

ALABAMA BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DEALERS
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 445-X-1
HEARING INSTRUMENT DEALERS

445-X-1-.02 Definitions.

(1) In addition to those definitions adopted in the Code of Ala. 1975, §34-14-1, et seq. the following definitions apply in connection with these rules.

(a) "Board" means the Board of Hearing Instrument Dealers.

(b) "Business" means any corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other legal business venture not acting as a sole individual.

(c) "Hearing Aid Dispenser, Apprentice, Hearing Aid Specialist" means any person licensed under these rules who undertakes to fit, test, sell, or service hearing instruments.

(d) "Hearing Aid or Hearing Instrument." Any wearable instrument or device designed for or offered for the purpose of aiding or compensating for impaired human hearing.

(e) "License" means the certificate issued by the Board to individuals meeting qualifications to fit and sell hearing instruments.

(f) "May" indicates permission.

(g) "Place of Business" means the permanent street address of the office in which a licensed hearing aid dispenser, hearing aid specialist, or apprentice exercises the practices of dispensing and fitting of hearing instruments and which is the hearing aid dispenser's base of business.

(h) "Practice of Fitting and Dispensing in Hearing Instruments" means the measurement of human hearing by means of an audiometer or by other means approved by the board solely for the purpose of making selections, adaptations, or sale of hearing instruments. The term also includes the making of impressions for earmolds. A licensee or permit holder at the request of a physician or a member of related professions, may make audiograms for the professional's use in consultation with the hard-of-hearing.

(i) "Rules" means Alabama Administrative Code Rules.

(j) "Sell or Sale" means any transfer of title or of the right to use by lease, bailment, or any other contract, excluding wholesale transactions with distributors or dealers.

(k) "Servicing" means but is not limited to modification, adaptation and repair of the hearing instrument. Servicing does not include cleaning, retubing, and battery changes.

(l) "Shall" indicates mandatory requirements.

(m) "Statement of Compliance" means a form approved by the board which businesses shall file annually with the board and which lists all licensed Alabama hearing aid dispensers, apprentices, and hearing aid specialist directly or indirectly employed by them and which certifies compliance with rules and regulations of the board and Code of Ala. 1975, §34-14, et seq.

(n) "Apprentice Permit" means the certificate issued while the applicant is in training or is qualifying to become a licensed hearing aid specialist.

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