

Bureau of Professional Licensing Audiologist FAQs

1. **How long are Audiologist licenses valid? Can I renew my license early? How will I know when I need to renew?**

Your initial Audiologist license is only good until the next expiration date of your profession (anywhere from 4 months to 1 year). After your first renewal, your license will be valid for 2 years.

Renewal begins 90 days prior to the expiration date of your current license.

Renewal notifications are mailed to the address on record, 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Remember to notify the Department in writing of any address change. It is a licensee's responsibility to renew his or her license on time. Failure to receive the renewal notification, or to notify the Department of an address change, does not exempt a licensee from renewing their license on time.

Licenses are required to renew their license(s) by using the online renewal system at www.michigan.gov/elicense, using a debit or credit card containing a Mastercard, Visa or Discover logo, or by electronic check. **All payments made by electronic check have an automatic 10 day hold place on the license before it will be renewed.**

2. **I have been a practicing Audiologist for many years. What do I have to do to my license?**

You will be required to submit all of the following:

- a) A complete application, along with the required application fee.
- b) A transcript confirming the completion of a master's degree or a doctoral degree in audiology from a regionally accredited college or university. (The transcript must be sent to us directly from the college or university. We cannot accept a copy or a document submitted by the applicant.)
- c) Verification of successful completion of a minimum of 9 months of supervised clinical experience in audiology.
- d) Passage of the PRAXIS Examination in Audiology.
- e) ASHA or ABA Certification in lieu of specified verification items in b, c and d.

4. Is there anyone who does audiology activities who are exempt from licensure?

The following people are exempt from licensure:

- a) Individuals involved in research or the teaching of communication disorders in a regionally accredited college or university, as long as the individual does not practice audiology, or represent himself/herself as a licensed audiologist.
- b) Individuals employed by the Department of Community Health in one of its approved hearing screening training programs are exempt from conducting screenings of hearing sensitivity.
- c) Individuals certified by an agency acceptable to the Occupational Health Standards Commission, are exempt from engaging in hearing screening as part of a hearing conservation program, in compliance with standards adopted under MIOSHA.
- d) Individuals certified, registered, or otherwise regulated members of another profession, including a person licensed in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery, and an unlicensed or licensed person to whom tasks have been delegated under his or her supervision, and including a person licensed as a Hearing Aid Dealer or Salesperson, as long as the individual does not hold himself/herself out to the public as a licensed audiologist.

5. How does the new legislation impact my ability to work as an audiologist?

Once the licensing program is formally implemented, you cannot practice the tasks indicated in the definition of an audiologist, unless you possess a license or are exempt from licensure.

6. Do I need to complete continuing education?

The law for Audiology requires continuing education for renewal. The Administrative Rules require 20 hours in the two years prior to an application for renewal or relicensure.

7. When do I have to meet the requirements for the completion of training in identifying victims of human trafficking?

Beginning with the 2018 renewal cycle, and all renewal cycles thereafter, licensees must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meet the standards established in Administrative Rule 338.1a in order to renew their license.

Beginning in 2021, individuals seeking initial licensure must have completed

human trafficking training prior to obtaining a license as an Audiologist. Licensees, or individuals seeking licensure, must complete the training in identifying victims of human trafficking only one time. The Department may select an audit sample and request documentation of proof of completion of the training.

8. How do I file a complaint against a health care professional?

Information on how to [File an Allegation Against a Health Care Licensee](#) can be located on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.

9. Where can I find a copy of the administrative rules pertaining to Audiologists?

You may view the current [Administrative Rules](#) and proposed revisions on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.

Revised: (1/2020)