

Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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In-Person Practicum Waiver Request

This form must accompany all applications for licensure by endorsement. The Board must approve all requests to waive the in-person practicum before the Board. An applicant must meet all other requirements of SDCL 36-24-17.2 and 36-24-25.1 and have been actively practicing as a Licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser for at least 2 of the last 5 years to be considered.

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I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this form has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct. I affirm I have knowledge and proficiency in the areas outlined in SDCL 36-24-20:

36-24-20. Scope of qualifying examinations.

The practicum examination required by subdivision 36-24-17.2(6) must include:

- (1) Tests of knowledge in the following areas as they pertain to the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids:
- (a) Basic physics of sound;
- (b) The human hearing mechanism, including the science of hearing and the rehabilitation of abnormal hearing disorders; and
- (c) Structure and function of hearing aids; and
- (2) Tests of proficiency in the following techniques as they pertain to the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids:
- (a) Pure tone audiometry, including air conduction and bone conduction testing;
- (b) Live voice and recorded voice speech audiometry, including speech threshold testing and speech discrimination testing;
- (c) Effective masking;
- (d) Recording and evaluation of audiograms and speech audiometry tests to determine hearing aid candidacy;
- (e) Selection and adaptation of hearing aids and testing of hearing aids;
- (f) Taking earmold impressions; and
- (g) Any other skills as they pertain to the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids.

The practicum examination may not include any questions requiring a medical or surgical education.

Printed Name			
Signature			
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	-		