



## KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD FOR SPECIALISTS IN HEARING INSTRUMENTS

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Acting Commissioner

### MEMORANDUM

May 21, 2021

To: All Specialists in Hearing Instruments Licensees

RE: Clarification of Memorandum dated April 13, 2021, regarding the 2022 Licensure/Renewal Year

**Clarification:** The Board has not reduced the amount of continuing education required for the 2022 Licensure/Renewal Year, nor has the Board changed the organizations that are approved for continuing education. The Board has only waived in-person component for continuing education for the 2022 Licensure/Renewal Year; attendance of **live online** seminars, training, and conferences may substitute for the in-person component.

Board regulation, 201 KAR 7:075, requires Licensed Specialists in Hearing Instruments to complete ten (10) hours of continuing education each year in order to renew their license. Of those ten (10) hours, a “minimum of five (5) of the required ten (10) continuing education hours shall be attained through programs sponsored by entities listed in Section 3(1) of this administrative regulation and attended in person by the licensee in a live, classroom presentation format.” 201 KAR 7:075, Section ].

Senate Bill 150, signed into law March 27, 2020, allows state occupational licensing boards to “waive or suspend” any “administrative fees or obligations” for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency, and for “at least 30 days thereafter.”

Under the authority granted it by SB 150, the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Specialists in Hearing Instruments has voted to waive the in-person component of the continuing education requirement for continuing education earned through January 30, 2022. This action by the Board will cover the 2022 licensure year only. The effect of this waiver is that live, online seminars, training, and continuing education will substitute for the in-person requirement for continuing education earned through January 30, 2022 and for the 2022 licensure year.

This decision in no way reflects the continuing education requirement for the 2023 licensure year.

Respectfully,

Travis Corder  
Board Chair