

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: HAS 3

Relating to: Hearing Instrument Specialists Examinations

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the rule is to designate the International Licensing Examination as the written test of knowledge in the following areas as they pertain to the fitting of hearing aids: basic physics of sound; anatomy and physiology of the ear; and function of hearing aids. The proposed rule would also modify any provisions of current rules which are impacted by this change.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

The Board currently uses a test developed by the Board. The new policy proposed would be to use the test developed by the International Hearing Society and used by 38 states for licensing hearing instrument specialists.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats. Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

Section 459.12 (1), Stats. The examining board may make rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state which are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter.

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule :

125 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule :

Hearing instrument specialists

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule :

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

None to minimal

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