

# **Occupational Licensing Study 50 State Comparison**

The State Board of Examiners in  
Speech-Language Pathologists  
& Audiologists

Audiologists  
Speech Language Pathologists



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# Audiologists

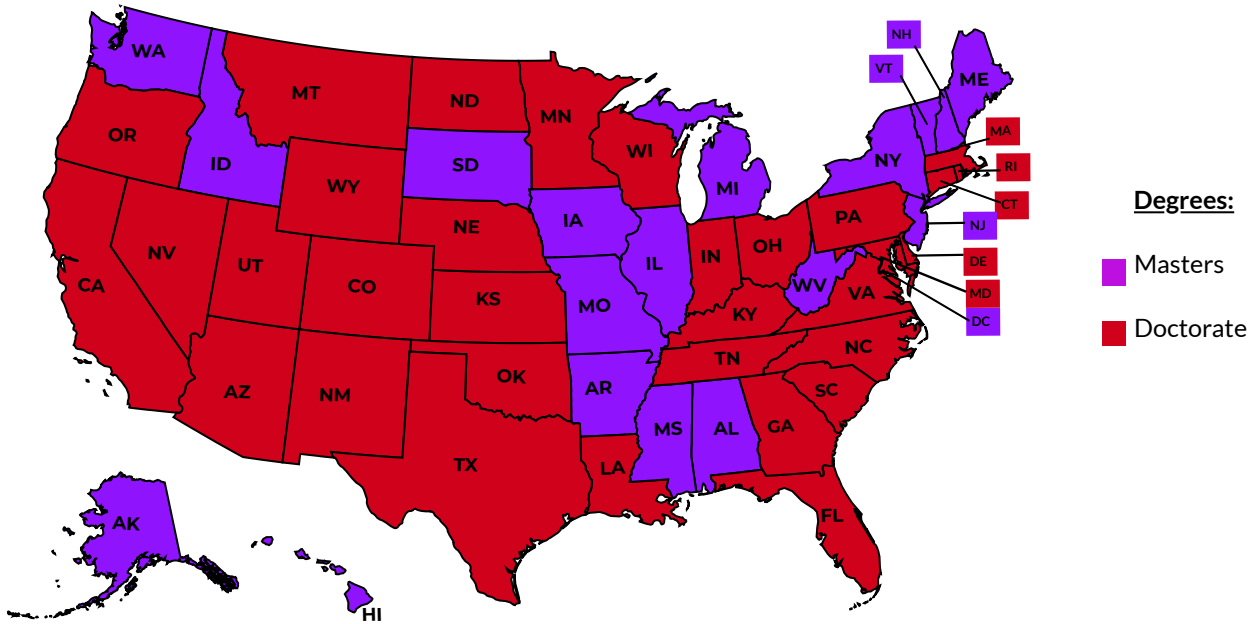
Any person who is qualified by education, training and clinical experience and is licensed to engage in the practice of audiology. The audiologist is an independent practitioner providing services in hospitals, clinics, schools, private practices and other settings in which audiologic services are relevant. Audiology is the study of hearing disorders, including evaluation of hearing function and rehabilitation of patients with hearing impairments.

