

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS--CERTIFICATION

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YEAS 44 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

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YEAS 96 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6297** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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State of Washington**

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**By Senator Franklin**

Read first time 01/11/10. Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

1            AN ACT Relating to certification for speech-language pathology  
2 assistants; amending RCW 18.35.161; amending 2009 c 301 s 11  
3 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 18.130.040, 18.130.040, and  
4 18.130.040; providing effective dates; and providing expiration dates.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.130.040 and 2009 c 301 s 8 and 2009 c 52 s 1 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8            (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards and  
9 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed  
10 under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not  
11 apply to any business or profession not licensed under the chapters  
12 specified in this section.

13            (2)(a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation  
14 to the following professions:

15            (i) Dispensing opticians licensed and designated apprentices under  
16 chapter 18.34 RCW;

17            (ii) Naturopaths licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW;

18            (iii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

19            (iv) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;

1 (v) Massage operators and businesses licensed under chapter 18.108  
2 RCW;

3 (vi) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;

4 (vii) Acupuncturists licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW;

5 (viii) Radiologic technologists certified and X-ray technicians  
6 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;

7 (ix) Respiratory care practitioners licensed under chapter 18.89  
8 RCW;

9 (x) Counselors, hypnotherapists, and agency affiliated counselors  
10 registered and advisors and counselors certified under chapter 18.19  
11 RCW;

12 (xi) Persons licensed as mental health counselors, mental health  
13 counselor associates, marriage and family therapists, marriage and  
14 family therapist associates, social workers, social work associates--  
15 advanced, and social work associates--independent clinical under  
16 chapter 18.225 RCW;

17 (xii) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter  
18 18.52C RCW;

19 (xiii) Nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter  
20 18.88A RCW;

21 (xiv) Health care assistants certified under chapter 18.135 RCW;

22 (xv) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138  
23 RCW;

24 (xvi) Chemical dependency professionals and chemical dependency  
25 professional trainees certified under chapter 18.205 RCW;

26 (xvii) Sex offender treatment providers and certified affiliate sex  
27 offender treatment providers certified under chapter 18.155 RCW;

28 (xviii) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or  
29 RCW 18.71.205;

30 (xix) Denturists licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW;

31 (xx) Orthotists and prosthetists licensed under chapter 18.200 RCW;

32 (xxi) Surgical technologists registered under chapter 18.215 RCW;

33 (xxii) Recreational therapists;

34 (xxiii) Animal massage practitioners certified under chapter 18.240  
35 RCW;

36 (xxiv) Athletic trainers licensed under chapter 18.250 RCW; and

37 (xxv) Home care aides certified under chapter 18.88B RCW(~~and~~

1       ~~(xxvi) Speech language pathology assistants certified under chapter~~  
2 ~~18.35 RCW~~)).

3       (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this chapter  
4 are as follows:

5       (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22  
6 RCW;

7       (ii) The chiropractic quality assurance commission as established  
8 in chapter 18.25 RCW;

9       (iii) The dental quality assurance commission as established in  
10 chapter 18.32 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.32 RCW and  
11 licenses and registrations issued under chapter 18.260 RCW;

12       (iv) The board of hearing and speech as established in chapter  
13 18.35 RCW;

14       (v) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
15 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;

16       (vi) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
17 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;

18       (vii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established  
19 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and  
20 18.57A RCW;

21       (viii) The board of pharmacy as established in chapter 18.64 RCW  
22 governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW;

23       (ix) The medical quality assurance commission as established in  
24 chapter 18.71 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under  
25 chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;

26       (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74  
27 RCW;

28       (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in  
29 chapter 18.59 RCW;

30       (xii) The nursing care quality assurance commission as established  
31 in chapter 18.79 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under  
32 that chapter;

33       (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary  
34 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW; and

35       (xiv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter  
36 18.92 RCW.

37       (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the

1 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses.  
2 The disciplining authority may also grant a license subject to  
3 conditions.

4 (4) All disciplining authorities shall adopt procedures to ensure  
5 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the Uniform  
6 Disciplinary Act, among the disciplining authorities listed in  
7 subsection (2) of this section.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.130.040 and 2009 c 301 s 8 and 2009 c 52 s 2 are  
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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11 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed  
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20 (iii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

21 (iv) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;

22 (v) Massage operators and businesses licensed under chapter 18.108  
23 RCW;

24 (vi) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;

25 (vii) Acupuncturists licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW;

26 (viii) Radiologic technologists certified and X-ray technicians  
27 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;

28 (ix) Respiratory care practitioners licensed under chapter 18.89  
29 RCW;

30 (x) Hypnotherapists and agency affiliated counselors registered and  
31 advisors and counselors certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

32 (xi) Persons licensed as mental health counselors, mental health  
33 counselor associates, marriage and family therapists, marriage and  
34 family therapist associates, social workers, social work associates--  
35 advanced, and social work associates--independent clinical under  
36 chapter 18.225 RCW;

