



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board for Hearing Aid Specialists
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18 VAC 80-20-70.C
Regulation title	Board for Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations
Action title	Amend
Final agency action date	April 28, 2003
Document preparation date	July 31, 2003

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

On April 28, 2003, the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists adopted amendments to Section 18 VAC 80-20-70.C of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations to reduce fees. The proposed regulations will decrease fees for the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists to ensure that revenues are not excessive, but remain sufficient to cover its ongoing operating expenses.

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists has no other source of revenue from which to fund its operations. All costs incurred in support of board activities and regulatory operations are paid by the department and funded through fees paid by applicants and licensees. All boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation must operate within the Code provisions of the Callahan Act (54.1-113), and the general provisions of 54.1-201. Each regulatory program's revenues must be adequate to support both its direct costs and a proportional share of agency operating costs. The department allocates costs to its regulatory programs based on consistent, equitable, and cost-effective methodologies.

Fiscal Impact:

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY2005	FY2006
Fund	NGF (0900)	NGF (0900)	NGF (0900)	NGF (0900)
Program/Subprogram	560 44	560 44	560 44	560 44

Impact of Regulatory Changes:				
One-Time Costs	0	0	0	0
Ongoing Costs	0	0	0	0
Total Fiscal Impact	0	0	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Description of Costs:

One-Time: There are no one-time costs associated with the proposed regulations.

Ongoing: There are no ongoing costs associated with the proposed regulations.

Cost to Localities: None anticipated.

Description of Individuals, Businesses, or Other Entities Impacted: Individuals licensed as hearing aid specialists.

Estimated Number of Regulators: The Department currently regulates approximately 467 hearing aid specialists.

Projected Cost to Regulators: The current cost is \$130 for the initial license, and \$175 per biennium to maintain the license. These proposed regulations will decrease those costs to \$30 for the initial license, and \$20 per biennium to maintain the license. The proposed regulations will decrease the total cost for reinstatement from \$350 to \$50, licensure by reciprocity fees from \$190 to \$140, and temporary permit fee from \$130 to \$30.

Financial Projections

Number of Regulants - 467

Financial Status and Projections

Current Fees

	<u>1998-2000</u>	<u>2000-2002</u>	<u>2002-2004</u>	<u>2004-2006</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	-20,807	41,116	101,487	150,272
Revenue	98,815	92,515	87,850	83,650
Expenditures:				
Board Expenditures	9,456	10,818	13,147	14,464
Board Administration	924	1,341	1,630	1,793
Examinations	11,862	13,887	16,877	18,567
Enforcement	9,798	124	151	166
Legal Services	1,500	2,272	2,761	3,038
Information Systems	982	1,084	1,317	1,449
Facilities/ Support Services	1,464	1,561	1,897	2,087
Agency Administration	886	1,029	1,251	1,376
Transfers/Other	20	28	34	37
Total Expenditures	36,892	32,144	39,065	42,977
Cash Balance	41,116	101,487	150,272	190,945
Callahan Percentage	<u>111.4%</u>	<u>315.7%</u>	<u>384.7%</u>	<u>444.3%</u>

Proposed Fees

	<u>1998-2000</u>	<u>2000-2002</u>	<u>2002-2004</u>	<u>2004-2006</u>
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Fee History

	<u>03/31/81</u>	<u>01/15/92</u>	<u>10/01/95</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
New Applicant	75	60	130	30
New Applicant - Reciprocity	75	60	190	30
New Applicant - temporary permit	50	60	130	30
Renewal	60	110	175	20
Reinstatement	80	220	350	50
Exam	50	40	110	110

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

The proposed regulatory action is not expected to have any significant impact on the institution of the family and family stability.