# Speech Language Pathologist

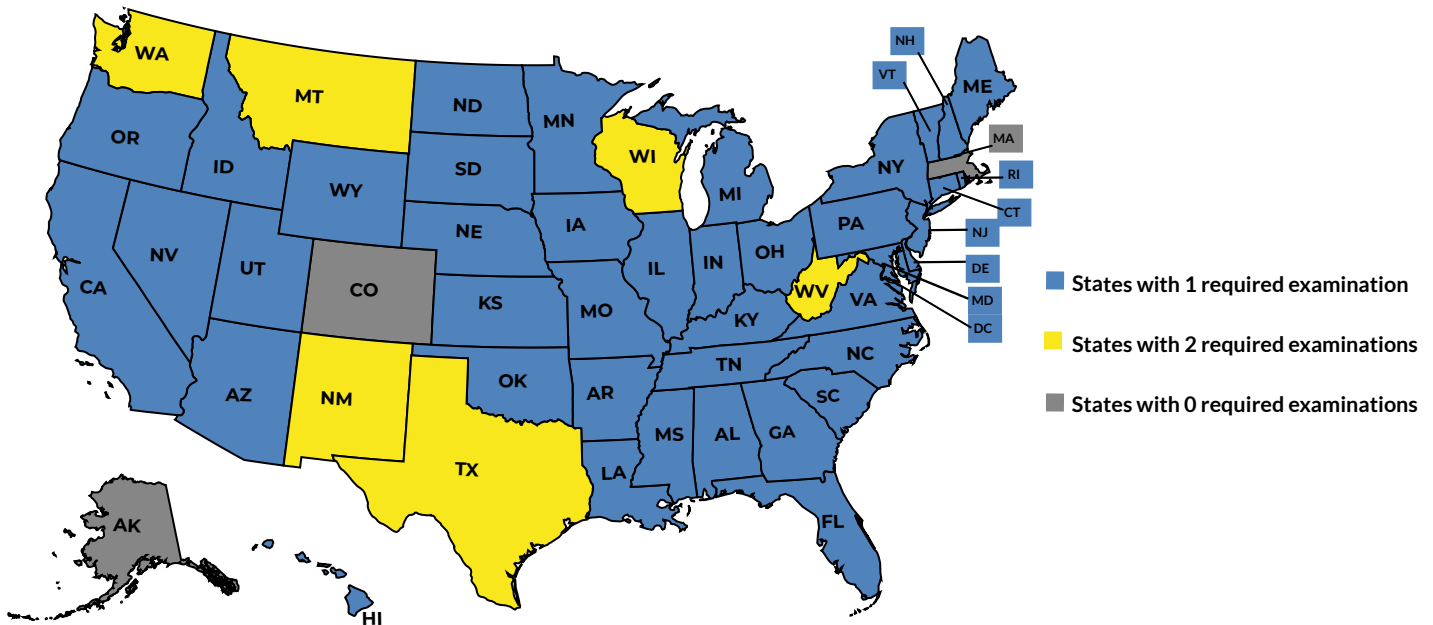
Any person who is qualified by education, training and clinical experience and is licensed to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology and is an independent practitioner providing services in hospitals, clinics, public school entities, nonpublic schools, private practices and other settings in which speech-language pathology services are relevant. The practice of speech-language pathology involves the application of principles, methods and procedures of prevention, screening, consultation, identification, assessment and evaluation, determination of disorders and service delivery model, nonmedical treatment and intervention, counseling, collaboration and referral services for persons with known or suspected language, cognitive and linguistic, social, speech (resonance and voice, fluency and sound production), feeding and swallowing, orofacial myofunctional disorders or communication disorders.

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## Degree Requirement

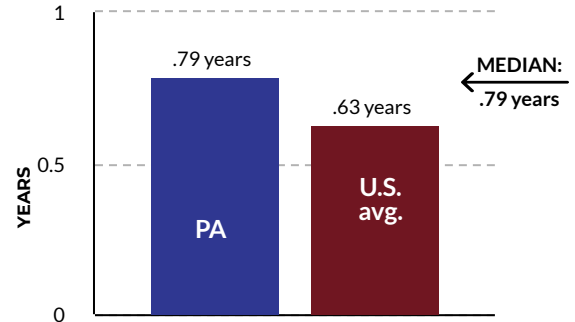
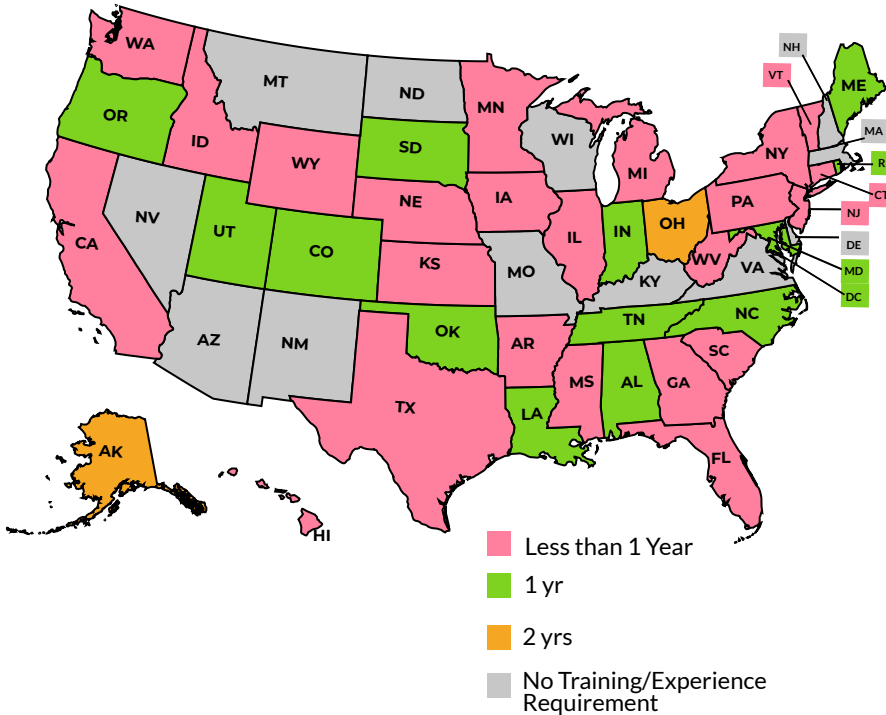


