

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF HEARING AID SPECIALISTS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 3, NRS 637A.100 and 637A.110; §2, NRS 637A.100.

A REGULATION relating to hearing aid specialists; revising provisions relating to the licensure of hearing aid specialists and apprentices to hearing aid specialists; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 637A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637A.030 An applicant for a license as a hearing aid specialist or an apprentice to a hearing aid specialist must possess:

1. An associate's degree or higher degree from an accredited college or university in hearing aid technology, audioprosthology, or other curriculum approved by the Board which includes the testing of hearing and the dispensing and modification of hearing aids;

2. A bachelor's degree or higher degree in any field and satisfactory completion of the independent study course of the ~~[National]~~ *International* Institute for Hearing Instrument Studies; ~~[or]~~

3. A master's degree in clinical audiology from an accredited college or university ~~[H]~~ ; *or*

4. *A doctoral degree in audiology.*

Sec. 2. NAC 637A.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637A.035 In addition to the educational requirements prescribed by NAC 637A.030, an applicant for a license as a hearing aid specialist *who does not possess a doctoral degree in audiology* must:

1. Be certified by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences; or
2. Obtain a certificate of clinical competence in audiology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Sec. 3. NAC 637A.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637A.095 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a licensee who is on active or inactive status and an apprentice who is on active or inactive status ~~shall~~ *must* complete 12 hours of continuing education relating to the fitting of hearing aids each year in a program which has been approved by the Board, ~~National~~ *International* Institute for Hearing Instrument Studies, American Academy of Audiology, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Academy of Dispensing Audiologists or Educational Audiology Association.

2. For each licensee, ~~, [who holds a license on July 1, 1995, the requirement of continuing education begins on that date. For any other licensee,]~~ the requirement of continuing education begins on July 1 of the year his license is issued.

3. Upon the written request of a licensee, the Board may exempt him from the requirement of continuing education if he cannot meet the requirement because of ill health, military service or undue hardship.