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AL	<p>Alabama - we dispense hearing aids under our audiology license. There was a time when two licenses were required here - both audiology and a hearing aid dealer's license. About 20 years ago, we got an attorney general's opinion that audiologists could dispense under their audiology license. We have functioned that way ever since. Several times, the hearing aid dealers have tried to change their law to have it specifically require audiologists to also have a hearing aid dealer's license. So far, we have been able to keep that bill from becoming law.</p> <p>Pat LaCoste</p>
AR	<p>In Arkansas, we are only required to have one license. We are completely separate from hearing aid dealers in every way.</p> <p>Dr. Parrothead [mailto:drparrothead@hotmail.com]</p>
AZ	<p>Arizona - must have two licenses</p> <p>Henry P. Trahan, Au.D.</p>
CA	<p>California requires 2 licenses==--2 separate licensing oversight bodies (both under the Dept. of Consumer Affairs-audiology license is under same Board as speech path-hearing aids has a Bureau under the oversight of the Dept of Consumer Affairs)</p> <p>Alison M. Grimes, Au.D. Director of Audiology Providence Speech and Hearing Center</p> <p>California Requires 2 licenses if to practice audiology as well as dispense hearing aids. We are working on changing this to be covered under dual licensure.</p> <p>Larry Eng, AuD California Academy of Audiology</p> <p>California requires 2 licenses-2 separate licensing oversight bodies (both under the Dept. of Consumer Affairs-audiology license is under same Board as speech path-hearing aids has a Bureau under the oversight of the Dept of Consumer Affairs)</p> <p>Alison M. Grimes, Au.D.</p>
DE	<p>Delaware - need two licenses.</p> <p>Marencin, Gary [mailto:GMarencin@Christianacare.org]</p>
FL	<p>We have been able to dispense under our own law in Florida since 1994.</p> <p>Fred Rahe [mailto:rahefred@bellsouth.net]</p>
GA	<p>Georgia audiologists can dispense hearing aids under the Audiology Licensure Law.</p> <p>Helena Solodar, Au.D.</p> <p>In GA, audiologist may dispense under our Audiologist license. No need for a separate license.</p> <p>Katherine Pollard</p>
IL	<p>IL can dispense under the Audiology license but licensees do pay an extra fee at our license renewal that is earmarked for another state agency that enforces the Hearing Instrument Protection Act. That was the compromise we made several years ago to eliminate the need to hold two licenses.</p> <p>Joanne Schupbach, MS, MA, CCC-SP/A Audiology Clinical Education Coordinator Rush University Medical Center</p>

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	<p>Illinois - Audiology license only Dr. Pamela M. Isaacson [mailto:pamisaacson@yahoo.com]</p> <p>Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act (legislation currently being considered to extend the Act to January 1, 2016 as it sunsets 1/1/06 without the current legislation). This Act licenses Hearing Instrument Dealers. Note exemption (c) below of audiologists licensed under the IL SLP/Audiology Practice Act. (225 ILCS 50/7) (From Ch. 111, par. 7407) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006) Sec. 7. Exemptions. (a) The following are exempt from this Act: (1) Licensed physicians. This exemption, however, does not apply to a physician's employee or subcontractor who is not a physician.</p> <p>(2) Persons who only repair or manufacture hearing instruments and their accessories for wholesale.</p> <p>(b) Audiometers used by persons exempt from this Act to dispense hearing instruments must meet the annual calibration requirements and current standards set by the American National Standards Institute. (c) Audiologists licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act are exempt from licensure under this Act, but are otherwise subject to the practices and provisions of this Act. (Source: P.A. 91-932, eff. 1-1-01.) Barbara R. Murphy</p> <p>IL: single licensure Gudhear@aol.com [mailto:Gudhear@aol.com]</p> <p>IL can dispense under the Audiology license but licensees do pay an extra fee at our license renewal that is earmarked for another state agency that enforces the Hearing Instrument Protection Act. That was the compromise we made several years ago to eliminate the need to hold two licenses. Joanne Schupbach, MS, MA, CCC-SP/A</p>
IN	<p>Indiana - Audiology license only Dr. Pamela M. Isaacson [mailto:pamisaacson@yahoo.com]</p>
KS	<p>Kansas requires two licenses Heidi Daley [heidi.daley@greenbush.org] Kansas has two. Ksha96@aol.com [mailto:Ksha96@aol.com]</p>
KY	<p>KY has two licenses. Pam Ison</p>
MA	<p>Massachusetts Audiologists need one license, in Audiology, to dispense hearing aids.</p>

