



Spring eNewsletter

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Message from the Board President

A warm welcome everyone to this Spring edition of the licensure board's eNewsletter. We have important updates to share regarding the professions, so please be sure to review our information. Updates of interest include reminders about Madeline's Law after it went into effect in April 2025, and the "No Surprise Act" which went into effect in 2022. I am also very excited to report that Ohio is now processing applications to practice under the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. Other updates include licensure renewal information, continuing education requirements, and important reminders for our spring graduates applying for licensure. The month of May is also Better Hearing and Speech Month and we hope you will join us to help raise

awareness about communication disorders throughout the month.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all of our licensees for continued professionalism, passion and expertise in maximizing communication skills for Ohioans.

Sincerely yours,

Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A,
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Message from the Executive Director

I would like to welcome everyone to this edition of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professional Board's eNewsletter. We have important updates and information inside this edition about licensure renewal, the interstate compact, continuing education requirements, updates about

Madeline's Law and the No Surprise Act, duty to report, professional experience requirements for conditional speech-language pathologists, to name just a few. We would also like to congratulate the Speech-Language Pathology Consultants for their work this year.

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Message from the Board President

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Message from the Executive Director

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If you have a question, issue, or concern, please do not hesitate to contact us. We invite you to visit our homepage at www.shp.ohio.gov to stay updated throughout the year.

If you recently contacted the Board for services or information, please take a moment to complete our customer service [survey](#) and let us know your opinion about that experience.

Best Regards,
Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.
Executive Director

Important Information

Has your contact information changed?

Updating your contact information is now a self service process in the new eLicense Ohio system. See the update inside this edition for details on how to register and access your license through your new eLicense Ohio dashboard.

All licensees are required to update any change of name, place of business, or mailing address within thirty days of said change.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reminder: Board and Committee meetings are open to the public.
- Public comment is welcome at all Board meetings.
- Please visit our website at www.shp.ohio.gov for the latest updates and information.

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ASLP-IC - Updates - Ohio's Interstate Compact Goes Live on February 9, 2026

On July 1, 2021, Ohio became the fourteenth state to join the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). The ASLP-IC is an occupational licensure compact which allows audiologists and speech-language pathologists to practice in multiple states without having to obtain additional state licenses. The provisions and requirements for Ohio's ASLP-IC are specified under Ohio Revised Code section 4753.17. As of this edition, there are now 37 states and one U.S. territory that have joined the compact.

On February 9, 2026, practitioners were able to apply for a privilege to practice in West Virginia and Louisiana. Other states will be accessible once they complete the ASLP-IC Commission's on-boarding process.

If you hold an active audiology or speech-language pathology license in Ohio and would like to apply for a privilege to practice under the ASLP-IC, please follow these steps:

1. If you were initially licensed prior to January 22, 2018, you must complete a criminal background check to the licensure board in order to be eligible to apply for a privilege. Click on the following [link](#) for instructions on completing your criminal records check. Once you have completed the criminal records check, you must e-mail the Board at board@shp.ohio.gov confirming you have completed the criminal records check. Once your criminal records check is received, you will be eligible to apply for a compact privilege on the ASLP-IC Commission's application portal called Compact Connect.
2. If you were initially licensed on or after January 22, 2018, you have already completed the required criminal background check and are eligible to apply for a compact privilege on the ASLP-IC's Commission application portal called Compact Connect.
3. Create a user account from Compact Connect's website: <https://app.compactconnect.org/Register>
4. If you are unable to create a user account from Compact Connect's website, e-mail the Board at Gregg.thornton@shp.ohio.gov and provide your full name and board license number. Please allow up to 2 business days for a response.

Important Links:

- For instructions on applying for a privilege: [How To Apply for a Privilege under the ASLP-IC](#)
- For instructions on completing the BCI and FBI background check if initially licensed before 1/22/2018: [Criminal Background Check Instructions for Initial Compact Privilege](#)
- For the latest status of states becoming operational: [Check for your State's Go-Live Date](#)

Licensure Statistics

As of April 29, 2026

Audiologists:	1221
Audiology Aides:	126
Conditional SLPs:	285
Dual-Aud. & SLP	21
Hearing Aid Dealers:	185
Hearing Aid Satellites:	376
Hearing Aid Fitters:	456
Inactive Audiology:	38
Inactive Speech-Language Path.: 218	
Speech-Language Pathologists:	9061
SLP Aides:	10
Trainee Permit Holders	46
Total Licenses:	12,043

