## WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-26-6

## §30-26-6. Standards, scope and subject of examination.

- (a) Before obtaining a license to engage in the practice of dealing in or fitting of hearingaids, an applicant must meet the following requirements:
- (1) The applicant must pass the International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals, prepared by the International Hearing Society, or an equivalent examination selected by the board.
- (2) The applicant must pass a practical examination, which shall be a nationally recognized test selected by the board, or a test designed by the board to test the applicant's proficiency in the following techniques as they pertain to the fitting of hearing aids: (A) Pure tone audiometry, including air conduction testing;
- (B) Live voice or recorded voice speech audiometry, including speech reception threshold testing and speech discrimination testing; and
- (C) Masking when indicated and effective masking.
- (3) The applicant must pass an examination, which shall be developed by the board, to test an applicant's competency in the following subjects: (A) Ability to counsel the person or family who will receive the hearing aid relative to the care and use of the instrument;
- (B) Knowledge regarding the medical and rehabilitative facilities for hearing-handicapped children and adults in the area being served;
- (C) Knowledge and understanding of the grounds for revocation, suspension, or probation of a license as outlined in this article; and
- (D) Knowledge and understanding of criminal offenses as outlined in this article.
- (b) The board may promulgate rules to implement the requirements of this section, including emergency rules promulgated pursuant to the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code.
- (c) The examinations required by this section shall be collectively referred to in this article as "the examination."