

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND
AUDIOLOGY BOARD RULE CHAPTER 609-8 RENEWAL AND
REINSTATEMENT, RULE 609-8-.02 LATE RENEWAL**

RULE 609-8-.02 Late Renewal

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Rule 609-8-.02 Late Renewal (herein after "proposed rule").

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board's website at <https://sos.ga.gov/board-speech-pathology-and-audiology> Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment at a public hearing to be held at **9:20 a.m., October 17, 2022** in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. If the Board office remains closed due to the public health emergency (COVID-19), the hearing will be held via teleconference. Please see Board's website for information on how to join the meeting via teleconference.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **Monday, October 10, 2022**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Gabriel Sterling, Interim Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, the Georgia Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Written comments may be faxed to (866) 888-7127.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on **July 18, 2022**. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment

cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-44-6, 43-44-7 and 43-44-11. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-44-6, 43-44-7 and 43-44-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of speech-language pathology and audiology.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 609-8-.02 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-44-6, 43-44-7 and 43-44-11

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 8th day of September, 2022.



Gabriel Sterling
Interim Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: 9/8/22

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO GEORGIA BOARD OF SPEECH-
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
RULES**

RULE 609-8-.02 Late Renewal

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed adoption is housekeeping in nature and reflects recent changes made to the applicable Joint Secretary Rule, specifically Rule 295-2-13 Licenses Expiring March 31 - Odd Years.

Rule 609-8-.02 Late Renewal

(1) Each license will expire and must be renewed by March 31st of odd numbered years. Licenses not renewed by ~~March 31st of odd numbered years~~ this date may be late renewed during the late renewal period of April 1 – April 30th of the corresponding year with payment of a late renewal fee in addition to the renewal fee. ~~by June 30th of that year by the payment of the current renewal fee, plus an additional late renewal fee of 50% of the renewal fee.~~ Late renewal applications must be accompanied by proof that all CE requirements have been met for the biennium.

(2) ~~Any license not renewed by June 30th following the March 31st expiration date shall automatically become classified as "Administratively Revoked" and the licensee must apply for reinstatement.~~ Failure to renew a license by the end of the established late renewal period shall have the same effect as revocation, subject to reinstatement in the discretion of the Board.

(3) Practicing with ~~an expired~~ a lapsed or administratively revoked license ~~shall be~~ is prohibited by law, and any unlicensed practice during this period may result in disciplinary action for unlicensed practice at the time of reinstatement.

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-44-6, 43-44-7 and 43-44-11

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(2) Failure to renew a license by the end of the established late renewal period shall have the same effect as revocation, subject to reinstatement in the discretion of the Board.

(3) Practicing with a lapsed or administratively revoked license is prohibited by law, and any unlicensed practice during this period may result in disciplinary action at the time of reinstatement.