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Dear licensees and interested parties:

Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The Division conducted a thorough fee analysis and proposes an increase in licensing fee amounts in order to comply with the statute listed above, as well as to continue to deliver its current level of service for the Audiologist, Hearing Aid Dealer, and Speech-Language Pathologist licensing program. The program has been in deficit since 2013 and the deficit is anticipated to grow to (\$114,022) by the end of FY2019 if no fee changes are made. The fees were increased in FY2017, however, the increase was not sufficient to keep up with the rise in expenses. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the proposed increase will stabilize the program for the foreseeable future and will prevent the need for an even larger increase later.

In addition, AS 08.01.065(g) requires all occupations regulated under AS 08.11 to be set so that all fee levels are the same for all occupations. Audiologists, Speech-language Pathologists, and Speech-language Pathologist Assistants fees must be set equal and this proposal makes that adjustment.

The proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the program's web page at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/AudiologistsandSpeech-LanguagePathologists.aspx>.

This fee proposal is entering a public comment period. The division encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this proposal through the division's Regulations Specialist, whose contact information is enclosed on the public notice. After the comment period closes and the division reviews all comments received, the division may adopt the regulation as drafted, may amend a proposed fee, or may withdraw the regulations in part or in its whole.

All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in the fee to be implemented during the upcoming license renewal.

Follow the instructions enclosed to make written comments during the public comment period. Comments must be addressed to Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811 or [regulationsandpubliccomment@alaska.gov](mailto:regulationsandpubliccomment@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janey McCullough".

Janey McCullough  
Director

Encl.

**Chapter 02. General Occupational Licensing Functions.**

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 02.130 is amended to read:

**12 AAC 02.130. Audiologists, hearing aid dealers, speech-language pathologists, and speech-language pathologist assistants.** The following fees are established for audiologists, hearing aid dealers, speech-language pathologists, and speech-language pathologist assistants:

- (1) application fee for initial license or registration, **\$250** [\$150];
- (2) temporary license fee for audiologists or speech-language pathologists, **\$225** [\$100];
- (3) audiologist or speech-language pathologist license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$225** [\$150];
- (4) biennial audiologist or speech-language pathologist license renewal fee, **\$225** [\$150];
- (5) hearing aid dealer license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$225** [\$150];
- (6) hearing aid dealer biennial license renewal fee, **\$225** [\$150];
- (7) delinquent fee for delayed renewal, \$50;
- (8) speech-language pathologist assistant registration fee for all or part of the initial biennial registration period, **\$225** [\$100];
- (9) biennial speech-language pathologist assistant registration renewal fee, **\$225** [\$100]. (Eff. 9/27/86, Register 99; am 10/1/88, Register 107; am 5/28/93, Register 126; am 9/11/94, Register 131; am 8/29/98, Register 147; am 11/14/99, Register 152; am 8/10/2000, Register 155; am 10/12/2000, Register 156; am 8/26/2004, Register 171; am 1/20/2005, Register

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173; am 7/20/2006, Register 179; am 8/24/2016, Register 219; am \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register  
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| <b>Authority:</b> | AS 08.01.065 | AS 08.11.025 | AS 08.55.010 |
|                   | AS 08.11.010 | AS 08.11.030 | AS 08.55.020 |
|                   | AS 08.11.015 | AS 08.11.043 | AS 08.55.040 |
|                   | AS 08.11.020 | AS 08.11.050 |              |