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Licensure Renewal Period: October 2 - December 31, 2026 For Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Aides, Hearing Aid Dealers, and Hearing Aid Fitters



This is a reminder that the license renewal period begins on October 2, 2026 and runs through midnight on December 31, 2026. Licensed audiologists, speech-language pathologists, dual licensees, aides, hearing aid dealers, and hearing aid fitters will receive their renewal notification via e-mail starting October 2, 2026 from eLicense Ohio. Licensees can renew their license beginning October 2, 2026, online through the eLicense Ohio license management system. In order to maximize cost efficiencies, licenses must be renewed online through eLicense Ohio. The Board will not be able to respond to any requests for a paper renewal application or accept checks or money orders submitted through the mail. Paper renewal applications will not be available from the Board's website. eLicense Ohio will periodically send reminders via e-mail to anyone who has not yet renewed their license. If your e-mail address has changed since the last time you reviewed your license, you should update your contact information in eLicense Ohio. Licensure renewal information will also be available on the Board's website in October at: www.shp.ohio.gov.

Continuing Education and Ethics Requirement Reminder

Continuing Education & Ethics Resources Available at: <http://shp.ohio.gov/ce-ethics>

The Board would like to remind all licensees about their respective continuing education requirements for the 2025-2026 practice period.

Requirements for Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists

Audiologists and speech-language pathologists are required to complete twenty hours of continuing education, including two hours related to ethics pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01. At least ten hours of continuing education must be specific to the clinical practice in the area the person is licensed. A licensee is not required to obtain continuing education for the first renewal. Licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists required to complete continuing education have until December 31, 2026 to complete their hours. All continuing education hours must be completed between January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. You may still renew your license even though you have not completed your twenty hours of continuing education. On the renewal application, the continuing education question will read, "Have you or will you have completed the required continuing education hours by the renewal deadline?"

Requirements for Hearing Aid Fitters

Hearing aid fitters are now required to complete twenty hours of continuing education, including two hours related to ethics pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 4747-1-11. For a hearing aid fitter license, at least ten hours shall be specific to the measurement and testing of human hearing, the making of impressions for earmolds, or selecting and adapting of hearing aids. Continuing education clock hours must be acquired in subjects related to hearing aid fitting or audiology. A licensee is not required to obtain continuing education for the first renewal. Licensed hearing aid fitters required to complete continuing education have until December 31, 2026 to complete their hours. All continuing education hours must be completed between January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. On the renewal application, the continuing education question will read, "Have you or will you have completed the required continuing education hours by the renewal deadline?"

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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Across the country, the month of May is widely regarded as Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM). In July 2023, the National Association for Hearing and Speech Action (NAHSA) - the consumer affiliate of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association - announced that starting in 2024, May will be recognized as National Speech-Language-Hearing Month instead of Better Hearing and Speech Month. In 2012, Ohio passed a law officially recognizing this month as BHSM. Until this law is changed to the new name announced by NAHSA, the Board must recognize the month of May in Ohio as “Better Hearing and Speech Month.”

Regardless of the name you choose to use to recognize the month of May, the goal is the same; to help raise awareness about communication disorders and the importance of early intervention. The following organizations have posted BHSM resources on their website. (Note: the information and links below do not constitute an endorsement by the Board.)

The American Academy of Audiology has resources such as posters and fact sheets posted at:

<https://www.audiology.org/get-involved/public-awareness/may-is-better-hearing-month>.

The American Speech-Language Hearing Association has posted resources to help you recognize all month long at:

<https://www.asha.org/bhsm/>.

The International Hearing Society has posted BHSM resources at:

<https://www.ihsinfo.org/news-advocacy/latest-news/>

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders has BHSM information at:

<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/>

<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health>

If you would like to view our state law designating the month of May as BHSM in Ohio, here is the link:

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/gp5.2281v1>.

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Reminder - Ohio's Safe Haven Program

On May 1, 2025, the Board began administering a Safe Haven Program for impaired practitioners through a partnership with the Ohio Professionals Health Program (OhioPHP). As the Board approaches its one year anniversary with OhioPHP, this a reminder that OhioPHP supports confidential and compassionate care for all our licensees dealing with substance use or mental health disorders, impairment of practice, burnout, etc. OhioPHP supports the use of confidential services whenever possible in lieu of regulatory awareness in order to eliminate fear of punishment, disciplinary action, embarrassment, or professional isolation.

