

Hearing Instrument Specialist Summary Statistics

Created: 1994 (Chapter 46: Hearing Aid Specialists' ... Act repealed; Chapter 46a enacted)

Number of Licenses:

2009:	108
2010:	114
2011:	106
@7/30/12:	100

Renewal Date:

September 30, even years

License Fee:

Initial:	\$150.00 (Hearing Instrument Specialist)
	\$35.00 (Hearing Instrument Intern)
Renewal:	\$103.00

Number of Complaints:

2002 – 2012:	154
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Complaints Resolved:

- 150 Closed
- 2 Assigned to Attorney General's Office
- 2 Open

Definition of Scope of Practice:

(6) "Practice of a hearing instrument specialist" means: (a) establishing a place of business to practice as a hearing instrument specialist; (b) testing the hearing of a human patient over the age of 17 for the sole purpose of determining whether a hearing loss will be sufficiently improved by the use of a hearing instrument to justify prescribing and selling the hearing instrument and whether that hearing instrument will be in the best interest of the patient; (c) providing the patient a written statement of prognosis regarding the need for or usefulness of a hearing instrument for the patient's condition; (d) prescribing an appropriate hearing instrument; (e) making impressions or earmolds for the fitting of a hearing instrument; (f) sale and professional placement of the hearing instrument on a patient; (g) evaluating the hearing loss overcome by the installation of the hearing instrument and evaluating the hearing recovery against the representations made to the patient by the hearing instrument specialist; (h) necessary intervention to produce satisfactory hearing recovery results from a hearing instrument; or (i) instructing the patient on the use and care of the hearing instrument.

Board: 5 members: 3 licensed, 2 public

Board Meetings:

2012:	1 (as of 7/30/12)
2011:	4
2010:	3
2009:	4
2008:	3
2007:	4
2006:	3