1 (xii) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter  
2 18.52C RCW;

3 (xiii) Nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter  
4 18.88A RCW;

5 (xiv) Health care assistants certified under chapter 18.135 RCW;

6 (xv) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138  
7 RCW;

8 (xvi) Chemical dependency professionals and chemical dependency  
9 professional trainees certified under chapter 18.205 RCW;

10 (xvii) Sex offender treatment providers and certified affiliate sex  
11 offender treatment providers certified under chapter 18.155 RCW;

12 (xviii) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or  
13 RCW 18.71.205;

14 (xix) Denturists licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW;

15 (xx) Orthotists and prosthetists licensed under chapter 18.200 RCW;

16 (xxi) Surgical technologists registered under chapter 18.215 RCW;

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19 RCW;

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22 ~~(xxvi) Speech language pathology assistants certified under chapter~~  
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25 are as follows:

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31 chapter 18.32 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.32 RCW and  
32 licenses and registrations issued under chapter 18.260 RCW;

33 (iv) The board of hearing and speech as established in chapter  
34 18.35 RCW;

35 (v) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
36 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;

37 (vi) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
38 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;

1 (vii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established  
2 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and  
3 18.57A RCW;

4 (viii) The board of pharmacy as established in chapter 18.64 RCW  
5 governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW;

6 (ix) The medical quality assurance commission as established in  
7 chapter 18.71 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under  
8 chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;

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10 RCW;

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12 chapter 18.59 RCW;

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17 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW; and

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21 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses.  
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24 (4) All disciplining authorities shall adopt procedures to ensure  
25 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the Uniform  
26 Disciplinary Act, among the disciplining authorities listed in  
27 subsection (2) of this section.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.130.040 and 2009 c 302 s 14, 2009 c 301 s 8, and  
29 2009 c 52 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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11 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;  
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15 advisors and counselors certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;  
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17 counselor associates, marriage and family therapists, marriage and  
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29 professional trainees certified under chapter 18.205 RCW;  
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1 (xxiii) Animal massage practitioners certified under chapter 18.240  
2 RCW;

3 (xxiv) Athletic trainers licensed under chapter 18.250 RCW;

4 (xxv) Home care aides certified under chapter 18.88B RCW; and

5 (xxvi) (~~Speech language pathology assistants certified under~~  
6 ~~chapter 18.35 RCW; and~~  
7 ~~(xxvii))~~) Genetic counselors licensed under chapter 18.290 RCW.

8 (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this chapter  
9 are as follows:

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11 RCW;

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10 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the Uniform  
11 Disciplinary Act, among the disciplining authorities listed in  
12 subsection (2) of this section.

13 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.35.161 and 2002 c 310 s 16 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 The board shall have the following powers and duties:

16 (1) To establish by rule such minimum standards and procedures in  
17 the fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments as deemed appropriate  
18 and in the public interest;

19 (2) To adopt any other rules necessary to implement this chapter  
20 and which are not inconsistent with it;

21 (3) To develop, approve, and administer or supervise the  
22 administration of examinations to applicants for licensure under this  
23 chapter;

24 (4) To require a licensee or interim permit holder to make  
25 restitution to any individual injured by a violation of this chapter or  
26 chapter 18.130 RCW, the uniform disciplinary act. The authority to  
27 require restitution does not limit the board's authority to take other  
28 action deemed appropriate and provided for in this chapter or chapter  
29 18.130 RCW;

30 (5) To pass upon the qualifications of applicants for licensure or  
31 interim permits and to certify to the secretary;

32 (6) To recommend requirements for continuing education and  
33 continuing competency requirements as a prerequisite to renewing a  
34 license or certification under this chapter;

35 (7) To keep an official record of all its proceedings. The record  
36 is evidence of all proceedings of the board that are set forth in this  
37 record;

1 (8) To adopt rules, if the board finds it appropriate, in response  
2 to questions put to it by professional health associations, hearing  
3 instrument fitter/dispensers or audiologists, speech-language  
4 pathologists, interim permit holders, and consumers in this state; and

5 (9) To adopt rules relating to standards of care relating to  
6 hearing instrument fitter/dispensers or audiologists, including the  
7 dispensing of hearing instruments, and relating to speech-language  
8 pathologists, including dispensing of communication devices.

9 **Sec. 5.** 2009 c 301 s 11 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 An applicant for certification as a speech-language pathology  
12 assistant may meet the requirements for certification as a speech-  
13 language pathology assistant if, within one year of July (~~26, 2009~~)  
14 1, 2010, he or she submits a competency checklist to the board of  
15 hearing and speech, and is employed under the supervision of a speech-  
16 language pathologist for at least six hundred hours within the last  
17 three years as defined by the board by rule.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 1 of this act expires July 1, 2010.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1,  
20 2010.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Section 2 of this act expires August 1,  
22 2010.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Section 3 of this act takes effect August 1,  
24 2010.

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