



Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
Oregon Board Update, October 2021
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Pictured: South Santiam River near Lebanon, Oregon, Photo by Gary Halvorson

Oregon 2021 Update

- Oregon's Legislative Counsel determined National Compact is not compatible with the Oregon State Constitution as written.
- Compact would cause significant fiscal impact on Oregon Board and regulation in the state because of the huge number of out of state licensees in Oregon. So far in 2021, 56.6% of new licensees are from out of state. This trend started in 2015 when Oregon instituted Universal Licensure.
- Military spouses - Oregon already had a rule to expedite military spouse licenses. In 2019, Oregon also added a temporary license for military spouses so there are no barriers to their licensure.
- Oregon currently considering a rule that would add a "temporary reciprocal license".
- Due to online, paperless licensure implemented in 2019-20, increased speed in licensing.
- Current rulemaking, updating audiology licensure requirements.
- COVID-19 page on website: <https://www.oregon.gov/bspa/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>