The final rules for impaired practitioners and the Safe Haven Program can be found here:

[For Chapter 4747 licensees](#): Hearing Aid Dealers, Hearing Aid Fitters, Trainee Permit Holders

[For Chapter 4753 licensees](#): Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Conditional SLPs, Aides

For more information about OhioPHP and the Safe Haven Program, please visit their website at:

<https://www.ohiophp.org/>

Reminder - Madeline's Law After One Year in Effect

Madeline's Law was signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine on January 2, 2025. The law, which took effect on April 2, 2025, requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for the cost of both of the following: (1) one hearing aid per hearing-impaired ear up to \$2,500 every 48 months for a covered person under 21 years of age who is verified as being deaf or hearing impaired by a licensed audiologist or by an otolaryngologist or other licensed physician, and (2) all related services prescribed by an otolaryngologist or recommended by a licensed audiologist and dispensed by a licensed audiologist, a licensed hearing aid dealer or fitter, or an otolaryngologist. The required coverage applies to all health benefit plans, as defined in section 3922.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, and includes a nonfederal government health plan delivered, issued for delivery, modified, or renewed on or after the bill's effective date. The new law also requires the Board to adopt professional standards on hearing aids.

The Board finalized the professional standards concerning prescription hearing aids at its meeting on March 7, 2025. You can access the professional standards from our website at: https://shp.ohio.gov/staying-licensed/professional_standards_concerning_prescription_hearing_aids_madelines_law

No Surprise Act - Reminder

As previously reported in the Spring 2022 eNewsletter, this is a reminder about the No Surprise Act, which went into effect on January 1, 2022. Ohio consumers receiving health related services, including speech and hearing services, have new billing protections when receiving emergency care, non-emergency care from out-of-network providers at in-network facilities, and air ambulance services from out-of-network providers. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which was enacted on December 27, 2020, contains provisions to help protect consumers from surprise bills, including the No Surprises Act. For more information on how new rules help protect people from surprise medical bills and remove consumers from payment disputes between a provider or health care facility and their health plan, please visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services website at: <https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises>.

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Board Congratulates Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Speech-Language Pathology Consultants on Second Year Anniversary

As previously reported in the Spring 2025 Board eNewsletter, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) announced an initiative for regional Speech-Language Pathology and School Psychology Consultants. The dedicated team of six Speech-Language Pathology Consultants (SLPCs) and School Psychology Consultants (SPCs) have been assisting school-based speech-language pathologists and psychologists across the state. We congratulate the consultants on its second year of providing invaluable assistance and guidance to not only our licensees but also to school administrators and related service staff. Each SLPC, is a highly qualified speech-language pathologist, assigned to specific regions to provide specialized support where it is needed most. In districts without existing regional support, these consultants will play a key role in delivering essential services. Where there are district lead therapists, psychologists, supervisors, or coordinators in place, SLPCs and SPCs will collaborate to strengthen professional development initiatives and enhance district-wide success.

Key responsibilities of the SLPCs and SPCs include:

- Leading professional development for district and regional speech-language pathologists and school psychologists on best practices in evaluation and therapeutic interventions.
- Providing training and support to administrators, general education, and special education staff to ensure a cohesive approach to student services.
- Guiding caseload management by offering personalized advice and practical strategies based on a workload approach. Leveraging their field experience, they will empower professionals to navigate caseload challenges more effectively.

SLPCs and SPCs are committed to supporting the success of districts across the state, ensuring that students receive the high-quality services they deserve.

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SLPC: Angie Brouhard

Mid-Ohio ESC

SLPC: Johanna Gilland

North Central Ohio ESC

SLPC: Jennifer Treadway

South Central Ohio ESC

SLPC: Jennifer Pyles



For contact information for the SLPC serving your county/region of the state, please visit the ODEW's website at: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/Related-Services/Regional-Speech-language-Pathology-and-School-Psyc>

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Important Reminder for Spring Graduates Applying for Licensure and Conditional SLPs competing their experience



The Board would like to congratulate individuals who will graduate this Spring and Summer from graduate level programs in audiology and speech-language pathology. Individuals who plan to practice in Ohio should submit their application four to six weeks prior to graduation, to ensure a sufficient amount of time to process your application. Please visit the Board's website to access the eLicense Ohio licensing system to register for your eLicense user account. For individuals applying for their conditional speech-language pathology license, this is a reminder that the supervised professional experience plan, amended plan, and report and contacts log must be submitted within thirty calendar days. For instance, the supervised professional experience plan is due within thirty days of the start date of employment. An amended plan is due within thirty days of a change in the supervised professional experience start or end date, a change in supervisors, or change in employment. The report and contacts log is due within thirty days upon completion of the supervised professional experience or partial completion of the supervised professional experience. The Board's forms and instructions to complete the supervised professional experience are available on our website at: <https://shp.ohio.gov/forms>.

