

BCS-F Retired and Life-Time Member Status & Standards

BCS-F Retired and Life-Time Member Status is awarded in recognition of previous specialty certification (or recognition prior to January 1, 2014) in fluency and fluency disorders. An application is submitted, based upon the *Standards for BCS-F Retired or Life-Time Member Status* listed below, and upon acceptance an individual is awarded with a certificate of Retired or Life-Time Member Status by the ABFFD, kept informed of current ABFFD happenings, and included on all lists of BCS-F. Retired and Life-Time Member status indicates to consumers that the specialist had obtained a significant milestone in terms of number of years of practice. Retired and Life-Time specialists are *natural promoters of specialty certification*.

Maintenance and Renewal of Board Certification in Fluency and Fluency Disorders (BCS-F) is based upon a set of standards developed by the American Board of Fluency and Fluency Disorders (ABFFD) and approved by ASHA's Council for Clinical Certification (CFCC) Committee on Clinical Specialty Certification (CCSC). See [Standards for Maintenance and Renewal of BCS-F](#).

Retired Member Status

The following standards need to be met in order to submit an application:

- 1) Applicant must be age 65 **OR** have held ASHA certification (CCC) for a total of 25 years.
- 2) Applicant **must hold** active specialty certification in fluency (BCS-F) at time of retired certification holder status application **OR must have held** the status of a certified (recognized) specialist at the time of becoming a life time member.
- 3) Must have held fluency specialty certification (recognition) for ten years (not necessarily consecutive).
- 4) In accordance with ASHA guidelines, retired members no longer retain a Certificate of Clinical Competence and cannot treat clients.

Life-Time Member Status

The following standards need to be met in order to submit an application:

- 1) Applicant must be age 65 **OR** have held ASHA certification (CCC) for a total of 25 years.
- 2) Applicant **must hold** active specialty certification in fluency (BCS-F) at time of Life-Time Member status is initiated **OR must have held** the status of a certified (recognized) specialist at the time of becoming a Life-Time Member.
- 3) Must have held fluency specialty certification (recognition) for ten years (not necessarily consecutive).
- 4) Life-Time members will be allowed to continue clinical work with clients.
- 5) The member must maintain continuing education credits consistent with the standards outlined for Life-Time members. **3 CEUs accrued over the three-year renewal period will be required.** Please note: the Board is allowing an initial phase-in period for the initial cadre of Life-Time members who transition to this status in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Life-time members in these years will submit their first renewal in June 2024. At that time, members will need to indicate they obtained the 3 CEUs (30 hours) during the renewal period. Following the initial renewal in June 2024, members will be required to submit their renewal every three years. Members who transition to Life-Time status after June 30, 2021 will be required to submit their first renewal in June 2025.

Please visit the ASHA website for more information on maintaining you ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC): <https://www.asha.org/certification/maintain>

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