



## State of Nevada

### Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

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Greetings NDE Speech-Language Pathologists, Speech-Language Therapists and Audiologists,

We are writing to clarify the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology outside of a public-school setting. Current statutes in NRS 391 and regulations in NAC 391 allow Speech Language Pathologists, Speech Language Therapists and Audiologists to practice within a public-school setting when holding a license issued by the Nevada Department of Education.

An individual who wishes to practice speech-language pathology or audiology outside their role as an employee of a public-school setting must also hold a license issued by this Board to do so. This includes any individual holding an NDE license or endorsement who is employed as a contractor or engaged in private practice. Failing to hold the required license constitutes unlicensed practice and is a violation of [NRS 637B.290\(1\)](#): “A person shall not engage in the practice of audiology, speech-language pathology or fitting and dispensing hearing aids in this State without holding a valid license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.”

[NRS 637B.080\(1\)](#) addresses this as follows:

The provisions of this chapter do not apply to any person who:

1. Holds a current credential issued by the Department of Education pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto and engages in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology within the scope of that credential.

[NAC 637B](#) clarifies this further as follows: (LCB File No. R095-19 *Effective June 8, 2020*)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, for the purposes of subsection 1 of NRS 637B.080, the provisions of chapter 637B of NRS do not apply to a person who holds a current credential issued by the Department of Education pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto who engages in the practice of audiology or speech language pathology, as applicable, within the scope of that credential if the person:
  - (a) Holds an active teacher’s license issued pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS and an endorsement to teach pupils who have hearing impairments or to teach pupils who have speech and language impairments;
  - (b) Is employed by a public educational institution; and
  - (c) Does not engage in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology as an independent contractor or provide services in the private practice of audiology or speech language pathology.
2. If a person who holds a current credential issued by the Department of Education pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto also holds a valid license to engage in the practice of audiology or the practice of speech-language pathology pursuant to the provisions of chapter 637B of NRS and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, such a person is subject to the provisions of chapter 637B of NRS and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto to the extent that he or she engages in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology as an independent contractor or provides services in the private practice of audiology or speech-language pathology.

If you have questions or would like more information, you may [visit our website](#) or contact us via email at [board@nvspeechhearing.org](mailto:board@nvspeechhearing.org) or by phone at (775) 787-3421.

Sincerely,

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