

AOE Fee Changes

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AOE FEE CHANGES

THERE ARE THREE FEE REQUESTS WHICH ARE PRESENTED TODAY.

Title 16: Education

Chapter 51: PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

§ 1697. Fees

1. Increasing current individual license fees from \$40 per annum to \$50 per annum
2. Adding a new fee for educator preparation programs seeking accreditation of their educational programs.

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Chapter 87: SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS

§ 4459. Fees

3. Increasing current individual license fees for Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP) from \$40 to 50 per annum

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INDIVIDUAL EDUCATOR LICENSE FEES

Increasing current individual license fees from \$40 per annum to \$50 per annum

- a. Fees were last revised in 2007; using the CPI index the fee should be \$46 with no increase beyond inflation
- b. Licensing fees in New England range from \$40 to \$60 per annum; \$50 would be in the middle of the range
- c. Recent rule revisions have reduced the term of Level II and Retired licenses from 7 years to 5 years which will result in a $\frac{2}{7}$ reduction in fees for these licenses.
- d. All fees are used to sustain both the processing of licenses under application and the services for educators in the field who are not currently opening new licensing applications.

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INDIVIDUAL LICENSE FEES FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (SLP)

Increasing current individual license fees for Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP) from \$40 to 50 per annum

- a. Fees were last revised in 2003; the AOE missed the update in 2007, effectively losing funds during the seven years licenses were processed
- b. Currently, the processing of SLP licenses resides with the Agency of Education
- c. There is separate legislation to move clinical licensure to Department of State but those wishing to practice in schools will still require an educator license
- d. This language change will mirror the fees expected of other educators in Vermont mentioned in the last item

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EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS FEE

- a. In order to participate in national inter-state reciprocity agreements, all education programs must be accredited
- b. Options for accreditation include a state based system or a national system
 - i. Vermont ROPA visits will cost institutions between \$2000 and \$3500 if fee proposal passes only during the year of review (minimum of 1 time per 7 years depending on performance)
 - ii. National CAEP program costs between \$2,320 and \$5,200 per program **every year** and \$5,000-\$14,000 per visit every
- c. Previously we have utilized Title II and general fund money to cover the expenses on behalf of educator preparation programs; however these funds have been reduced and we can no longer afford to provide accreditation at no cost.
- d. The proposed fees will cover approximately 30% of the costs of the accreditation visits
- e. The costs vary based on the intensity of work and administration to carry out the work for the various types of reviews and are more expensive the more complex the review will be.

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Program input

- a. All programs have been made aware of the request for partial fees
- b. Vast majority of respondents have recognized that it remains a good value compared to the national accreditation costs
- c. Costs for lodging and meals during the visits will continue to be paid by institutions as they are now
- d. The fee will cover transportation, content expert stipends and AOE staff time dedicated to the reviews.