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Licensing Requirements and Application Checklist Speech-Language Pathologist (not currently licensed out-of-state)

License Requirements for Speech-Language Pathologist (not currently licensed out-of-state)

Below are the minimum requirements you must meet in order to be licensed in the state of Montana.

1. Minimum of a master's degree in speech-language pathology or communication disorders from a program accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. During this program you must have completed a supervised clinical practicum experience - [[MCA 37-15-303](#), [ARM 24.222.502\(2\)\(a\) & \(b\)](#)]
2. Pass the national PRAXIS exam - [[MCA 37-15-303](#), [ARM 24.222.502\(2\)\(d\)](#), [24.222.510\(1\)\(a\)](#)]
3. Pass the open-book state jurisprudence examination which is included with the application. A passing score is 80% or greater - [[MCA 37-15-303](#), [ARM 24.222.502\(2\)\(d\)](#), [24.222.510\(1\)\(b\) and \(2\)](#)]
4. Completion of a 36-week speech language pathology supervised professional experience as described in [ARM 24.222.509](#) - [[MCA 37-15-303](#), [ARM 24.222.502\(2\)\(c\)](#)].

Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Application for Speech-Language Pathologist (not currently licensed out-of-state)

The following documents and additional forms are required in addition to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application. Others, such as transcripts, may need to be sent to the board directly from the source.

Applicants WITH a current certificate of clinical competence from ASHA must submit the following documents.

- Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which you hold or have ever held a professional license of any type. It is up to you to request official verification from those states and jurisdictions. Montana accepts whatever official form of verification is offered by other states or jurisdictions.
- Proof of the current certificate of clinical competence from ASHA
- Completed, open-book [state jurisprudence exam](#) which will be graded by department staff. If you do not pass you will be contacted by department staff so you can retake the exam.
- If you answered yes to discipline questions, include a detailed explanation on the event(s) and documentation from the source (licensing board, federal agencies/programs, or civil/criminal court proceedings such as initiating/charging documents, final disposition/judgement documents, etc.).

Applicants WITHOUT a current certificate of clinical competence from ASHA must submit the following documents.

- Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which you hold or have ever held a professional license of any type. It is up to you to request official verification from those states and jurisdictions. Montana accepts whatever official form of verification is offered by other states or jurisdictions.
- Certified education transcripts sent directly to the department from the college or university.

- Results from the PRAXIS exam sent directly from the testing agency.
- Completed, open-book [state jurisprudence exam](#) which will be graded by department staff. If you do not pass you will be contacted by department staff so you can retake the exam.
- Proof that you have completed a 36-week speech language pathology supervised professional experience as described in [ARM 24.222.509\(2\)\(a\)](#).
 - If you completed the supervised professional experience in Montana, the [Supervised Professional Experience Completion Report](#) form must be completed and signed by you and the speech-language pathologists who supervised you during your supervised professional experience.
 - If you completed the supervised professional experience in another state or jurisdiction you must submit whatever proof of completion was issued by that state or jurisdiction.
- If you answered yes to discipline questions, include a detailed explanation on the event(s) and documentation from the source (licensing board, federal agencies/programs, or civil/criminal court proceedings such as initiating/charging documents, final disposition/judgement documents, etc.).

Application Fee(s) for Speech-Language Pathologist (not currently licensed out-of-state)

The following fee(s) must be submitted with your application. Online applicants can pay using a credit card or a bank account. If you submit a paper application you must submit a check or money order. Do not mail cash.

- \$192 application fee

You can apply for a license online at <https://ebiz.mt.gov/POL/> or download a paper application from the website. Online application is recommended.

Please include a valid e-mail address with your application. E-mail is the department's primary form of communication.

If you have any questions about the application process or the licensing requirements please contact the Department of Labor and Industry Professional Licensing Bureau using the contact information at the top of this checklist.