

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY
AND HEARING AID DISPENSING BOARD**

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LAW

NRS 637B.200 Temporary licenses.

1. The Board may issue a temporary license to engage in the practice of:

(a) Audiology, speech-language pathology or fitting and dispensing hearing aids upon application and the payment of the fee required pursuant to NRS 637B.175 to any person who is so licensed in another state and who meets all the qualifications for licensing in this State; and

(b) Fitting and dispensing hearing aids upon application and payment of the fee required pursuant to NRS 637B.175 to any person who meets all the qualifications for licensing as a hearing aid specialist or an endorsement of a license to engage in the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids **other than passing the examination concerning the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids prescribed pursuant to NRS 637B.194.**

2. The Board may issue a temporary license to engage in the practice of audiology, speech-language pathology or fitting and dispensing hearing aids upon application and payment of the fee required pursuant to NRS 637B.175 to any spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who:

(a) Is so licensed in another state; and

(b) Attests that he or she meets all of the qualifications for licensure in this State.

3. A temporary license issued pursuant to this section:

(a) Is valid for not more than 6 months;

(b) **May** be renewed not more than once; and

(c) May be converted to an active license upon the completion of all requirements for a license and payment of the fee required by NRS 637B.175.

(Added to NRS by 1979, 1256; A 2015, 2306)

Proposed Regulation

Temporary License; examination requirements, renewal of license

A hearing aid specialist or dispensing audiologist must schedule and take the written dispensing examination within 6 months of issuance of a temporary license.

A hearing aid specialist or dispensing audiologist who has taken, but has not successfully passed the written or practical dispensing examinations may request renewal of a temporary license for an additional 6 months.

An individual may apply for a temporary license one time.

LAW

NRS 637B.201 Provisional license to practice speech-language pathology or fitting and dispensing hearing aids.

1. Upon application and payment of the application fee required pursuant to NRS 637B.175, the Board may issue a provisional license to engage in the practice of:

(a) Speech-language pathology to a person who is completing the clinical fellowship requirements for obtaining a certificate of clinical competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

(b) Fitting and dispensing hearing aids to a person who:

(1) Holds a license to engage in the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids in **another state; and**

(2) **Is completing the training required for certification** by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences.

2. A provisional license issued pursuant to this section **may** be:

(a) Renewed not more than twice; and

(b) Converted to an active license upon payment of the fee required pursuant to NRS 637B.175 for converting the license and the award of:

(1) A certificate of clinical competence by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association;

or

(2) Certification by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences.

(Added to NRS by 2015, 2297)

Proposed Regulation

Provisional license, hearing aid specialist, training required for certification defined

A provisional license may be issued to a hearing aid specialist who

(a) holds an active license in good standing in another state;

(b) has not completed the training required for certification by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences; and

(c) is not otherwise eligible to apply for certification from the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences.

A Hearing Aid Specialist may request renewal of a provisional license:

(a) to complete the training required for certification; or

(b) to re-take the examination for certification by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences.

As utilized in NRS 637B.201, paragraph 1 (b) (2), and this section, “training required for certification” is defined as a minimum of two (2) years of full-time dispensing experience completed within the last five (5) years.

Apprentice - Associate Degree in Hearing Instrument Science

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Sec. 4. 1. The in-service training of a person who has been issued an apprentice license by the Board pursuant to section 27 of Assembly Bill No. 115, chapter 404, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 2299 (NRS 637B.195), must consist of:

- (a) An academic portion, as set forth in section 5 of this regulation; and
- (b) An on-site training and work experience portion which is competency-based, as set forth in section 6 of this regulation.

2. An apprentice shall participate in the in-service training set forth in subsection 1 under the direct supervision of a sponsor for a minimum of 2 years and, in accordance with section 31 of Assembly Bill No. 115, chapter 404 Statutes of Nevada 2015, page 2300 (NRS637B.238), may not serve as an apprentice for more than 3 years without passing the examination set forth in section 3 of this regulation.

3. The completion of a two-year degree program in Hearing Instrument Sciences approved by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences meets the in-service training program requirements of this section.