Attendance at a continuing education program approved under R 338.12.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a program description, a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the licensee's name, number of continuing education hours earned, sponsor name or the name of the organization that approved the program or activity for</p>	<p>One continuing education clock hour is granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of program attendance.</p> <p>A maximum of 20 hours of continuing education are allowed for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	continuing education credit, and the date on which the program was held or activity completed.	
(e)	<p>Attendance at a continuing education program approved by another state board of audiology.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a program description, a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the licensee's name, number of continuing education hours earned, sponsor name or the name of the organization that approved the program or activity for continuing education credit, and the date on which the program was held or activity completed.</p>	<p>One continuing education clock hour is granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of program attendance.</p> <p>A maximum of 20 hours of continuing education are allowed for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(f)	<p>Initial publication of an article related to the practice of audiology in a non-peer reviewed journal or newsletter.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of the publication that identifies the licensee as the author or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	<p>One hour of continuing education is granted for each article.</p> <p>A maximum of 5 hours of continuing education are allowed for this activity in each renewal period.</p> <p>Under subrule (1)(c) of this rule, credit for publication is granted once per renewal period.</p>
(g)	<p>Initial publication of a chapter related to the practice of audiology in either of the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A professional or health care textbook.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A peer-reviewed journal.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of the publication that identifies the licensee as the author or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	<p>Five hours of continuing education are granted for serving as the primary author.</p> <p>Two hours of continuing education are granted for serving as the secondary author.</p> <p>Under subrule (1)(c) of this rule, credit for publication is granted once per renewal period.</p>
(h)	<p>Reading an audiology professional journal and successfully completing an evaluation created for continuing education credit in audiology practice education.</p>	<p>One hour of continuing education is granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of this activity.</p>

	If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of the publication and the evaluation created for continuing education credit in audiology practice education.	A maximum of 5 hours of continuing education are allowed for this activity in each renewal period.
(i)	Attendance at a program approved for continuing education by the board of medicine or the board of osteopathic medicine related to audiology practice.  If audited, the licensee shall submit a program description, a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the licensee's name, number of continuing education hours earned, sponsor name or the name of the organization that approved the program or activity for continuing education credit, and the date on which the program was held or activity completed.	One continuing education clock hour is granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of program attendance.  A maximum of 5 hours of continuing education are allowed for this activity in each renewal period.
(j)	Participating on a state or national committee, board, council, or association related to the field of audiology. A committee, board, council, or association must enhance the participant's knowledge and understanding of the field of audiology.  If audited, the licensee shall submit documentation verifying the licensee's participation in at least 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings of the committee, board, council, or association.	Two hours of continuing education are granted for each committee, board, council, or association.  A maximum of 2 hours of continuing education are allowed for this activity in each renewal period.

R 338.12 Continuing audiology education programs; methods of approval.

Rule 12. (1) Approved and adopted by reference are the standards of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Continuing Education Board (ASHA-CEB) for approved continuing education providers in the document entitled "American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Continuing Education Board Manual," February 2019, which is available at no cost from ASHA, 2200 Research Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20850-3289 or from the association's website at <https://www.asha.org/ce/for-providers/>. A copy of the guidelines also is available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Michigan Board of Audiology, Bureau of Professional

Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

(2) Approved and adopted by reference are the standards of the American Academy of Audiology for approved continuing education programs in the document entitled “CE Provider Course Application Requirements and Guidelines,” November 2018, which is available at no cost from the American Academy of Audiology, 11480 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 220, Reston, Virginia 20191 or from the academy’s website at <https://audiology.org/professional-development/continuing-education/ce-provider-information/course-approval-requirements>. A copy of the guidelines also is available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Michigan Board of Audiology, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

(3) The board may review a course or program. Courses or programs that need to be reviewed and preapproved must submit the following requirements:

- (a) Course content related to current issues in audiology practice.
- (b) An outline of the course or program provided with time allotted for each section of the program.
- (c) Documentation of qualifications of presenters.
- (d) Description of the method for delivering the course or program.
- (e) Inclusion of defined measurements of pre-knowledge and post-knowledge or skill improvement.
- (f) Monitoring of participant attendance at the program or course.
- (g) Records of a course or program are maintained and include the number of participants in attendance, the date of the program, the program's location, the credentials of the presenters, rosters of the individuals who attended, and the continuing education time awarded to each participant.
- (h) A participant must receive a certificate or written proof of attendance at a program that indicates a participant's name, the date of the program, the location of program, the sponsor or program approval number, and the hours of continuing education awarded.