

AOE Fee Changes

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THERE ARE TWO FEE REQUESTS WE WILL DISCUSS TODAY.

<p>Sec. 6 16 V.S.A. § 1697 Agency of Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in fee for teacher application processing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$40.00 → \$50.00• Increase in fee for Level I teacher license (3 year license)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$40.00/year → \$50.00/year• Increase in fee for Level II teacher license (5 year license)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$40.00/year → \$50.00/year• Fee for issuance of provisional, emergency, or apprenticeship license<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$50.00/year
<p>Sec. 7 26 V.S.A. § 4459 Agency of Education Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in application processing fee<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$35.00 → \$50.00• Increase in initial license fee for term of license<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$35.00 → \$50.00• Increase in issuance of licenses per term of renewal<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$35.00 → \$50.00

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INDIVIDUAL EDUCATOR LICENSE FEES

Increasing current individual license fees from \$40 per year of the license to \$50 per year of the license

- 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 for the same term; \$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 revenue for the next four years with no associated reduction in services
- d. All fees are used to sustain 1) processing of licenses under application; 2) investigations related to misconduct and 3) public assurance work related to licensing, rules setting and the VSBPE

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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 \$35 to 50 per year of the license

- 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 (clinical and educational) 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 which will necessitate this fee just as is applied to nurses.
- d. This language change will mirror the fees expected of other educators in Vermont mentioned in the last item.