

**645—121.1(154A) Definitions.** For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Active license*” means a license that is current and has not expired.

“*Board*” means the board of hearing aid specialists.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

“*Dispense*” or “*sell*” means a transfer of title or of the right to use by lease, bailment, or any other means, but excludes a wholesale transaction with a distributor or hearing aid specialist, and excludes the temporary, charitable loan or educational loan of a hearing aid without remuneration.

“*Grace period*” means the 30-day period following expiration of a license when the license is still considered to be active. In order to renew a license during the grace period, a licensee is required to pay a late fee.

“*Hearing aid specialist*” means any person engaged in the fitting, dispensing and sale of hearing aids and providing hearing aid services or maintenance by means of procedures stipulated by Iowa Code chapter 154A or the board.

“*Inactive license*” means a license that has expired because it was not renewed by the end of the grace period. The category of “inactive license” may include licenses formerly known as lapsed, inactive, delinquent, closed, or retired.

“*License*” means a license issued by the state to a hearing aid specialist.

“*Licensee*” means any person licensed to practice as a hearing aid specialist in the state of Iowa.

“*Licensure by endorsement*” means the issuance of an Iowa license to practice as a hearing aid specialist to an applicant who is or has been licensed in another state.

“*National examination*” means the standardized licensing examination of the International Hearing Society (IHS) or its successor organization.

“*Reactivate*” or “*reactivation*” means the process as outlined in rule 645—121.14(17A,147,272C) by which an inactive license is restored to active status.

“*Reciprocal license*” means the issuance of an Iowa license to practice as a hearing aid specialist to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state that has a mutual agreement with the Iowa board of hearing aid specialists to license persons who have the same or similar qualifications to those required in Iowa.

“*Reinstatement*” means the process as outlined in 645—11.31(272C) by which a licensee who has had a license suspended or revoked or who has voluntarily surrendered a license may apply to have the license reinstated, with or without conditions. Once the license is reinstated, the licensee may apply for active status.

“*Temporary permit*” means a permit issued while the applicant is in training to become a licensed hearing aid specialist.

“*Trainee*” means the holder of a temporary permit.

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