## Examination Requirement



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## Training / Experience Requirement



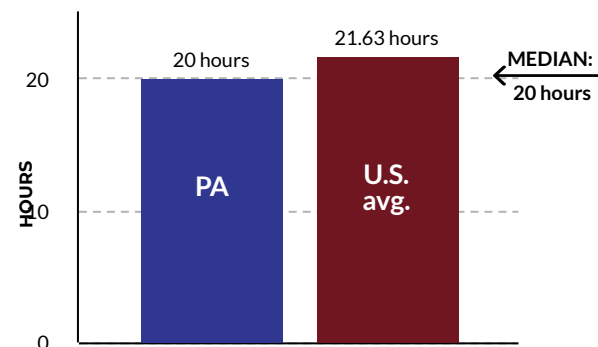
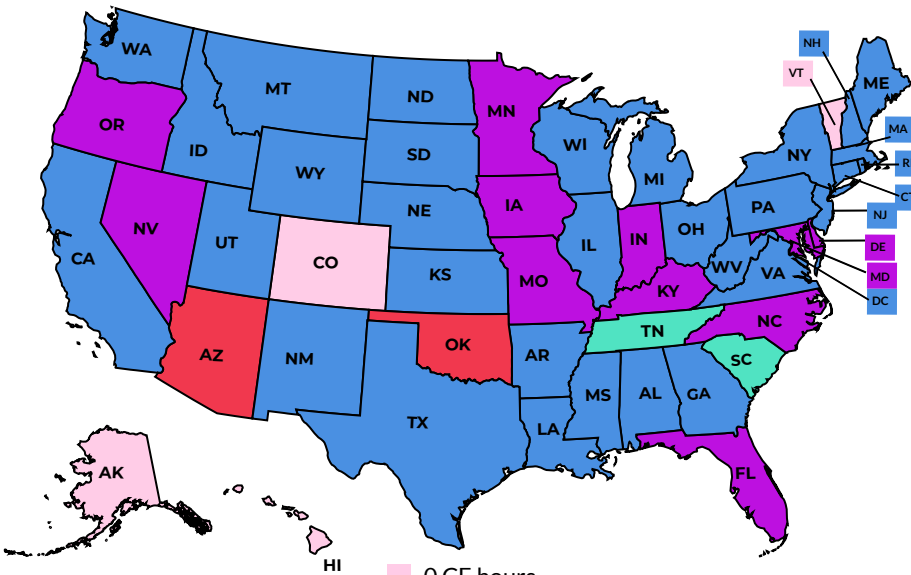
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Less than 1 Year = Under 1,600 Hours

