

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, or a chartered educational institution insofar as such services are part of the duties of his office or position with the agency or institution. However, an individual in this employ may elect to be subject to this subtitle by applying for a license hereunder. An individual is not exempt from this subtitle who does work as a speech and language pathologist or audiologist for which a fee may be paid directly or indirectly by the recipient of the service.

(2) The activities and services of a student, or trainee in audiology or speech pathology, pursuing a course of study at an accredited university or college, or working in a recognized training center, if these activities and services constitute a part of his supervised course of study.

(3) The activities and services of a person who has recently become a resident of the State and has had his application for licensing with or without examination accepted by the Board, pending disposition of his application, if the person was authorized by the laws of the state or county of his former residence to perform these activities or services. No one may be exempt under paragraph (1) above who shall do any work as an audiologist or speech pathologist for which a fee may be paid by or for the recipient of the service.

(d) This subtitle shall not be construed to prevent any person who is a medical or osteopathic physician licensed to practice by the Board of Medical Examiners from evaluating, diagnosing and/or treating disorders of hearing, language, and speech in humans.

(e) This subtitle shall not be construed to prevent any person licensed in this State as a hearing aid dealer from the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids.

793. Qualification of Applicants for Registration; Fee.

(a) To be eligible for licensure by the Board as an audiologist or speech pathologist, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$50 AS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD and, to the satisfaction of the Board, must:

(1) Be a person of good moral character.

(2) Be 21 years of age or older.

(3) Hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in Speech Pathology, Audiology, and/or Speech Sciences from an educational institution having an accredited graduate program.

(4) Submit transcripts from one or more accredited colleges or universities presenting evidence of the completion of 60 semester hours constituting a well-integrated program that includes 18 semester hours in courses that provide fundamental information applicable to the normal development and use of hearing, language and speech and 42 semester hours in courses that provide information about and training in the management of hearing, language and speech disorders and that provide information supplementary to these fields.

(i) For certification in Audiology of these 42 semester hours, no fewer than 6 may be in formal courses in the evaluation and management of speech disorders.