

APPRENTICE TRAINING AND EDUCATION OUTLINE/AGREEMENT

(rev 11/2022)

FOR APPRENTICE _____ (name of trainee)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 262, SECTION 302 and SECTION 306, THE FOLLOWING TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SPONSOR NAMED BELOW.

1. The anatomy and physiology of the ear
2. The function of hearing aids
3. The knowledge and understanding of the grounds for revocation, suspension or probation of the registrant as outlined in this act.
4. The knowledge and understanding of violations and penalties as outlined in this act.
5. The procedures and use of equipment established by the department for the fitting and selling of hearing aids.
6. Taking ear mold impressions.
7. Evidence of knowledge regarding the medical and rehabilitation facilities for children and adults that are available in the areas served.
8. A knowledge of criteria for medical referral when found to exist either from observation by the registrant or on the basis of information furnished by the prospective hearing aid user to include the following:
 - i. Visible congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear.
 - ii. Active drainage of the ear within the previous 90 days or history of this symptom.
 - iii. Sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss within the previous 90 days or history of this symptom.
 - iv. Acute or chronic dizziness.
 - v. Unilateral hearing loss of sudden or recent onset within the previous 90 days.
 - vi. Visible evidence of cerumen accumulation or a foreign body in the ear canal
 - vii. Pain in the ear within the previous 90 days.

PERIOD 1. The trainee shall work for two months under the immediate direct and personal supervision of, and in the same office as the sponsor fitter registrant. During this stage, the trainee may do testing for the proper selection and fitting of hearing aids and make ear impressions, but the final testing and final fitting for the sale of a hearing aid must be approved by the sponsor fitter registrant.

PERIOD 2. This training stage shall be for a minimum of four months but is automatically extended to include any period beyond four months in which a trainee/apprentice holds an active apprentice registration. During this time the trainee may engage in all the activities of a fitter registrant, but shall continue to work under the direct supervision of the sponsor fitter registrant and have work reviewed. The Sponsor fitter will continue to be responsible for all work including but not limited to all fitting and sales by the apprentice fitter. The Sponsor fitter will continue to provide training as needed. The Sponsor will ensure only apprentices/trainees with current active registrations are permitted to fit and sell.

These two periods described above shall be completed with no time lapse between periods except as authorized by the Department for justifiable cause shown by the trainee or sponsor or both.

The apprentice fitter shall always clearly identify themselves to consumers as an apprentice or trainee.

AS THE HEARING AID FITTER SPONSOR, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the training and education of the aforementioned apprentice and agree to work diligently to properly train and education this apprentice. I understand that I am responsible for any related fitting, services, or hearing aid sales performed by said apprentice. I understand that if I desire to terminate responsibilities with regard to an apprentice, I shall give the apprentice 10 days written notice of the reasons for the action and SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT at the same time by certified mail

Signature of Sponsor

Fitter No.

Date

Submit with fee and apprentice application and criminal background chec