1 year = 1,600 hours -2,080 hours

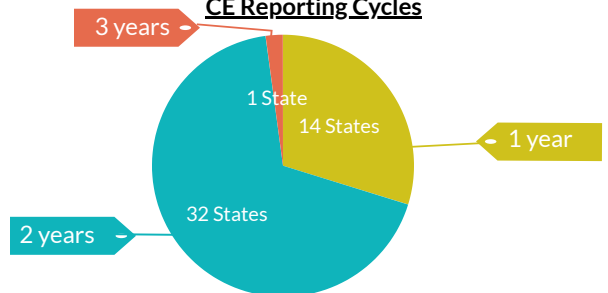
2 year = 2,080 + hours

## Continuing Education Requirement



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**CE Reporting Cycles**



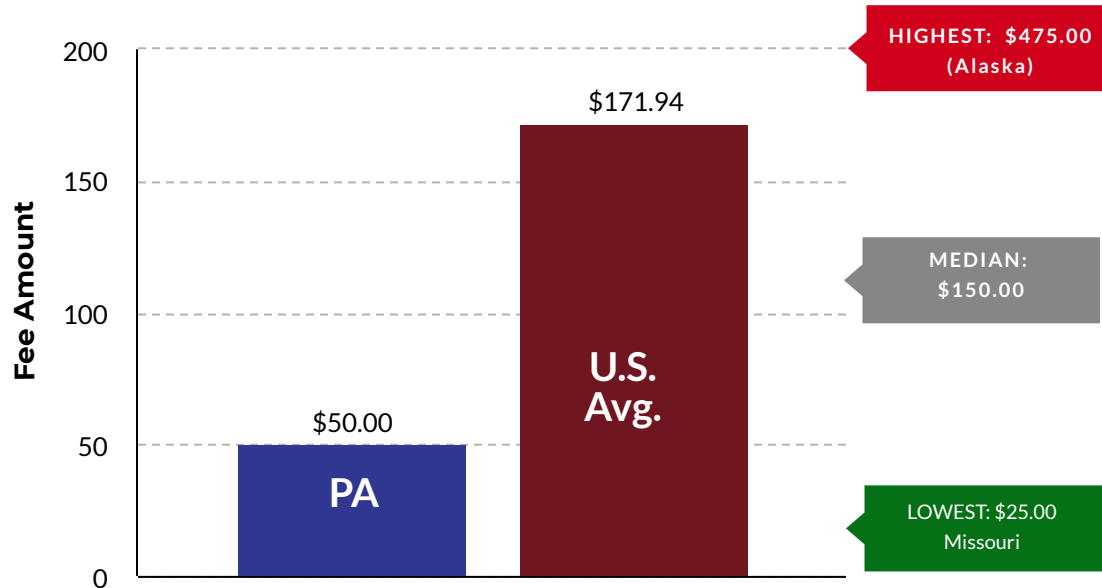
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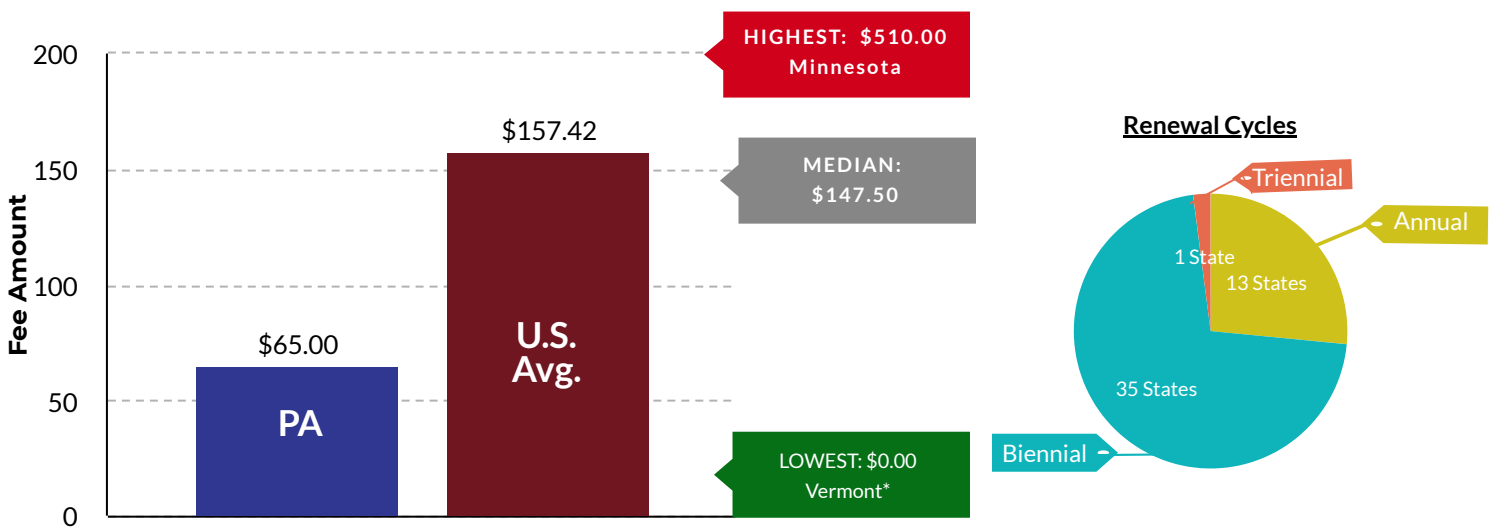
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## Initial Licensing Fee



