

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A HEARING AID SPECIALIST IN NORTH CAROLINA

PROPOSED 21 NCAC 22F .0123 MILITARY LICENSURE

(a) The Board shall issue a license to a military trained applicant seeking licensure as a hearing aid specialist in North Carolina under the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1(a) upon the applicant demonstrating the following qualifications:

- (1) submits a duly made military application for license and exam registration;
- (2) is a person of good moral character and 18 years of age or older in accordance with G.S. 93D-5(a);
- (3) has been awarded a military occupational specialty as a hearing aid specialist and shows proof of completion of a military program of training, shows proof of completion of testing or equivalent training and experience, and shows proof of performance as a hearing aid specialist at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the requirements for licensure under G.S. 93D.
- (4) has been engaged in active practice as a hearing aid specialist for at least two of the past five years preceding the date of application for a license;
- (5) has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice as a hearing aid specialist in this State at the time the act was committed;
- (6) pays the following fees as set forth in Rule 21 NCAC 22A .0501:
 - (A) Application for a license;
 - (B) Examination fee; and
 - (C) Issuance of certificate of license fee.

(b) The Board shall issue a license to a military trained applicant seeking licensure as a hearing aid specialist in North Carolina under the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1(a2) upon the applicant demonstrating the following qualifications:

- (1) submits a duly made military application for license and exam registration;
- (2) is a person of good moral character and 18 years of age or older in accordance with G.S. 93D-5(a);
- (3) presents official, notarized documentation, such as a U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 (DD-214), or similar substantiation, attesting to the applicant's military occupational specialty certification and experience in an occupational field within the Board's purview;
- (4) passes Parts A, B, C, and D of the Board's licensing exam;
- (5) pays the following fees as set forth in Rule 21 NCAC 22A .0501:
 - (A) Application for a license;
 - (B) Examination fee; and
 - (C) Issuance of certificate of license after successfully passing examination.
- (6) if an applicant fails the Board's licensing exam, as set forth in (b)(4) above, then the applicant may be required by the Board to satisfy the conditions as stated in (a) above.

(c) The Board shall issue a license to a military spouse applicant seeking licensure as a hearing aid specialist in North Carolina under the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1(b) upon the applicant demonstrating the following qualifications:

- (1) submits a duly made military application for license and exam registration;
- (2) is a person of good moral character and 18 years of age or older in accordance with G.S. 93D-5(a);
- (3) holds a current license, in good standing, as a hearing aid specialist in another jurisdiction and that jurisdiction's requirements for licensure are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure under G.S. 93D;
- (4) can demonstrate competency as a hearing aid specialist through the following methods:
 - (A) has been engaged in active practice as a hearing aid specialist for at least two of the past five years preceding the date of application for a license; and
 - (B) passes Parts A, B, C, and D of the Board's licensing exam;
- (5) has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice as a hearing aid specialist in this State at the time the act was committed;
- (6) pays the following fees as set forth in Rule 21 NCAC 22A .0501:
 - (A) Application for a license fee;
 - (B) Examination fee; and
 - (C) Issuance of certificate of license after successfully passing examination.

(d) A military trained applicant or military spouse applicant may request an optional "military applicant certificate" by completing that section in the military application for license and exam registration. The following provisions apply:

- (1) The applicant may commence practice only upon issuance of a military applicant certificate by the Board;
- (2) The military applicant certificate shall expire 30 days after the date on the Official Notice of Examination Results for the applicant;
- (3) The Board may reissue a military applicant certificate to the applicant upon a showing that the applicant has resubmitted a military application for license and exam registration after failing one or more parts of the licensing exam; and
- (4) Notwithstanding section (3) above, a military applicant certificate shall not be valid for more than 7 months from the original date of issuance of the initial military applicant certificate.

(e) No later than 30 days following receipt of a duly made military application for license and exam registration under Section (a) and (b), the Board shall notify a military-trained applicant when the applicant's military training or experience does not satisfy the requirements for licensure, and shall specify the criteria or requirements that the Board determined that the applicant failed to meet and the basis for that determination.

(f) The Board shall waive the license renewal fee and continuing education reporting fees and shall grant an extension of time for up to one year for completing and reporting Continuing Education credits for those licensees

currently licensed and in good standing with the Board who are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and to whom G.S. 105-249-2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return.

Authority G.S. 93B-15; 93B-15.1; 93D-1.1; 93D-2; 93D-3(c); 93D-5; 93D-8; 93D-9;