

CHANGES TO THE HEARING AID DISPENSERS PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

There are two changes to 2014 hearing aid dispenser's practical examination:

1. Subjects must be preapproved by the Board.
2. Impression guns (non-electric) **OR** a clear syringe may be used for taking the ear impression of your subject.

SUBJECTS

The subject who will sit for you during your hearing aid practical examination is required to submit an application and he/she must be preapproved by the Board. Your subject must be able to answer 'yes' to all of the following statements:

_____ I am at least 18 years of age.

___ I have not acted as a subject for any examination for a hearing aid dispensing license within the past year and will not be allowed to be a subject for one year from the date of this exam.

___ I am not now, nor within the past 10 years have I been, licensed in California, or any other state/country, with a trainee license or a permanent license as a hearing aid dispenser.

___ I am not now, nor within the past 10 years have I been, licensed in California, or any other state/country, with a Required Professional Experience (RPE) license or a permanent license as an audiologist or dispensing audiologist.

___ I am not now, nor within the past 10 years have I been, an employee or officer of a hearing aid dispensing department within a company/corporation engaged in the fitting and selling of hearing aids.

_____ I am not now, nor within the past 10 years have I been, an employee or officer of a department of a supplier or manufacturer of hearing aids.

_____ I am not now, nor within the past 10 years have I been, associated with a school or business that provides tutorial courses, training, or coaching to prepare an applicant for dispensing hearing aids.

_____ I understand and agree that I will not be allowed to take this examination as a candidate for licensure within two-years of the date that I am a subject for this examination.

___ I understand that the Board and its agents are not responsible for acts of negligence committed by any candidate during the course of the examination, or which may result from any procedure performed on me.

_____ I understand that no representations or statements have been made by the Board and its agents will not be responsible for any acts committed by any candidate which may result in injury to me.

_____ I understand that the Board and its agents have no responsibility or duty to notify or inform me of any faulty work done by the candidate.

IMPRESSION GUNS

Candidates now have a choice. You may elect to take the ear impression with a clear, transparent syringe or a non-electric impression gun. A safe support technique is required for both instruments. If an examiner believes that you are performing the task in an unsafe manner, you will be asked to stop.