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## Renewal Fees



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\***Vermont** - As of September 1, 2015, any audiologist currently licensed and in good standing with AOE shall be deemed licensed by OPR and shall be re-issued an initial OPR license at no charge. No. 38, § 35. (<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/26/067>)

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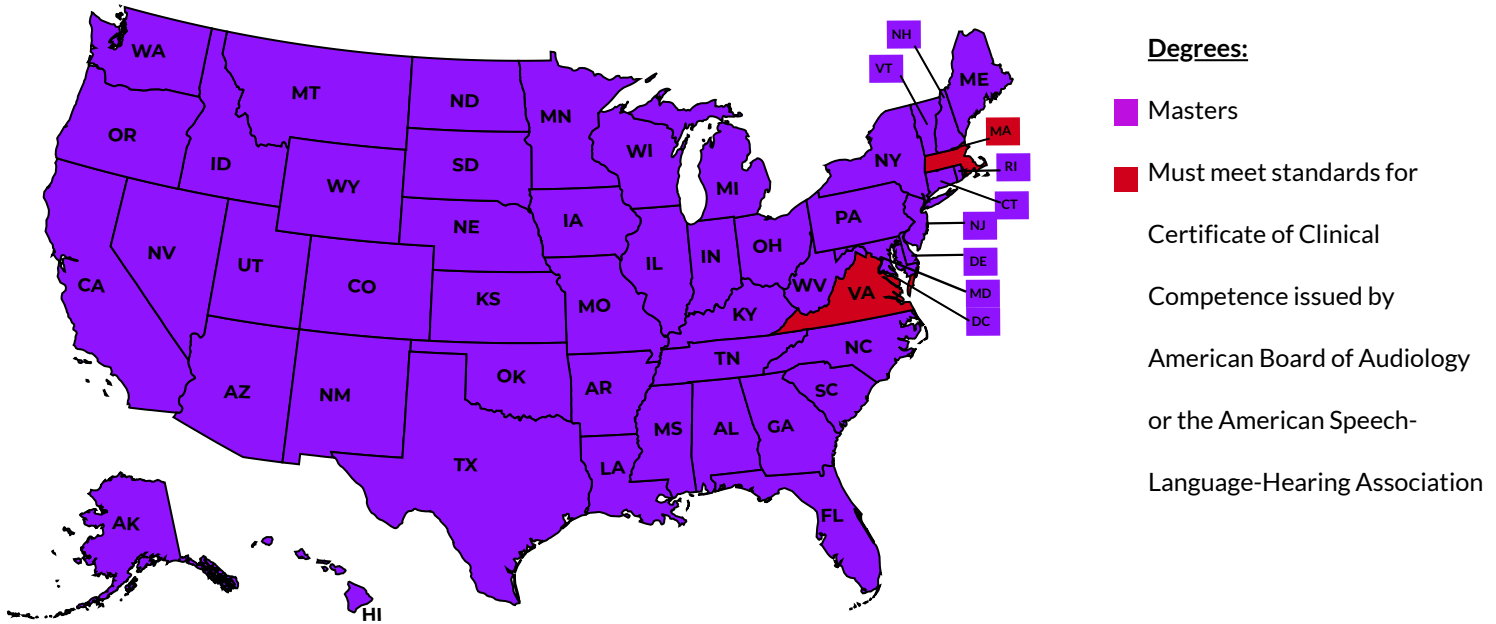
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Idaho	Kansas	Hawaii
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Indiana	Massachusetts	Maryland
Michigan	Minnesota	Montana
Nebraska	Mississippi	Nevada
New York	Missouri	New Hampshire
Rhode Island	New Jersey	North Dakota
South Dakota	New Mexico	Ohio
Utah	North Carolina	Oklahoma
Vermont	Pennsylvania**	Oregon
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Kentucky		

