

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall ~~pass~~:

(1) PASS an examination [given or approved by the Board under this subtitle] **IN AUDIOLOGY REQUIRED BY THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD; AND**

(2) COMPLETE TRAINING CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY:

(i) THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR AUDIOLOGY EDUCATION; OR

(ii) THE COUNSEL OF ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION.

(E) **THE APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE ORAL COMPETENCY.**

2-302.1.

(a) [To] **ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008, TO** qualify for [a] **AN INITIAL** license to [provide hearing aid services] **PRACTICE HEARING AID DISPENSING**, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant shall [be at least 18 years old]:

(1) **BE A GRADUATE OF AN ACCREDITED 2-YEAR POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM WITH A DIPLOMA OR DEGREE; AND**

(2) **PRIOR TO TAKING THE STATE LICENSING EXAMINATION, PROVIDE PROOF OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEARING SOCIETY CURRICULUM ENTITLED "DISTANCE LEARNING FOR PROFESSIONALS IN HEARING HEALTH SCIENCES" OR AN EQUIVALENT COURSE APPROVED BY THE BOARD.**

[(d) The applicant shall be a high school graduate or the equivalent.

(e) (D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the applicant shall pass an examination given by the Board under this subtitle.

(2) Except for an applicant who holds a valid license to provide hearing aid dispenser services in another state, the applicant shall obtain 6 months