

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: HAS 6

Relating to: Audiologist Practical Examination

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only): N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of this rule is to review the practical examination requirement for Audiologists and make updates to align with current practice in the profession.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter HAS 6 currently includes requirements for Audiologist licensure, specifically a practical examination under s. HAS 6.04 (8). As written, all applicants are required to take the practical examination unless they have completed education or training that the board has determined is substantially equivalent to the completion of the examination. The Board will therefore establish requirements for an equivalency waiver of the examination for those applicants who qualify. The alternative to making changes to this Code chapter is that applicants will continue to be unclear about what requirements establish equivalency in Wisconsin.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats.: "Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession."

Section 459.12 (1), Stats.: "The examining board may make rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state which are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter."

Section 459.24 (3) (e), Stats.: The examining board shall grant an audiologist license to an individual who "submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has passed the examinations selected or approved by the examining board by rule under s. 459.26 (2) (am), or has completed education or training that the examining board determines is substantially equivalent to the examinations selected or approved by the examining board under s. 459.26 (2) (am)."

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

80 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Those seeking Licensure as Audiologists in Wisconsin.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule: None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule will have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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