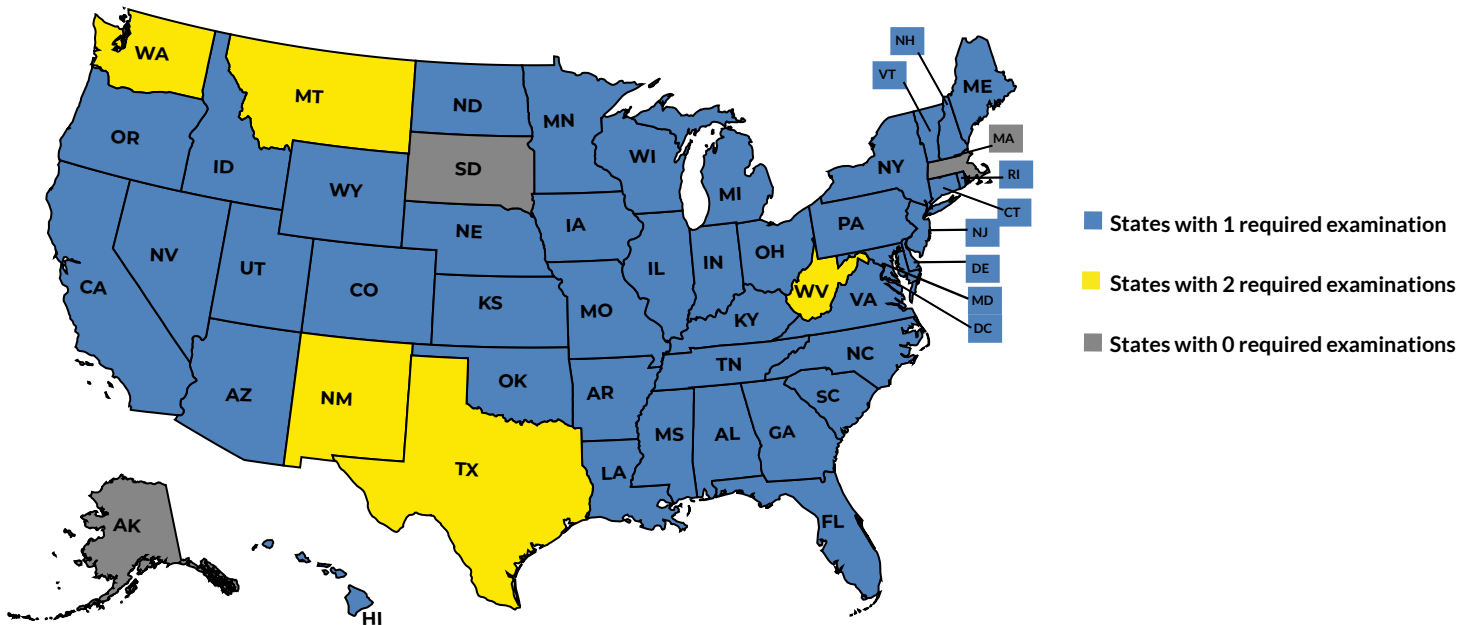
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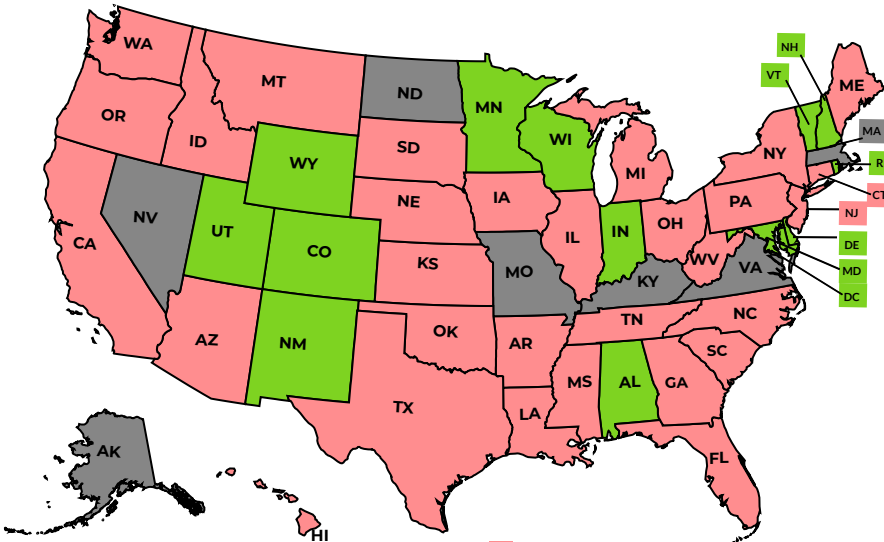


