

CERTIFICATION RENEWAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

LSLS certification is valid for 24 months. It will expire two years from the last day of the month in which you were certified. For example, if you were certified on January 31, 2017, your certification will expire on January 31, 2019. You can view your recertification date on your LSLS certificate, or by accessing your online LSLS profile. Certified LSLS professionals are required to pay their renewal fee (US\$195) on a biennial basis and will receive a reminder notice at least 60 days before the due date of their renewal documentation. Timely electronic reminders are also contained in the Listening and Spoken Language Specialist e-newsletter. Documentation for continuing education hours must be submitted every two years. LSLS must earn a total of 15 Academy approved continuing education units during the two-year renewal period.

After the Academy receives payment of the renewal fee and documentation of required CEUs, a new LSLS certificate with the updated expiration date will be mailed. Applying for recertification early does not change the beginning or end dates of your next certification cycle. Activities attended during one recertification period cannot be carried over to the next certification period.

Continuing Education Credits

All professionals seeking certification and certified LSLS professionals must attain Academy approved continuing education units (CEUs). Acceptable educational activities include:

- Attending Academy approved educational programs
- Development and/or presentation of an Academy approved program
- Publishing a peer-reviewed article
- Observation of certified LSLS professionals
- Mentoring a LSLS applicant (for certified LSLS professionals only)

The 15 mandatory continuing education hours for certified LSLS professionals must fall within the limits listed below and be approved by the Academy prior to submitting the application for certification renewal:

Continuing Education Activity Option	Minimum Required	Maximum Allowed
Attending Academy-approved educational programs	5 CEUs per renewal period	15 CEUs per renewal period
Development and/or presentation of an Academy-approved program		5 CEUs per renewal period
Publishing a peer-reviewed article		5 CEUs per renewal period
Structured observation of certified LSLS professionals - must be accompanied by a copy of the appropriate application attachment for each of the 10 hours of observation		2 CEUs per renewal period
Service on a board of committee in a LSLS related organization		2 CEUs per renewal period
Mentoring an LSLS applicant (must be accompanied by a Mentor's Evaluation Form from the LSLS applications)		5 CEUs per renewal period