

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND BOARD MEETING

The New Mexico Speech Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practice Board and the Regulation and Licensing Department will hold a rule hearing on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following the rule hearing, the Board will convene a regular board meeting to consider adoption of rules and take care of regular business. The hearing and board meeting will be held at the New Mexico Commission for the Blind in the Conference Room, located at 2200 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

The hearing and subsequent Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing board meeting may also be accessed virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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The purpose of the rule hearing is to consider the initiation of rulemaking for the following rules:

16.26.2 – Licensure Requirements

16.26.4 – Annual Renewal of Licenses

16.26.6 – Fees

16.26.7 – Grounds for Disciplinary Action

On Tuesday, September 9, 2025, copies of the proposed rules may be obtained through the New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board website at: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/speech-language-pathology-audiology-and-hearing-aid-dispensing-practices/statutes-rules-and-rule-hearings/>, or by contacting Ruth Romero, the Board Administrator for the Board, at speech.hearing@rld.nm.gov or (505) 476-4622.

The New Mexico New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board and the Regulation and Licensing Department will begin accepting written public comment regarding the proposed rule changes beginning Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 8:00 a.m. and ending Friday, October 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Written comments may be submitted either by email to speech.hearing@rld.nm.gov or by postal mail to the following address:

New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department
Attn: New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board
P.O. Box 25101
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Written comments received during the public comment period (September 9, 2025 – October 10, 2025) will be posted to the website page linked above. Public comment will also be accepted during the rule hearing and may be submitted in writing or presented orally by those attending in-person. The members of the New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board will not engage in substantive discussion of public comments during the rule hearing but will consider all public comments during the regular board meeting immediately following the conclusion of the rule hearing.

The agenda for the New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board regular meeting which will begin immediately after the public rule hearing, will be posted and available at least 72 hours before the meeting on the Board website at: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/speech-language-pathology-audiology-and-hearing-aid-dispensing-practices/board-information/>. Copies of the agenda may also be obtained by contacting Ruth Romero, Board Administrator.

For inclement weather: If New Mexico state offices are placed on a two-hour delay due to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be pushed back two hours from the noticed hearing time. If New Mexico state offices are closed due to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

An individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Ruth Romero, Board Administrator at (505) 476-4622 at least 7 days prior to the rules hearing and regular board meeting. Public documents, including the proposed rules, meeting agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats.

Statutory Authority:

The rule changes are authorized by the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-14B-1 through 61-14B-25, specifically authorizes the Board to adopt and file in accordance with the State Rules Act, [Chapter 14, Article 4, 1978] rules necessary to carry out the provision of the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act, in accordance with the provision of the Uniform Licensing Act.

Purpose of the Proposed Rules: The proposed rule changes are intended to address changes to the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act, to provide greater clarity regarding Hearing Aid Dispenser Exams, CFY Renewals, aligns rules for the Electronic Application Process Fee for NM-Plus and clarifies lettering order for Disciplinary Action.

Summary of Proposed Changes: The Board summarizes its proposed changes to its administrative rules as follows:

16.26.2 NMAC – Licensure Requirements – Clarifies language for the Board Approved Hearing Aid Dispenser exam.

16.26.4 NMAC – Annual Renewal of Licenses – Adds clarity for CFY Renewals which are not eligible for renewal if the exam is not passed within the first year of licensure.

16.26.6 NMAC – Fees – Adds a \$10.00 Electronic Application Process Fee for initial license and \$10.00 per year fee for all renewals and will pay for the ongoing cost of utilizing Salesforce/NM-Plus system.

16.26.7 NMAC – Grounds for Disciplinary Action corrects the lettering and numbering for clarification of requirements.