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	<p>Brian J. Fligor, ScD, CCC-A in Massachusetts (MA), licensed audiologists are exempt from hearing aid dispensers licensure...we only need an Audiology license to dispense hearing aids...</p> <p>David Citron, III, Ph.D., FAAA</p>
ME	<p>In Maine currently we must have two separate licenses and pay two separate fees. If you are eligible for a permanent audiology license you are automatically eligible for a hearing aid dispensing license. (This eligibility change only went into effect July 30, 2004)</p> <p>Carolyn Gaiero AuD</p>
MI	<p>In Michigan, our license will allow dispensing so we won't have to also have a h.a. dealer license...</p> <p>Lori Vanriper</p> <p>Michigan - We are able to dispense under our audiology license.</p> <p>Karen Jacobs [mailto:mjacobs@iserv.net]</p>
MN	<p>MN is in the process right now of getting their bill passed that's would allow Audiologist to dispense without a separate certification.</p> <p>Charlie Stone</p> <p>Minnesota is in the process of changing this right now. Our exemption from dual regulation legislation has passed both the House and Senate healthcare committees this session. It will be heard on the floor sometime in May.</p> <p>Julie Perreault</p>
MN	<p>In Minnesota we have legislation in process to exempt licensed Audiologists from the requirement of the second credential (Hearing Instrument Dispensing certificate). It is highly anticipated to pass.</p> <p>Shirley Fors</p> <p>Minnesota is right in the middle of this, but we feel that we have successfully achieved our goals with some concessions to SLPs, HIDs, and the Department of Health. Our bill has been wrapped into an omnibus bill with other licensing issues in both the House and Senate. Since the final version of the omnibus bill was drafted, all has been going well and we don't see any further obstacles to getting this passed. I haven't yet found out who the lead audiologists in Iowa are (State Leader-wise), but you may certainly have them contact me if they would like to discuss this.</p> <p>JC John A. Coverstone [jcoverstone@mnaudiology.com]</p> <p>Minnesota is in the process of changing this right now. Our exemption from dual regulation legislation has passed both the House and Senate healthcare committees this session. It will be heard on the floor sometime in May.</p> <p>Julie Perreault [ecas@ecenet.com]</p> <p>MN is in the process right now of getting their bill passed that's would allow Audiologist to dispense without a separate certification.</p> <p>Charlie Stone</p>
MO	<p>Missouri - requires two license...audiology and dispensing</p> <p>Dr. Pamela M. Isaacson [mailto:pamisaacson@yahoo.com]</p> <p>Missouri - two licenses</p> <p>DiSarno, Neil [mailto:njd579f@smsu.edu]</p>

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MS	<p>Mississippi allows audiologists to dispense under the audiology license. No additional hearing aid dealer license is required. We were able to make this happen by changing the language in the scope of practice to include a definition of "habilitation" and "rehabilitation" which included hearing aid dispensing. The attorney general ruled that this working in the statute made an additional license unnecessary.</p> <p>William D. Mustain, Ph.D., CCC-A, FAAA</p>
NC	<p>NC has dual licensure. We are in the midst of changing our law so that we can dispense under our Audiology license.</p> <p>Del Hawk [mailto:dhawk@rexton.com]</p>
ND	<p>North Dakota requires both an audiology and dispensing license. i think we are going to look at changing.</p> <p>Brian Qvammen [mailto:Brian.Qvammen@meritcare.com]</p>
NJ	<p>NJ requires separate licenses. You must have an audiology license and a hearing aid dispensing license.</p> <p>Krum, Susan [mailto:Susan.Krum@rwjuh.edu]</p>
NM	<p>New Mexico has one licence Audiology it costs \$ 90 and if one wishes to dispense then you have to pay an extra \$60 = that brings the total to 150 dollars but we don't have to take a test with hearing aid board to dispense hearing aids.</p> <p>Bopanna Ballachanda</p>
NV	<p>In Nevada, you need the two licenses to dispense.</p> <p>Celeste Bove</p> <p>Nevada requires separate licenses.</p> <p>Susan Lloyd [mailto:sloyd@unr.edu]</p>
NY	<p>New York requires two for audiologists. Hearing aid salespersons only need the Hearing Aid Registration. Audiologists also require state licensure.</p> <p>Dan Schneider [mailto:danschneider@adelphia.net]</p>
OH	<p>Ohio audiologists can dispense under their audiology license. A dispensing license is no longer required.</p> <p>Erin L. Miller, Au.D.</p>
OK	<p>Oklahoma audiologists can dispense under our Audiology Licensing law. We do not need two.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Michael Grim Vice-Chair Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology</p>
OR	<p>In Oregon we are presently required to have a hearing aid dealer's license to dispense hearing aids.</p> <p>Wendy Chapman President, OAA</p> <p>We have been trying to drop the dual licensure in OR. So far without success.</p> <p>Jan Hankerson</p>
PA	<p>Pennsylvania needs two licenses.</p> <p>Susan Parr, Au.D.</p>
RI	<p>In Rhode Island, we may dispense under our Audiology License.</p>