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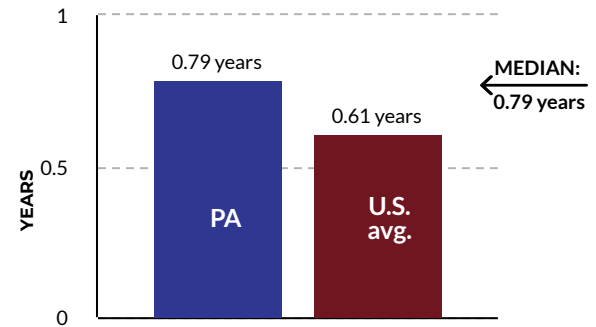


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## Training / Experience Requirement



- Under 1 year of training required
- 1 year of training required
- No training requirement

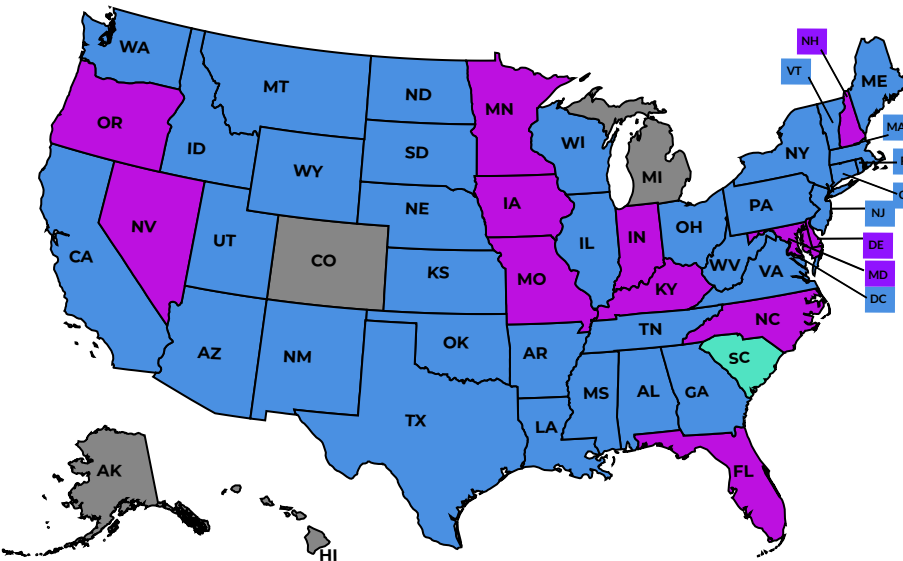


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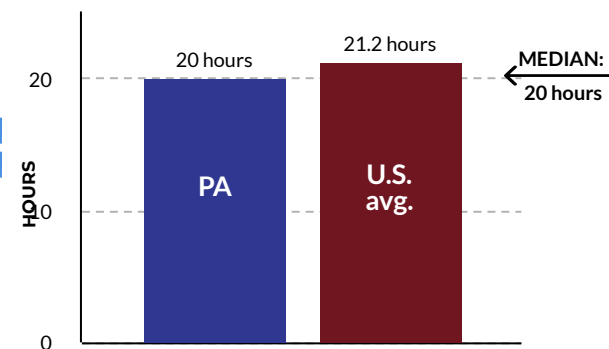
