

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
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. Apply [online](#) for an initial Tier 3 license.

Initial Tier 3 Application Requirements

The applicant must have one of the following:

1. have completed a preparation program in speech-language pathology that is accredited by the 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. Apply [online](#) for an initial Tier 4 license.

Initial Tier 4 Application Requirements

Applicant must:

1. meet all Tier 3 license requirements, including Tier 3 clock hours and mandatory requirements if moving from a Tier 3 to a Tier 4 license in the expiration year of the Tier 3 license, and
2. have three or more years of 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.