

**74-5825. Fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments; inactive license; renewal or conversion of inactive license; fees; rules and regulations.** (a) There is hereby created a designation of inactive license. The board is authorized to issue an inactive license to any licensee who makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board and remits the fee for an inactive license established pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5810a, and amendments thereto. The board may issue an inactive license only to a person who is not engaged in the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing instruments in Kansas and who does not hold oneself out to the public as being professionally engaged in such practice. An inactive license shall not entitle the holder to practice fitting and dispensing hearing instruments in this state. The holder of an inactive license shall not be required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by K.S.A. 74-5821, and amendments thereto.

(b) Each inactive license may be renewed subject to the provisions of this section. Each inactive licensee may apply for a license to regularly engage in the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing instruments upon filing a written application with the board. The request shall be on a form provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the conversion fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5810a, and amendments thereto, and documentation that the calibration of the person's audiometric testing equipment has been tested and verified as accurate. For those licensees whose license has been inactive for less than two years, the board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate continuing education requirements for inactive licensees to become licensed to regularly practice fitting and dispensing hearing instruments within Kansas. Any licensee whose license has been inactive for more than two years, in addition to completing appropriate continuing education requirements pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board, may be required to complete such additional testing, training or education as the board may deem necessary to establish the licensee's present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the hearing instrument act.

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