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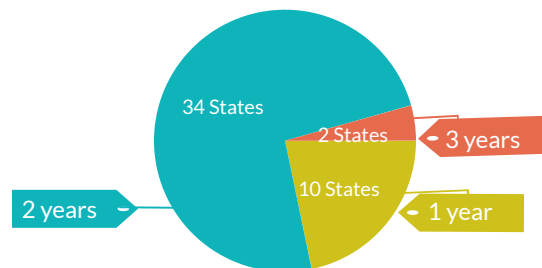
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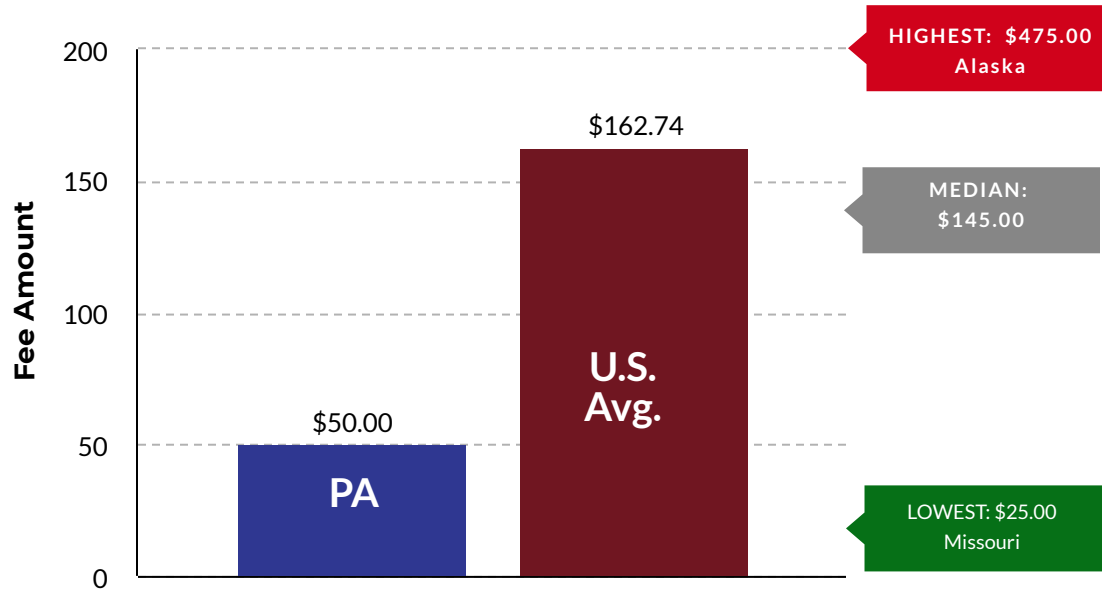
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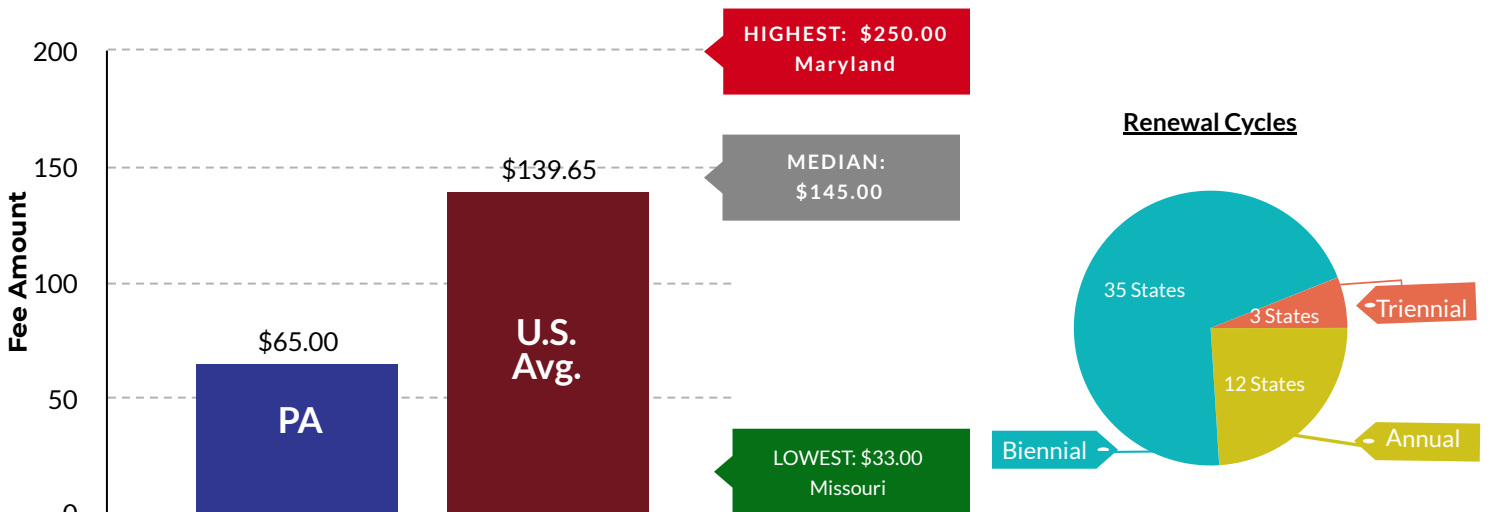
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