

CFY Candidate in regards to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners:

The Clinical Fellowship Year candidate refers to the American Speech-Language Hearing Association requirement;

- 1st they must work for 9-12 months under a Licensed SLP and
- 2nd they must pass the ASHA exam. Upon completion of this, (with ASHA recognition/confirmation) the individual then can apply for full licensure on Guam.

The GBAHE has in their law an **exemption** to licensure for these candidates. They only need to submit to the Board a form stating who they are and who their supervisor is (who must sign also) and that they are following ASHA requirements for their CFY. This exemption has been active since the start of SLP licensure in late 80's. It was used by Public Health Rehabilitation Clinic and it was successful in attracting CFY candidates from the states. There is no license fee for this exemption.

There are 3 other licenses issued to speech / language specialists which require license fees:

- 1: Supervisory Master Level License specifically referring anyone who did not complete their CFY year and / or pass their ASHA exam. With an assigned supervisor in their department, this person can conduct evaluations and therapy;
- 2: Supervisory Bachelor Level License. Again with an assigned supervisor in their department, this person can only conduct therapy;
- 3: Fully Licensed Speech/ Language Pathologist who has completed all ASHA and Board application requirements;

Several years ago, Dr. Weddington, SLP, started 3 consecutive grants for SLP Master's program on Guam. This was to be a GREAT BLESSING to Gov. Guam GMH, and DOE-Spec. Ed. as all were in desperate need of SLPs on Guam. However, because Gov. Guam, although instructed about the law, did not include the CFY license exemption in their HR requirements and therefore all individuals who had graduated from these programs, (unless they were previously had a teacher's degree and applied to DOE), could not be hired. So several individuals ready for the CFY year had to LEAVE ISLAND to get their CFY accomplished. Dr. Weddington, I believe, met with Mr. Fernandez when she visited Guam but apparently an agreement to follow the law, change the HR requirements and allow CFY candidates to be hired was not achieved.

I am requesting that HR follow the law and change their requirements for the CFY candidates. I am hoping to be able to meet with Dr. Swanson about this matter.

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