

PA HEARING AID SALES/REGISTRATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

II. OUT-OF-STATE TRANSFER-IN REQUIREMENTS

1. ***How do I apply to fit and sell hearing aids in the state of Pennsylvania if I am already registered as a hearing aid dispenser in another state (out-of-state audiologists-see # 3)?***
 - Pennsylvania does not have direct reciprocity for out-of-state registrants.
 - You must be engaged in the fitting and selling of hearing aids at an established place of business in a state other than Pennsylvania for a period of two years within a five-year period immediately prior to application.
 - You may complete a “temporary apprentice” registration application and return it to the Department of Health with the fee and a copy of your current out-of-state license.

2. ***What are the additional requirements for out-of-state transfer?***
 - You must practice in Pennsylvania for a minimum of **three-months prior to taking the Fitters Exam**.
 - You are not required to obtain a sponsor and may fit and sell in Pennsylvania using the temporary registration certificate issued to you.
 - You **must** take the next scheduled PA Fitters Exam and pass all eight parts.
 - The same renewal requirements apply to the apprentice registration if all eight parts of the exam are not passed the first time. (See above apprentice requirements)
 - If you are placed on the INACTIVE list, you must cease all fitting and selling in Pennsylvania, until all eight parts of the exam have been successfully completed.

3. ***How do I apply to fit and sell hearing aids in the state of Pennsylvania if I am already registered as audiologists in another state?***
 - You must contact the Pennsylvania Department of State, Board of Speech, Language & Hearing at 717-783-1389 and obtain a Pennsylvania audiologist license.
 - You may complete a dealer registration application and return it to the Department of Health with the fee (see dealer registration) and a copy of your current Pennsylvania state license.