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July 31, 2026

Public Comment Summary

Title:

Proposed Rules for West Virginia Hearing Aid Dealers.

Date: July 31, 2026

The call for Public Comments ran from June 26, 2026 to July 29, 2026.

Mission Statement: The mission of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is to protect consumers by ensuring that all licensed practitioners meet or exceed educational standards and adhere to the of Code of Ethics as presented in the WV or Code.

Summary of Amendments to Legislative Rule §8-1

The State Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has recommended changing the Hearing Aid Dealer license renewal schedule from annually to biennially. This change will align it with the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology license renewals, which occur on even years (e.g., 2026, 2028).

Comment 1:

On July 21, 2026, the Board received this comment on the license renewal fee Hearing Aid Dealers.

Response 1:

On July 31, 2026, the Board reviewed the submitted comment and added a prorated fee to the proposed rules for Hearing Aid Dealers.

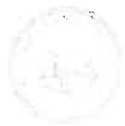
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Re: Proposed Rules

2 messages

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To: "Coughlin, Pamela A" <pamela.a.coughlin@wv.gov>

Tue, Jul 21, 2026 at 12:57 PM

Good afternoon,

I would like it clarified as to whether the full \$240 biennial fee is going to be required when applicants are renewing at a date that is close to the renewal date. For example, if someone needs to be licensed in, let's say, September 2026 or 2028, will they pay \$240 for a license that is only good for 4 months, and then have to pay \$240 again before the end of the year?

And how does this change from renewal in June, going forward, to in December starting this year, account for licensees paying \$120 for an entire year? Will there be some offset in the fee, such as \$60 less for the 6 months that overlap from December 31, 2026 to the current active license expiration date of June 30, 2027?

Thanks,

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From: Coughlin, Pamela A <pamela.a.coughlin@wv.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 8:31 AM
To: Ada Burgoyne <adaburgoyne@yahoo.com>
Subject: Proposed Rules

Good morning,

The Board has submitted proposed rules for Hearing Aid Dealers. In accordance with WV Code §30-1-6, this serves as notice regarding proposed fee changes.

The proposed rules are attached to this email and are also available on our website at wvspeechandaudiology.com.

The public comment period will end on July 29, 2026 12:00AM. Please note that the Board will only accept written comments submitted via email or mail.

Best regards,

Pamela A Coughlin

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Have a great day!
WV Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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Coughlin, Pamela A <pamela.a.coughlin@wv.gov>
To: Robert Knapp <robert.knapp@miracleearhearing.com>

Tue, Jul 21, 2026 at 1:15 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board.

If the renewal date changes, we will have to prorate the fee every six months. Regarding the renewal on 6/30/2027, I am not sure at this time how that will be handled.

These are great questions. I recommend you write a public comment detailing your questions. For example: prorating the renewal fee or anything else where you see a concern.

Thank you for feedback.

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