

## Speech-Language Pathologist Licensure Information

The following information relates to obtaining or renewing a Minnesota Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) License per [MN Rule 8710.6000](#). A SLP is authorized to provide specialized speech-language services to prekindergarten through grade 12 students with identified communication disabilities including those affecting language, articulation, fluency, and voice.

### Tier 1 License

A Tier 1 license for a speech-language pathologist is not available.

### Tier 2 License

A Tier 2 license is valid for two years and expires on June 30 of the expiration year. This license may be renewed up to three times. When applying for a Tier 2 license, use the [Tier 2 Related Services Application](#).

#### Initial Tier 2 Application Requirements

Applicant must:

1. have a bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders or Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences, **OR**
2. hold a speech-language pathologist assistant certificate and a bachelor's degree in any field.

Hiring District must:

1. advertise the position for 15 days on a Minnesota state-approved job board (EdPost)
2. request a Tier 2 license from the Board,
3. affirm that there were no Tier 3 or Tier 4 licensed speech-language pathologists that applied,
4. provide justification indicating why no alternative options for having a licensed speech-language pathologist are available,
5. affirm that the candidate will participate in an evaluation, **AND**
6. provide supervision by a licensed speech-language pathologist who holds a certificate of clinical competence (CCC) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and provides communication whenever:
  - a. the licensed Tier 2 supervised individual is in direct contact with a client where the supervision includes the following:
    - i. during the first year, at least 30 percent of work includes direct, face-to-face supervision; **AND**
    - ii. during the second year, at least 20 percent of work includes direct, face-to-face supervision.

#### Renewal of a Tier 2 License

1. The first renewal requires the applicant to:
  - a. show meaningful progress, as defined by the provider, has been made toward completion of the program and a Tier 3 license, **OR**
  - b. the applicant applied to a speech-language pathology master's degree program but was not accepted.
2. The second and third renewals require the applicant to:
  - a. Same as 1a.
3. The hiring district verifies, for each renewal, that the applicant participated in:
  - a. mentorship and evaluation per the district's teacher development and evaluation.

## **Tier 3 License**

A Tier 3 license is valid for three years and expires on June 30 of the expiration year. This license may be renewed indefinitely. When applying for a Tier 3 license, use the [Tier 3 License Application](#).

### **Initial Tier 3 Application Requirements**

The applicant must:

1. have completed a preparation program in speech-language pathology that is accredited by Council on Academic Affairs of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, **OR**
2. hold a valid certificate of clinical competence from ASHA, **OR**
3. hold a speech-language pathology license from the Minnesota Department of Health.

## **Tier 4 License**

A Tier 4 license is valid for five years and expires on June 30 of the expiration year. This license may be renewed indefinitely. When applying for a Tier 4 license, use the [Tier 4 License Application](#).

### **Initial Tier 4 Application Requirements**

Applicant must:

1. meet all Tier 3 license requirements, and
2. have three or more years working experience as a speech-language pathologist.

## **Renewal of Tier 3 or Tier 4 License**

A speech-language pathologist must complete:

1. 75 [clock hours](#), including current mandatory requirements if holding a Tier 3 license.
2. 125 [clock hours](#), including current mandatory requirements if holding a Tier 4 license.

### ***Clock Hour Exemption***

The Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) credential from ASHA may be used in lieu of clock hours, not including mandatory requirements, to renew a speech-language pathologist license. If the CCC credential expires during the individual's renewal period, the local continuing education/relicensure committee must prorate clock hours completed at 25 hours per year and require completion of a prorated number of hours for the years the credential is not in effect. Mandatory requirements may have been met within the certification process. See your local relicensure committee for review.

## **Permissions**

The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board does not authorize or issue permissions for speech-language pathologists.

## **Testing**

A speech-language pathologist is not required to pass content, pedagogy, or basic skills examinations to obtain or renew a speech-language pathologist license.