During the months of May through August, those holding a conditional speech-language pathology license are in the process of completing their supervised professional experience. The Board would also like to remind supervised professional experience supervisors that supervision of the conditional licensee must continue after the Report and Contacts log is submitted to the board office and being reviewed. Ohio Administrative Code sections 4753-3-07 (D)(2) and (G)(2) state in relevant part:

(D) - Supervisor qualifications and responsibilities.

(2) The supervisor shall agree to supervise the practice of speech-language pathology experience of the applicant according to a plan approved by the board.

(G) - Supervised professional experience report and supervision contacts log.

(G)(2) After submission of the "Supervised Professional Experience Report" and "Supervision Contacts Log," the conditional licensee shall abide by the requirements for conditional licensure until full licensure is granted.

When the conditional licensee and professional experience year supervisor have signed the Report and Contacts Log, the conditional licensee must submit the document within thirty calendar days of completion of the professional experience. The professional experience year supervisor shall continue to supervise the conditional licensee until the Board approves the Report and Contacts Log and issues the conditional licensee their speech-language pathology license. Supervisors should check with the conditional licensee to verify timely submission of the Report and Contacts log. The status of the conditional licensee's license should be verified from the eLicense Ohio website, license look-up page at: <https://shp.ohio.gov/license-lookup>.

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Board Reminds Practitioners of Duty to Report

The Board would like to remind practitioners of their duty to report direct, first-hand knowledge, of violations under Ohio Revised and Administrative Code sections 4744, 4747 and 4753. All licensees practice under a Code of Ethics. For hearing aid dealers, fitters, and trainees, the duty to report is specified under Ohio Administrative Code section [4747-1-23](#) (B)(10), which states: licensees shall report to the board any violation of the board rules or any breach of the code of ethics of which that the licensee is aware. For audiologists, speech-language pathologists, conditional speech-language pathologists, and aides, the duty to report is specified under Ohio Administrative Code section [4753-9-01](#) (B)(10), which also states: licensees shall report to the board any violation of the board rules or any breach of the code of ethics of which that the licensee is aware. Licensees have a duty and responsibility to report known violations of the practice act and breach of the code of ethics. Licensees can report violations by submitting a complaint on the eLicense Ohio website: [File a Complaint–Duty to Report](#). You may also contact the Board office and request to speak with the Executive Director, Gregg Thornton or our Board Investigator, Connie Allen, if you have questions about whether a situation should be reported. The Duty to Report requirement is an important component to a practitioner’s responsibility under their license, as well as ensuring consumer protection. **Note: if violation of the board rules or code of ethics is related solely to impairment due to abuse of or dependency on alcohol or other drugs or other health-related condition, the licensee shall instead make a report to the board's safe haven program by contacting the Ohio Professionals Health Program at (614) 841-9690 or via e-mail at info@ohiophp.org.**



Speech Assistants versus Speech-Language Pathology Aides: What is the difference in Ohio and Why Does It Matter?

Support personnel can assist audiologists and speech-language pathologists with their duties to provide services to patients, clients, and students across all work settings. Ohio has licensed support personnel since 1992, when [Ohio Revised Code section 4753.072](#) became law. In Ohio, our licensed support personnel are called Audiology Aides and Speech-Language Pathology Aides. The Board adopted rules delineating the qualifications for licensure and the requirements for their training, allowed duties, and supervision under [Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4753-7](#).

The educational requirements for a speech-language pathology aide or audiology aide is a high school diploma or equivalent. For states that license speech and audiology assistants, the educational requirements are either a 2-year or 4-year college degree. Aides in Ohio receive customized and hands-on training by their supervisor, perform duties that support specified aspects of record keeping and screenings subject to a pass/fail determination, pursuant to [Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-6-01](#).

Speech Assistants are another type of support personnel licensed in other states to assist speech-language pathologists. Ohio does not recognize or license speech assistants. Speech assistants in other states can provide broader duties, such as managing a caseload and providing direct services to patients, clients, or students under supervision. In Ohio, a speech-language pathology aide cannot perform these duties and cannot work independently.

