

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

**LCB File No. R119-08**

Effective February 11, 2009

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]~~ *Doctors of Audiology* 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.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION**  
**LCB File No. R119-08**

The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R119-08 which pertain to chapter 637A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code 637A:

1. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations was sent to approximately 75 individuals. A workshop was held on May 31, 2008. There was no public comment.

The Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation for public hearing and adoption of proposed amendments to NAC 637A.030, 637A.035, and 637A.095 – Hearing Aid Specialist License Education, Certificate and Renewal Requirements was sent to approximately 75 individuals. The public hearing was conducted on September 20, 2008 to provide the opportunity for comments by affected parties and the public. There was no public comment. The Board adopted the proposed amendments to the regulations.

2. The Number of Persons Who:

- a) Attended Each Hearing: First Workshop: 0; First Hearing: 4; Second Hearing: N/A
- b) Testified at Each Hearing: First Workshop: 0; First Hearing: 0; Second Hearing: N/A
- c) Submitted Written Statements: First Workshop: 0; First Hearing: 0; Second Hearing: N/A

A copy of any written comments may be obtained by contacting Christina Harper, Board Administrator, 702-571-9000, or by writing to the Nevada State Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, P.O. Box 190, Carson City, Nevada 89702.

3. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of the response and an explanation how other interested parties may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited through the workshop notice of May 14, 2008; and the public hearing notice of August 19, 2008. At the May 31, 2008 Workshop to Solicit Comments, there were no public comments to the proposed amendments to the regulation language. At the September 20, 2008 public hearing there were no public comments to the proposed amendments to the regulation language.

Summary of Comments:  
Workshop/Public Hearing Comments:

Workshop comments:

(a) There were no public comments during the workshop.

Public Hearing comments:

(a) There were no public comments during the public hearing.

A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public hearing may be obtained by contacting Christina Harper, Board Administrator, Nevada State Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, 702-571-9000, or by writing to the Nevada State Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, P.O. Box 190, Carson City, Nevada 89702.

4. If the regulation was adopted with or without change to any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting.

The Nevada State Board of Hearing Aid Specialist adopted the proposed amendments to the regulation language at the public hearing held September 20, 2008. The reason for adopting the regulation was to revise provisions and clean up old language relating to the licensure of hearing aid specialists and apprentices; amend the name of the institution offering the independent study course; and add “a doctoral degree in Audiology” as an additional avenue for an individual in which to become licensed as a Hearing Aid Specialist in the State of Nevada and to not require the individual with a doctoral degree in Audiology to have the Certificate of Clinical Competence.

5. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and each case must include:

The immediate, long-term and beneficial effect would allow individuals who have obtained a doctoral degree in Audiology to qualify to sit for the exam to become a licensed Hearing Aid Specialist in the State of Nevada and not have to pay for the Certificate of Clinical Competence and become a member of the American Speech-Language Association.

There is no estimated economic effect on the public, either adversely or beneficially, nor immediate or long term.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

7. A description of any regulations of other state or governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the

duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

No other state or governmental agency regulations will be overlapped or duplicated by the above noted regulation. There is no duplication or overlap of federal regulations.

8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation, which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are none.

9. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide for a new fee or increase an existing fee.