

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to continuing education hours  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology hereby proposes to amend Chapter 303, “Continuing Education for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 272C.2.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 272C.2.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed rule making amends the Board’s continuing education rules to remove the 16-hour cap on remote continuing education hours. Under the new requirement, licensees may complete all hours through remote offerings, provided the remote activity or course includes a posttest.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

A waiver provision is not included in this rule making because all administrative rules of the professional licensure boards in the Professional Licensure Division are subject to the waiver provisions accorded under 645—Chapter 18.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2020. Comments should be directed to:

Venus Vendoures Walsh  
Professional Licensure Division  
Iowa Department of Public Health  
Lucas State Office Building  
321 East 12th Street  
Fifth Floor Room 526  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Phone: 515.242.6529  
Email: [venus.vendoures-walsh@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:venus.vendoures-walsh@idph.iowa.gov)

*Public Hearing*

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

September 29, 2020  
9 to 9:30 a.m.

Option 2: Join by video system  
1465147897@webex.com

Option 1: Join Webex hearing on  
[www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com), click "JOIN,"  
then enter the following information:  
Meeting ID Number: 1465147897  
Password: bZ9afPM@

Option 3: Join by phone +1 408.418.9388  
(toll) Access code: 146 514 789 7

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making. In an effort to ensure accuracy in memorializing a person's comments, a person may provide written comments in addition to or in lieu of oral comments at the hearing.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend paragraph **303.3(2)"f"** as follows:

*f.* ~~A maximum of 16 hours of continuing~~ Continuing education credit may be earned ~~per biennium~~ by participation in continuing education programs and activities which meet the criteria in this rule and which are completed through journal readings, teleconference or videoconference participation, and online program participation. In addition, such programs and activities must include a posttest that the participant must pass in order to receive continuing education credit.