

## **Guidelines for Review Application by License Holder from Another State Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 402, Sec. 402.209**

(a) A person licensed to fit and dispense hearing instruments in another state may apply for a license under this chapter by submitting an application on a form prescribed by the committee

(b) An applicant for a license under this section must complete the application form completely and accurately. The department may not consider an incomplete application. If an applicant fails to provide any information required on the application form, the department shall send the applicant a notice of deficiency that explains the additional information that must be submitted before the department may review the application.

(c) An applicant for a license under this section shall provide as part of the application:

(1) written verification that the applicant is licensed in good standing as a fitter and dispenser of hearing instruments in another state and has held the license for at least three years preceding the date of application;

(2) written verification that:

(A) the requirements to obtain a license to fit and dispense hearing instruments in the state in which the applicant is licensed include passing an examination approved by the committee by rule; or

(B) the applicant holds a certification from a professional organization approved by the committee by rule;

(3) a written statement from the licensing entity in the state in which the applicant is licensed that details any disciplinary action taken by the entity against the applicant; and

(4) a statement of the applicant's criminal history acceptable to the committee.

(d) The department may deny an application under this section based on the applicant's criminal history or history of disciplinary action.

(e) If the department approves an application, on the next regularly scheduled examination date the applicant may take the practical section of the examination required under Section 402.202 and a written examination of Texas law administered by the department. If the applicant passes the examinations required under this section, the committee shall issue to the applicant a license under this chapter.

(f) The department may allow an applicant under this section who satisfies all application requirements other than the requirement under Subsection (c)(2) to take all sections of the examination required under Section 402.202. If the applicant passes the examination, the committee shall issue to the applicant a license under this chapter.

(g) An applicant under this section who fails an examination may request in writing, not later than the 30th day after the date the department sends the applicant notice of the examination results, that the department furnish the applicant with an analysis of the applicant's performance on the examination.