
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1379

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1 AN ACT Relating to the qualifications of an applicant for licensure
2 as a hearing instrument fitter/dispenser; and amending RCW 18.35.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.35.040 and 2002 c 310 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) An applicant for licensure as a hearing instrument
7 fitter/dispenser must have the following minimum qualifications and
8 shall pay a fee determined by the secretary as provided in RCW
9 43.70.250. An applicant shall be issued a license under the provisions
10 of this chapter if the applicant has not committed unprofessional
11 conduct as specified by chapter 18.130 RCW, and:

12 (a)(i) Satisfactorily completes the hearing instrument
13 fitter/dispenser examination required by this chapter; ~~((or))~~ and

14 (ii) Satisfactorily completes a minimum of a two-year degree
15 program in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction. The
16 program must be approved by the board; or

17 (b) Holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from another
18 jurisdiction if the standards for licensing in such other jurisdiction
19 are substantially equivalent to those prevailing in this state((+)

1 ~~(b) Satisfactorily completes a minimum of a two-year degree program~~
2 ~~in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction. The program must~~
3 ~~be approved by the board; and~~

4 ~~(c) Has not committed unprofessional conduct as specified by the~~
5 ~~uniform disciplinary act)) as provided in (a) of this subsection; or~~

6 (c)(i) Holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from another
7 jurisdiction, has been actively practicing as a licensed hearing aid
8 fitter/dispenser in another jurisdiction for at least forty-eight of
9 the last sixty months, and submits proof of completion of advance
10 certification from either the international hearing society or the
11 national board for certification in hearing instrument sciences; and

12 (ii) Satisfactorily completes the hearing instrument
13 fitter/dispenser examination required by this chapter or a
14 substantially equivalent examination approved by the board.

15 The applicant must present proof of qualifications to the board in
16 the manner and on forms prescribed by the secretary and proof of
17 completion of a minimum of four clock hours of AIDS education and
18 training pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

19 (2) An applicant for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or
20 audiologist must have the following minimum qualifications:

21 (a) Has not committed unprofessional conduct as specified by the
22 uniform disciplinary act;

23 (b) Has a master's degree or the equivalent, or a doctorate degree
24 or the equivalent, from a program at a board-approved institution of
25 higher learning, which includes completion of a supervised clinical
26 practicum experience as defined by rules adopted by the board; and

27 (c) Has completed postgraduate professional work experience
28 approved by the board.

29 All qualified applicants must satisfactorily complete the speech-
30 language pathology or audiology examinations required by this chapter.

31 The applicant must present proof of qualifications to the board in
32 the manner and on forms prescribed by the secretary and proof of
33 completion of a minimum of four clock hours of AIDS education and
34 training pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

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