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Trainees.

(A) The activities of the holder of a hearing aid dealers and fitters trainee permit, while engaged in the practice of dealing in or fitting of hearing aids as defined by section 4747.01 of the Revised Code, shall be supervised by an individual who is a licensed hearing aid dealer or fitter. It shall be the responsibility of the trainee to maintain communication with the supervisor and to inform said supervisor of all acts and deeds in the pursuance of selling and/or fitting hearing aids. "Acts and deeds" include, but are not limited to, the following: meeting with a user or potential user; performing tests as defined in rule 4747-1-19 of the Administrative Code; taking of an earmold impression(s); and fitting and/or selling of hearing aids.

(B) "Supervision," as required by section 4747.10 of the Revised Code, means that:

(1) During the effective period of the trainee permit, the trainee and that trainee's supervisor shall co-sign, with a signature and license number, all forms, reports of audiometric and other tests, and any other documents prepared by the trainee or the supervisor in conjunction with the trainee in the process of testing human hearing or fitting or selling a hearing aid or hearing aids.

(2) A licensed hearing instrument dealer and fitter acting as a supervisor must submit a written training plan or copy thereof with the application for a trainee permit. The training plan must include the following at a minimum:

(a) One hundred hours of directly supervised training;

(b) A minimum of sixteen hours of puretone air-conduction, bone conduction and speech audiometry with both recorded and live voice speech;

(c) A minimum of six contact hours of masking;

(d) A minimum of twelve contact hours of hearing instrument fittings with actual customers;

(e) A minimum of twelve contact hours of hearing instrument evaluation including acceptable hearing instrument verification procedures;

(f) A minimum of six contact hours of earmold orientation types, uses and terminology;

(g) A minimum of ten contact hours of earmold impressions and otoscopic examinations of the ear;

(h) A minimum of ten contact hours of troubleshooting of defective hearing instruments;

(i) A minimum of six contact hours of the laws governing the licensing of the

persons fitting and dispensing hearing instruments and federal drug administration and federal trade commission regulations relating to the fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments; and

- (j) A minimum of twelve hours of supplemental work in one or more of the areas listed in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule.
- (3) The responsibility of maintaining the training plan will be the joint responsibility of the supervisor and the trainee.
- (4) Upon the trainee's completion of each segment of the training plan, the supervisor must sign off and attest that the segment was completed.
- (5) (2) The completed signed training plan or copy thereof must be submitted with an application to take the test for full licensure.
- (2)(6) During the ~~thirty~~ ninety calendar days immediately following the effective date of the trainee permit as shown thereon, a supervisor must be physically present with a trainee who is engaged in the fitting or selling of hearing aids.
- (3)(7) In order to ensure that meaningful supervision is available to each person engaged in training to become a licensed hearing aid dealer and fitter, no person, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall employ or have any form of relationship with more persons who hold hearing aid dealers and fitters trainee permits than it employs persons who hold hearing aid dealers and fitters licenses. Any licensed hearing instrument dealer and fitter acting as a supervisor must be licensed for at least two years. No one licensee may supervise more than two trainees at any time. For the purpose of interpreting this rule, all persons in an organization who hold hearing aid dealers and fitters licenses shall be considered employees. However, no trainee shall be required to leave ~~his~~the place of employment simply because ~~his~~the licensed supervisor leaves. The trainee shall be permitted to work under the supervision of another licensed person until the board is properly notified of the change in supervision within three working days. No trainee may serve under more than one supervisor at a time.
- (4)(8) It shall be the responsibility of the trainee to submit to ~~his~~ the supervisor all testing and sales documents pertinent to each sale, whether consummated or not. Failure to do so shall be considered a violation of division (M) of section 4747.12 of the Revised Code and paragraph (C)(2) of rule 4747-1-15 of the Administrative Code.

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