Employers posting positions for support personnel need to be aware of the type of support personnel that the Ohio licensure board recognizes and licenses. Employers and contract companies should not list “Speech Assistant” or “SLP-A” as these titles misrepresent the type of support personnel that is recognized and licensed in Ohio.

Speech-language pathology and audiology aides serve an important role to supporting speech-language pathologists and audiologists in specified aspects of record keeping and screenings. Please refer to the above referenced laws and rules in order to be compliant with Ohio’s requirements for support personnel for speech-language pathology and audiology.

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Important Reminder - Hearing Tests Are Medical Records and Must Be Provided to the Patient/Client Upon Request



It has recently come to the Board's attention that some practitioners are denying patients/clients a copy of their hearing test results, e.g., audiogram, after providing a free hearing test and the consumer ultimately decides not to purchase the hearing aids from the licensee and instead requests a copy of their audiogram.

This is an important reminder that denying a consumer a copy of their audiogram may be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board. Pursuant to federal laws, such as the Health Integrity Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), consumers have a right to their medical records and information. A hearing test, such as an audiogram, is considered a medical record, which the consumer has a right to obtain.

When hearing tests are performed for free, who owns the test results, e.g., the provider, the consumer, the facility?

Licensees in private practice and healthcare facilities where licensees are employed have primary control and maintenance of all healthcare records for their patients/clients. Terms and conditions under which the consumer can receive a copy of their healthcare records should be covered under the terms of service that practitioners and/or facilities require the consumer to sign. These terms include, but are not limited to, a full disclosure of terms for service(s), fees for provided services, including tests, and any fees for missed appointments, etc.. The terms of agreement should specify that patients have a right to their health records and information, how they can request copies of their records, how long it can take to provide copies of requested records and whether a fee will be charged for copies.

What rights do consumers have regarding access to their health records?

As previously mentioned, HIPAA affords consumers with rights to their health records, information, and safeguards to protect confidential information from being disclosed to third parties without express authorization from the consumer. There is also state law, which licensees must follow under Ohio Revised Code §3701.741, which is more fully referenced below.

Can an audiologist, hearing aid dealer or facility providing audiologic testing/hearing testing who offers a free hearing test then later charge a patient for the test results?

Yes, a licensee can charge a fee for the test results, even though they advertised and provided a free hearing test to the patient/client/consumer. However, the following should be taken into consideration by the licensee.

- First and foremost, the consumer should never be denied access to a copy of their hearing test or any other type of test results.
- Fees charged to consumers for a copy of their health record(s) must be reasonable and must be disclosed to the consumer.
- Passing along the costs of the free hearing test as the cost for the requested audiogram is strictly prohibited. Charges for medical records are clearly outlined in ORC § 3701.741. Costs for an audiogram would be \$2.75 – as provided in ORC § 3701.741(B)(1)(a)(i).

Is advertising a free hearing test, then charging for it ethical; Is it in accordance with Ohio Code?

An advertisement giving notice of a free hearing test must also contain notice if a fee will be charged to the consumer when requesting a copy of their audiogram. Denying a consumer a copy of their audiogram when providing a free hearing test would be unethical and grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

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Important Reminder - Hearing Tests Are Medical Records and Must Be Provided to the Patient/Client Upon Request (continued)



When requesting copies of hearing tests or audiologic test results, can a consumer be charged a fee greater than set forth in Ohio Code for copies of their health records?

No, for the reasons previously stated, charges for medical and health related records must be in accordance with ORC § 3701.741.

Is charging fees greater than what is allowed permitted under the Board's Code of Ethics?

Licensees who charge consumers fees for a copy of their test results or other information greater than what is allowed are at risk of being in violation of the Board's Code of Ethics. The Board urges licensees to review their respective code of ethics. The Codes of Ethics are specified under Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules, which must be followed. The Code of Ethics for hearing aid dealers and fitters are specified under OAC Chapter 4747-1-23 and for audiologists and speech-language pathologists under OAC Chapter 4753-9.

