

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HEARING INSTRUMENT
DISPENSERS BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS**
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Article I. Description

Section 2. Information regarding this Board may be obtained by writing the Board's Executive Director at ~~305 North Monroe, Little Rock, AR 72205.~~ 1020 Davis Street, Conway, AR 72034.

Article III. Duties and Powers of the Board

Section 6. The fee schedule, as set by the Board, is as follows:

(A) application fee	\$150.00	<u>\$200.00</u>
(B) examination fee	\$150.00	<u>\$225.00</u>
<u>written</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	
<u>ear mold</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
<u>audiometric</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
<u>law and regulations</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
(C) re-examination fee	\$150.00	<u>same as fee or portion</u> <u>repeated</u>
(D) internship fee	\$150.00	
(E) registration fee	\$ 50.00	
(F) annual license fee	\$200.00	<u>\$225.00</u>
(G) late payment penalty (within 30 days)	10% of annual license fee	
(H) license reinstatement fee (applicable for one year)	\$300.00	
(I) <u>endorsement to another state</u>		<u>\$ 25.00</u>
(J) <u>replacement or duplicate license</u>		<u>\$ 25.00</u>
(K) <u>insufficient funds</u>		<u>\$ 25.00</u>
(L) <u>CEU approval</u>		<u>\$50.00 per CE unit</u>

Section 7. The fee set out in Section (L) of Article III(6) shall be paid by the entity or individual requesting the approval and shall be good for twelve (12) months from the date of notice from the board of approval or denial.

Article V. Application for License

(B) Application forms may be obtained by writing to the Board's Executive Director at ~~305 N. Monroe, Little Rock, AR 72205~~ 1020 Davis Street, Conway, AR 72034, or by calling the Executive Director at ~~(501) 663-5869~~ (501) 548-6146. A copy of the current statutory provisions and Board rules governing the fitting and sale of hearing instruments will be provided with the application form.

Article VII. Examination

Section 1. The examination provided for in Ark. Code Ann. Section 17-84-304 shall be given by the Board in March, June, September and December of each year, on a date and at a location and time determined by the Board.

Section 2. The examination may be written or practical or both, and shall consist of the subject matter contained in Ar. Code Ann. Section 71-84-304.

Section 3. Once the Board receives a written recommendation by the sponsor of a person participating in a valid internship program who has successfully completed his/her first six months of the internship program, that intern may take the licensing examination at any regular test date set under Section 1 of this Article. After successfully completing six months of the internship program, each attempt by an intern to pass the licensing examination shall count against the three (3) allowed attempts to successfully pass the licensing examination as stated in Ark. Code Ann. Section 17-84-305(d). An intern who satisfactorily passes the licensing examination during his/her internship program may complete the internship program under the oversight of the sponsor without personal and physical supervision if he or she works within a hearing instrument dispensing practice owned, operated or managed by the sponsor. However, every audiogram and purchase order performed by any intern must be approved, initialed and dated by his/her sponsor.

Section 4. The examination will include testing of the applicant's knowledge of the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. 17-84-101, et seq. and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers.

Section 5. After three (3) failed attempts to pass the examination, the applicant shall complete an internship or repeat the internship described in ACA 17-84-304.

Article VIII. Annual License Renewal

Section 3. Each licensee applying for renewal of his/her license shall furnish to the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers the following:

(a) Adequate information to the Board concerning the educational hearing instrument program(s), including course content and presenter(s) qualifications, for Board approval. Failure to receive Board approval of continuing education hours prior to the end of the license year shall be sufficient cause for non-renewal of the license.

(b) Written evidence of annual calibration of all audiometers and tympanometer used by the license holder to current national standards.

Article XI. Filing of Charges and Investigation

Section 2. Forms for filing complaints against any licensed hearing instrument dispenser or intern may be obtained from the Board by writing to the Executive Director, 305 N. Monroe, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, 1020 Davis Street, Conway, Arkansas 72034, or by calling ~~(501) 663-5869~~ (501) 548-6146.