

Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments

Notice of Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 909 N. Pearl, Paola, KS to consider the adoption of proposed revision of rules and regulations of the Kansas Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments.

This 60-day notice of public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed rules and regulations. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments, P.O. Box 232, Garnett, KS 66032 or zack.miller@ks.gov. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the adoption of the proposed regulations during the hearing. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statements in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Zack Miller at (785) 448-2134.

These regulations are proposed for adoption on a permanent basis. A summary of proposed regulations and their economic impact follows.

K.A.R. 67-2-4 Examinations. This regulation explains the scoring for the written and practical examinations as well as the application process for the written and practical examinations.

The economic impact to the agency will be insignificant. The loss of revenue from the written exam will be offset by the increase in practical examination fees (K.A.R. 67-5-5).

K.A.R. 67-5-5 Fees. This regulation combines all board fees and through revisions to fees and implementation of new fees, will generate an increase in the board's operating income in order to maintain adequate funds for operation.

The proposed regulation is not mandated by federal law.

There will be no cost to the agency proposing the regulation. The agency will see an increase in licensure funds necessary to maintain a fiscally sound budgetary level.

There should be no economic impact to other governmental agencies or units or to the general public or consumers of hearing instruments or hearing instrument services.

All examinees will see an increase of \$10 to each practical examination.

All licensees will see an increase of \$25 in the annual renewal fee. Fees will remain lower than surrounding states.

All examinees will see an increase in cost of the written examination administered by the international hearing society, subject to approval by the board.

Copies of the regulations and the economic impact statement may be obtained by contacting the Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments.

Zack Miller, Au.D., CCC-A
Executive Officer

67-2-4. Examinations. (a) ~~Applicants~~ Each applicant shall be required to take an examination that includes both written and practical demonstrations of technical proficiency. The passing score on the practical examination shall be at least 75 percent for each individual section. The written examination shall be graded by the international hearing society, subject to approval by the board.

(b) The applicant shall be notified by letter of the date, time, and location of the practical examination. The applicant shall be notified by letter of the results of the practical examination results within 30 days from the date of ~~the~~ that examination.

(c) For an applicant to be scheduled for ~~an~~ the practical examination, the application shall be received by the board at least 30 days before the next scheduled practical examination. ~~Any~~ Each application received fewer than 30 days before the next practical examination shall be processed according to the board's standard procedures, and, if the application is approved, seating for the practical examination shall be provided if available. The applicant shall be notified regarding scheduling of the written examination upon approval of the submitted application. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-5806; implementing K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-5806, 74-5812(a); effective May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1984; amended March 6, 1995; amended May 12, 2000; amended P-_____.)

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67-5-5. Fees. The following fees shall be ~~established~~ collected by the board:

(a)(1) License application	\$100
(2) Licensure verification, for each state	\$ 15
(b)(1) Temporary license	\$100
(2) Temporary license renewal	\$100
(3) Change of supervisor	\$ 15
(c)(1) License	\$100
(2) License or certificate of endorsement renewal	\$100 <u>\$125</u>
(3) License or certificate of endorsement late renewal	\$200
(4) License or certificate of endorsement reinstatement	\$300
(5) Inactive license or renewal of inactive license	\$ 25
(6) Conversion of inactive license to active license	\$100
(d)(1) Written examination	\$ 35
(2) Practical examination, each section	\$15 <u>\$25</u>
(e) Replacement of license or certificate	\$ 15
(f) Insufficient funds check	\$ 25

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. ~~2006~~ 2015 Supp. 74-5810a; effective May 25, 2007; amended

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Economic Impact Statement K.A.R. 67-2-4, 67-5-5

Pursuant to requirements of K.S.A. 77-416 (b), the Kansas Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments submits the following description of the economic impact of the above referenced regulation.

(1) K.A.R. 67-2-4 explains the application and scoring process for written and practical examinations. The written examination shall be graded by the international hearing society, subject to approval by the board. K.A.R. 67-5-5 increases practical examination and annual renewal fees.

(2) (A) The proposed regulations are not mandated by federal law.

(B) N/A

(3) (A) There will be an increase in cost of the written examination to the examinees. Written examination will be administered and graded by the international hearing society subject to board approval. Practical examination fees will increase by \$10 per practical exam to offset the loss of revenue from the written exam previously administered by the board. The state agency proposing the regulation will see an increase in revenue due to an increase in renewal fees of \$25. Licensees will see an increase in annual renewal fees of \$25. This is similar to or less than surrounding states. It is not anticipated that any governmental agency or unit, private citizen or consumer of hearing instruments or hearing instrument services will be affected by the regulation.

(4) No other methods were considered by the Board of Hearing Aid Examiners for achieving the stated purpose of the rule and regulation.