Licensees also have a duty to report to the Board violations of its laws and rules governing the professions. Complaints may be reported via our complaint portal in eLicense Ohio at: https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh_filecomplaint.

eLicense Service Requests

Licensees must login to their eLicense account and submit a Service Request under "Options" for the following:

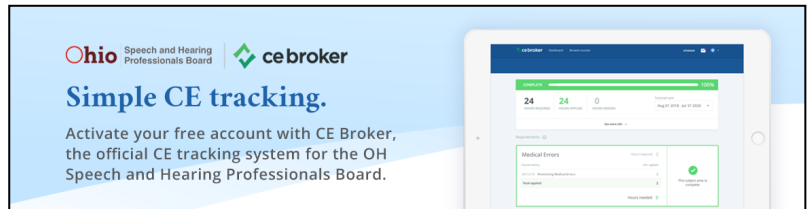
- Name changes
- Updating contact information, e.g., mailing address, employment, e-mail address, etc.
- License verification to another state

Want to know when your Service Requests have been processed? Go to your [eLicense dashboard](#). Click the "My History" button. Choose "Service Requests" from the 'History Type' drop down and view the status column results.

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CE Broker - Sign-up Today!

[CE Broker](#) is the official CE tracking system of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board. You will never have to pay for a CE Broker Basic Account. However, licensees do have the option to subscribe to an upgraded account, which offers additional CE tracking tools. Please visit the Board's website at <https://shp.ohio.gov/continuing-education> to learn more.



HOW TO ACTIVATE YOUR FREE CE BROKER ACCOUNT?

1. Visit www.cebroke.com/oh/plans
2. Select the Basic Account option
3. Enter your license number and get started tracking your continuing education!

Comprehensive Course Search

The [CE Broker Course Search](#) helps you find every course you need to complete your license renewal. To find courses, visit courses.cebroke.com/search/oh and select your profession.

Helpful Support Center

CE Broker's dedicated support center is available 8AM-8PM ET Monday - Friday with a team of experts trained on the rules and regulations of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board. Reach them by phone at 877-434-6323 or via [email and live chat](#).

Benefits of using CE Broker

- Track your continuing education hours required to renew your Ohio license;
- Know precisely how many hours you've completed and how many hours are remaining;
- Exemption from a continuing education audit once your 20 hours are reported
- Bring CE compliance wherever you go with the CE Broker mobile app. Available on iPhone and Android from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

OMNIE: Refreshed - Speech and Language Guidelines

The new OMNIE: Refreshed modules are now available. Twenty-one school-related topics are online. The modules are now located on the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's website at:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Professional-Development/Learning-Management-System-LMS>

All of the topics were updated and being maintained by licensed practitioners regarded for their expertise, knowledge and experience over the subject areas addressed. The guidelines and resources support school based practitioners, including intervention specialists, teachers, administrators and parents. Accessing the modules will require you to register for a free account which will only take a few minutes, and is highly encouraged to ensure that funding continues in order to maintain the modules.

OSHPB SPRING/SUMMER/ FALL CALENDAR—2026



May 1
May 14

May 15

May 25

June 1

June 15

June 19

July 2

July 3

July 15

August 3

August 10

August 17

September 1

September 7

September 15

October 1

October 2

Better Hearing and Speech Month Begins

Board Meeting

Application Review and Approval

State Holiday - Memorial Day - Board Office Closed

Application Review and Approval

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State Holiday - Juneteenth Day - Board Office Closed

Application Review and Approval

State Holiday - Independence Day Observed - Board Office Closed

Application Review and Approval

Application Review and Approval

Board Meeting

Application Review and Approval

Application Review and Approval

State Holiday - Labor Day - Board Office Closed

Application Review and Approval

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Licensure Renewal Begins; eLicense Ohio will send e-mail to all licensees

Reminder—audiology, audiology aide, hearing aid dealers, hearing aid fitters, speech-language pathology, and speech-language pathology aide licenses will expire at midnight on December 31, 2026.

Note: Board & Committee meeting dates and locations are subject to change. Visit our website to confirm dates.

Please visit the Board's website at www.shp.ohio.gov for the specific time and location of the Board and committee meetings. In addition, you may also download the Board's agenda and meeting minutes.

Please note that this calendar is subject to change without notice.

Ask the Board:

Regular Feature

Frequently asked questions will appear in each newsletter.



When can I renew my license?

Licensees whose license expire on December 31, 2026 can renew their license starting on October 2, 2026.

eLicense Ohio will send an e-mail with information about licensure renewal. It is important that licensees keep their e-mail contact updated in eLicense. If an e-mail has not been received by October 3, 2026, check your junk or spam folders.

end of August 2026. Please see the license renewal article inside this edition on page 4 for more information.

License renewal information will also be posted on the Board's website by the