

BCS-F Retired Member Status & Standards

BCS-F Retired 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 Member Status* listed below, and upon acceptance an individual is awarded with a certificate of Retired Member Status by the ABFFD, kept informed of current ABFFD happenings, and included on all lists of BCS-F. Retired Member status indicates to consumers that the specialist had obtained a significant milestone in terms of number of years of practice. Retired specialists are *natural promoters of specialty certification*. In accordance with ASHA guidelines, retired members no longer retain a Certificate of Clinical Competence and cannot treat clients.

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).

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) The member must maintain continuing education credits consistent with the standards outlined for Life Time members.