## 21 NCAC 22F .0123 MILITARY LICENSURE

(a) The Board shall issue a license to a military-trained applicant seeking licensure as a hearing aid specialist in North Carolina upon the applicant demonstrating the qualifications as prescribed by the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1(a).

(b) The Board shall issue a license to a military-trained applicant seeking licensure as a hearing aid specialist in North Carolina upon the applicant demonstrating the qualifications as prescribed by the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1(a2).

(c) The Board shall issue a license to a military spouse applicant seeking licensure as a hearing aid specialist in North Carolina upon the applicant demonstrating the qualifications as prescribed by the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1(b).

(d) The Board shall issue a "temporary practice permit" to a military-trained applicant or military spouse applicant while the military-trained applicant or military spouse is satisfying the requirements for licensure. The following provisions apply:

- (1) the applicant may perform duties within the scope of practice for a Hearing Aid Specialist only upon issuance of a temporary practice permit by the Board; and
- (2) the temporary practice permit shall remain valid for the later of one year or the renewal date for Hearing Aid Specialists or until a license is granted.

(e) No later than 30 days following receipt of a duly made application for licensure and exam registration under Paragraph (a) and (b), the Board shall notify a military-trained applicant when the applicant's military training or experience does not satisfy the requirements for licensure, and shall specify the criteria or requirements that the Board determined that the applicant failed to meet and the basis for that determination.

(f) Notwithstanding any other rule in this Chapter, the Board shall not charge a military-trained applicant or a military spouse an initial application fee for a license, registration, or temporary practice permit issued pursuant to this Section. Pursuant to G.S. 93B-15.1, nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the Board from charging its ordinary fee for a renewal application or prohibit a third party from charging actual costs for a service such as a background check.

(g) The Board shall waive the license renewal fee and continuing education reporting fees and shall grant an extension of time for up to one year for completing and reporting continuing education credits for those licensees currently licensed and in good standing with the Board who are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and to whom G.S. 105-249-2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return.

*History Note: Authority G.S.* 93B-15; 93B-15.1; 93D-1.1; 93D-2; 93D-3(c); 93D-5; 93D-8; 93D-9; Eff. March 1, 2018.