Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee

Application Process Overview





Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee

- License qualified individuals
- Regulates the practice of hearing aid dispensing
- Investigates complaints and takes disciplinary action





License to Practice

- No one may practice as a hearing aid dispenser without a current, active license
- You worked hard to complete your educational program, but you cannot practice unless you have a license
- Once you get your license, you need to keep it active and in good standing





License to Practice

- How do you get a license?
- How do you keep a license in good standing?





When Should I Begin the Application Process?

- Start Early!
- Right now would be a good time





How Do I Get an Application Form?

Applications can be downloaded from the Board's website at: www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/had







Application Process

- 1. Submit an application (\$50)
- 2. Send supporting documents to the Committee
- 3. Receive fingerprint instructions
- 4. Schedule a time to submit your fingerprints
- 5. Complete the NJ Orientation Program
- 6. Submit additional information (as required)
- 7. Submit Registration Form (\$180 / \$90)





Application Fees

Application Fee

- \$50
- Payable by check or money order
- NO CASH





Application Questions

- Moral Character Arrests / Convictions
- Student Loans
- Child Support
- Ability to Practice Physical / Cognitive
- Use of Illegal Chemical Substances





Criminal History Background Check

- You must complete the "Certification and Authorization Form" as part of the application
- You will receive a letter with instructions on how to schedule an appointment to have your fingerprints digitally recorded
- Go online to schedule an appointment and pay the fee directly to the MorphoTrust.





Criminal History Background Check "Tips"

- This can be the longest part of the application process
- You can schedule an appointment as soon as you receive the notice to schedule
- Processing time is 7-10 days after the digital scan





Initial Registration Fee

- Once your application has been approved you will receive an "Initial Registration Form"
- You must verify the information and return with the appropriate fee (\$180 / \$90)





Keeping Your License Current

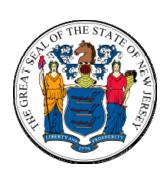
- Licenses are valid for two (2) years
- Every hearing aid dispenser license expires in December of even-numbered years
- You must keep your address current with the Committee to receive renewal notices
- Renewals require a renewal application and fee (currently \$180)





Continuing Education

- You must complete your continuing education prior to renewal (December 31 of every even-numbered year)
- Registered hearing aid dispensers must complete 20 credits during each two-year period
- You may be able to complete less continuing education during the first period in which you are licensed.





Communication

- If you get a letter from the *Committee*
 - read it
- If the *Committee* asks for you to respond to it
 - do it in a timely fashion (duty to cooperate)
- If you move, change your name, start working in a new location
 - contact the Committee and update your information





Where Do I Send Mail for the Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee?

Mailing Address:

Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee 140 East Front Street Trenton, NJ 08625

Physical Address:

Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee 140 East Front Street Trenton, NJ 08625





Tips for the Application Process

- Mail the application with as much supporting information as possible
- Be clear about what name(s) appear on your application and supporting documents
- Use the P.O. Box to mail items to the Board
- Submit as much information as possible, if you answer "yes" to any of the questions





Useful Websites

Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee <u>www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/had</u>

Application Status www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/Pages/licensingboards.aspx

License Verifications
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