

## HEARING AID DEALER

**Licensing Authority** Phyllis Prall  
Board of Examiners of Hearing Aid Dealers  
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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa, Chapter 154A; Iowa Administrative Code 645, Chapters 120-121

**Job Description** Hearing aid dealers fit and sell hearing amplification systems to individuals; test auditory system of hearing-impaired individuals, using test equipment and apply standardized evaluation procedures; receive individuals referred by physicians for fitting and purchasing of hearing amplification systems; make ear mold impressions as part of the fitting; and, interpret and evaluate auditory test results and confer with hearing-impaired individuals to demonstrate, select, fit, adapt and modify hearing amplification systems.

**Education & Experience Required** Persons wishing to become licensed must apply for a temporary permit before starting the required 12-month supervised training period. After training, the applicant must pass the exam given by the International Hearing Society with a score of 70 percent on each section or an overall score of 75 percent. Applicant must also take and pass an Iowa law examination.

All others (i.e., out-of-state applicants) wishing to provide hearing aide services in Iowa must obtain a license before service begins. Applicants holding valid certificates or licenses in a state or jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or higher may be issued an Iowa license.

**Continuing Education** Thirty-two hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal.

**Examination** Applicants must pass the International Hearing Society exam.

**Fees** Application: \$130  
Duration: Two years  
Renewal: \$130  
Exam: \$35  
Other: \$35 – Temporary Permit

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 41-2031 – Salespersons, Retail (\$9.88)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31, 2001: 280

**For Additional Information** Iowa Department of Public Health Web site:  
<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>