

Adopt Sphe 400 to read as follows:

CHAPTER Sphe 400

CONTINUED STATUS AND LICENSE RENEWAL

PART Sphe 401 RENEWAL OF LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION

Sphe 401.01 Requirement to Renew.

(a) Pursuant to RSA 310:8, II and III, each license or certification issued under RSA 326-F shall be valid for 2 years from the date of issuance.

(b) A licensee or certificate holder who wishes to continue to practice shall renew the license or certification on or before its expiration date.

(c) A person shall not practice after expiration unless and until the license or certification is renewed or reinstated.

Sphe 401.02 Renewal Application.

(a) An applicant for renewal shall apply in accordance with Plc 308, as applicable to renewal applications.

(b) The applicant shall:

- (1) Submit the “Universal Application for License Renewal”;
- (2) Pay the renewal fee established in Plc 1002.50;
- (3) Pay any applicable fees established in Plc 1001; and
- (4) Comply with continuing competence requirements set forth in Sphe 402.

PART Sphe 402 CONTINUING COMPETENCE

Sphe 402.01 Continuing Competence Required for Renewal.

(a) As a requirement of renewal, each licensee shall complete continuing competence activities during each 2-year licensure period as follows:

- (1) Speech-language pathologists shall complete 30 hours;
- (2) Audiologists shall complete 20 hours;
- (3) No continuing competence shall be required during the provisional licensure period.

(b) Of the total hours required in (a)(1), above:

- (1) At least 50 percent shall be directly related to the practice of speech-language pathology as required by RSA 326-F:6, I;
- (2) At least 2 hours shall be in professional ethics; and
- (3) Any licensee who provides services through telemedicine or telehealth shall complete at least 2 hours in telemedicine or telehealth service delivery.

(c) Of the total hours required in (a)(2), above:

- (1) At least 2 hours shall be in professional ethics; and
- (2) Any licensee who provides services through telemedicine or telehealth shall complete at least 2 hours in telemedicine or telehealth service delivery.

Sphc 402.02 Documentation and Audit of Continuing Competence.

(a) Each licensee shall retain documentation demonstrating compliance with Sphc 402.01 as required by Plc 308.04.

(b) Licensees shall comply with audit requirements in accordance with Plc 308.04.

PART Sphc 403 REINSTATEMENT

Sphc 403.01 Reinstatement of License Within One Year of Expiration. To request reinstatement of an expired license not more than one year after the license expired, the former licensee shall:

- (a) Complete the process for renewing a license specified in Plc 308, including demonstrating that the applicant has met all continuing competence requirements.
- (b) Comply with the criminal history record requirements of RSA 328-F:18-a.
- (c) Pay the fee established in Plc 1002.50.

Sphc 403.02 Process if License Has Been Expired More than One Year. An individual whose license has been expired more than one year who wishes to obtain a license shall:

- (a) Meet the qualifications for initial licensure in Sphc 302.01, Sphc 303.01, Sphc 304.01, or Sphc 305.01, as appropriate for the license type;
- (b) Submit the following to the OPLC:
 - (1) A completed “Universal Application for Initial License” in accordance with Plc 304.01, that includes the information required by Plc 304.03 and Plc 304.04, and that is signed and attested to as required by Plc 304.05;
 - (2) A completed criminal history record release form and fingerprints as required by RSA 328-F:18-a;
 - (3) The fee required by Plc 1002 for the credential sought; and
- (d) Demonstrate good professional character and reliability as evidenced by the information provided with the application package and the criminal records history check pursuant to RSA 328-F:18-a.

PART Sphc 404 FEES

Sphc 404.01 Fees.

- (a) Application processing and licensing fees shall be as set forth in Plc 1002.50.
- (b) All other applicable fees shall be as set forth in Plc 1001.

APPENDIX A: State Statute Implemented

Rule	Specific State Statute Which the Rule Implements
Sphc 401.01	RSA 310:8
Sphc 401.02	RSA 310:8; RSA 328-F:18-a
Sphc 402.01	RSA 310:8; RSA 326-F:6; RSA 328-F:11, I(b)
Sphc 402.02	RSA 310:8; RSA 310:9
Sphc 403.01	RSA 310:8; RSA 328-F:18-a
Sphc 403.02	RSA 310:8; RSA 328-F:11, I(f)
Sphc 404.01	RSA 310:5; RSA 310:6