

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

June 25, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Location: G. Mennen Williams Building Auditorium
525 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan

The hearing is held to receive public comments on the following administrative rules:

Audiology - General Rules (ORR 2018-015 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, MCL 333.16148, MCL 333.16801, and MCL 333.16811

Overview: The proposed changes include amending the human trafficking rule to include a date of promulgation; removing the automatic licensure by endorsement for audiologists who are currently certified as an audiologist by the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists or audiologists who are currently licensed or registered to practice in Canada; amending licensure requirements for a foreign-trained applicant to require applicants to have successfully completed an audiology curriculum that is substantially equivalent to a curriculum defined in the rules; requiring foreign graduates to obtain an educational evaluation by an organization that is a current member organization of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services and provide evidence of licensure by another country; setting the minimum requirement for the Test of English as a Foreign Language; updating accreditation standards for audiology educational programs that are adopted by reference; amending the relicensure requirements to require applicants to provide fingerprints and establish good moral character; limiting the amount of hours of continuing education a licensee may earn in a 24-hour period; prohibiting receipt of continuing education credit for a 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; requiring at least one hour of continuing education credit in pain and symptom management; and updating accreditation standards for audiology continuing education programs that are adopted by reference.

Board of Social Work – General Rules (ORR 2017-094 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, MCL 333.16148, MCL 333.18516, and MCL 333.18518

Overview: The proposed changes include: amending and updating educational standards and required examination information; amending the number of supervised work experience hours an applicant for social service technician registration, bachelor's of social worker licensure, or master's of social worker licensure may accumulate in a calendar year; amending the limited bachelor's social worker license and limited master's social worker licensure requirements to permit an individual to accumulate the required supervised practice for relicensure after lapse; amending the requirements for bachelor's of social worker and master's of social workers relicensure; amending the requirements of registration or licensure by endorsement for a social service technician, bachelor's of social worker, and master's of social worker; and amending

continuing education requirements for bachelor's of social worker and master's of social worker license renewal and relicensure.

The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules. Comments on the proposed rules may be presented in person at the public hearing. Written comments will also be accepted from date of publication until 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2018, at the following address or e-mail address:

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Bureau of Professional Licensing– Boards and Committees Section
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Attention: Policy Analyst Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Board Support at (517) 241-7500 or the email address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at the following link:

http://dmbinternet.state.mi.us/DMB/DTMBORR/AdminCode.aspx?AdminCode=Department&Dpt=L&Level_1=Bureau+of+Professional+Licensing

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