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	John P. Preece, Ph.D., FAAA
SC	In South Carolina, we can dispense under our audiology license. We do not have to have two. Lynn Lehman, Au.D.
SD	<p>South Dakota has a single license. This was debated in our state several years ago when audiologists sought to have a licensure law (there was an existing dispenser license). Non-audiologists did not care whether there was a single license as the South Dakota Hearing Aid Board was primarily made-up of audiologists. Unfortunately, there were audiologists who primarily dispensed hearing aids who felt that audiologists should hold two licenses to practice if they wished to dispense. ("The good old boy system" board members who were audiologists, I think, were fearful that they might loose their Governor appointed status were the most opposed to a single license.) Much of the opposition to a single license came from audiologists who basically viewed themselves as dispenser rather than as an audiologist. The showdown came when those who wanted a single licensed informed those audiologists who wanted 2 licenses, they would vehemently oppose the 2-license bill, thus killing the bill. There was enough of the 2-license audiology camp that needed an audiology license for HMO purposes that finally agreed to a single license.</p> <p>What other profession requires 2 licenses? It was simply a power play by the audiology dispensers in SD to prevent the rest of the audiologists from DISPENSING. It had little impact on those audiologists income that were primarily dispensing as few of the audiologists in our state who wanted a single license actually dispensed as a result of the single license.</p> <p>The single license has resolved most conflicts that occurred prior to passage of the bill between audiologists who primarily dispensed and those that did not...so a single license can be unifying in that sense.</p> <p>Also, it was helpful in our successful effort for a single license to ensure non-audiologists who dispensed that they would not be eliminated for dispensing but were insured in the bill that they could continue to dispense.</p> <p>Perry C. Hanavan, Au.D., FAAA 2001 S Summit Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57197</p>
TN	Hearing aid dispensing is specifically included in the scope of practice for audiologists in TN. Audiologists do not have to have a hearing aid dispensing license in order to dispense hearing aids. Reed Norwood for Helen Hallenbeck amsi@citlink.net
TX	<p>Texas Audiologists are licensed to dispense hearing aids under our audiology licensing act. Two licenses are needed, one for Audiology, one for dispensing under Audiology licensure. (No hearing aid dealer license needed.)</p> <p>Phil Allred, Ph.D., FAAA President Texas Academy of Audiology</p> <p>Texas no longer requires audiologists to either have a hearing aid license or be registered to fit and dispense hearing aids. Hearing aid dispensing has been a part of the audiology scope of practice since 1994 when audiologists were exempted from the hearing aid statute. Last year, the SLP/A Board simply decided that the \$10.00 fee for registration of audiologists who fit and dispense did not justify the time and effort required or offset the expense of maintaining records.</p> <p>Todd H. Porter, AuD</p>

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	<p>Texas - one audiology license allows an audiologist to dispense. Phillip L. Wilson, Au.D., CCC/A</p> <p>Texas - covered under our Audiology license since the sunset of 1995. Required a separate registration (\$20) at first but even that was dispanded in January 2005. Deborah Carlson [dlcarlso@UTMB.EDU]</p>
UT	<p>Utah - do not need anything other than audiology state license. Bryan J Layton, Au.D.</p>
UT	<p>The State of UTAH only requires one license for audiologists (which includes dispensing). Michael Page</p>
VA	<p>You must have 2 licenses in Virginia. Dr. Kenneth M. Cox</p>
VT	<p>Vermont Audiologists only need one license for Audiology and Dispensing. Bob Hartenstein</p>
WI	<p>Wisconsin includes hearing aid dispensing under the audiology license. Most successful strategy in changing the law was demonstration of double jeopardy in the case of fitting infants, children, and developmentally disabled patients. The hearing instrument specialist license mandates six audiometric tests prior to fitting. Audiologists fitting these patients violated their hearing instrument specialists' license when unable to perform all six tests. The WI statutes were in conflict and therefore had to be resolved. Audiologists also proved the consumer was already protected by the audiology licensure statutes and that the requirement of the hearing instrument specialist license was redundant and unnecessary regulation. Meredy Hase, Au.D.</p>