

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

## Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board

### APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Please print or type. Answer all questions completely.

Name:		Home Phone	
Work Phone:	Fax Phone	Cell Phone:	
E-mail address:			
Home Address:	City	State	Zip
Employer:			
Employer's Address:			
Present job title and responsibilities:			
List your education or experience that qualifies you to serve on this Board.			
What do you believe you can accomplish by serving on this Board?			
What key issues will the Board need to address?			

### Professional/Civic/Trade Association Membership:

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Please list previous Board/Committee Experience: (Board name, position held, and years of experience)

List three references (2 professional and 1 personal):

Name: (professional)	Address, City, State, Zip:	Phone/E-mail:
Name: (personal)	Address, City, State, Zip:	Phone/E-mail

**Advisory Board position for which you are applying:  
Check  the applicable category**

\_\_\_ 1. Licensed hearing instrument fitter and dispenser (must be licensed at least 5 years).

License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Licensed: \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Residents for more than five years?  YES  NO

Licensed Under Chapter 401?  YES  NO

Also licensed as a Speech Pathologist and/or Audiologist?  YES  NO

License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Licensed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 2. Licensed Physician

Texas Medical Board License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Residents for more than two years?  YES  NO United States citizen:  YES  NO

Engaged in the practice of otolaryngology?  YES  NO

\_\_\_ 3. Public Member (See requirements below)

**I have read Occupations Code, Chapter 402, Sections 402.051-.058, and am familiar with the criteria and duties for appointment to the Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Thank you for your interest in the Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board. Please complete this application in full and return to the address shown. E-mail [advisory.boards@tdlr.texas.gov](mailto:advisory.boards@tdlr.texas.gov) or call (512) 475-4765 or (800) 803-9202 if you have any questions.**

**Please submit completed application by mail, email, or fax to:**

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation  
Attention: Advisory Board  
P.O. Box 12157  
Austin, TX 78711  
(512) 463-6599, (800) 803-9202, fax: (512) 475-2874  
Internet address: [www.tdlr.texas.gov](http://www.tdlr.texas.gov)  
E-mail address: [advisory.boards@tdlr.texas.gov](mailto:advisory.boards@tdlr.texas.gov)

## HEARING INSTRUMENT FITTERS AND DISPENSERS

Occupations Code, Chapter 402

Effective 9/1/2015

SECTION 1.083. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

### SUBCHAPTER B. HEARING INSTRUMENT FITTERS AND DISPENSERS ADVISORY BOARD

SECTION 1.084. Section 402.051, Occupations Code, as amended by S.B. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 402.051. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP.

(a) The advisory board consists of nine members appointed by the presiding officer of the commission with the approval of the commission as follows:

(1) six members licensed under this chapter who have been residents of this state actually engaged in fitting and dispensing hearing instruments for at least five years preceding appointment, not more than one of whom may be licensed under Chapter 401;

(2) one member who is actively practicing as a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board and who:

(A) has been a resident of this state for at least two years preceding appointment;

(B) is a citizen of the United States; and

(C) specializes in the practice of otolaryngology; and

(3) two members of the public.

(b) Appointments to the advisory board shall be made without regard to the race, creed, sex, religion, or national origin of the appointee.

SECTION 1.085. Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 402.0511 to read as follows:

#### Sec. 402.0511. DUTIES OF ADVISORY BOARD.

The advisory board shall provide advice and recommendations to the department on technical matters relevant to the administration of this chapter.

SECTION 1.086. Section 402.055, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 402.055. TERMS; VACANCIES.

(a) Members of the advisory board serve staggered six-year terms. The terms of three members expire on February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(b) If a vacancy occurs during a member's term, the presiding officer of the commission, with the commission's approval, shall appoint a replacement who meets the qualifications for the vacant position to serve for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 1.087. Section 402.057, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 402.057. PRESIDING OFFICER. The presiding officer of the commission shall designate a member of the advisory board to serve as the presiding officer of the advisory board for a term of one year. The presiding officer of the advisory board may vote on any matter before the advisory board.

SECTION 1.088. Section 402.058, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 402.058. MEETINGS. The advisory board shall meet at the call of the presiding officer of the commission or the executive director.

#### **Public Member Requirements:**

A person may not be a public member of the board if the person or the person's spouse:

1. Is registered, certified or licensed by TDLR in the industry or occupation under the jurisdiction of the advisory board or in a related industry or occupation;
2. Is employed by or participates in the management of a business entity or other organization regulated by or receiving money from TDLR in the industry or occupation under the jurisdiction of the advisory board or in a related industry or occupation;

3. Owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than a 10 percent interest in a business entity or other organization regulated by or receiving money from TDLR in the industry or occupation under the jurisdiction of the advisory board or in a related industry or occupation;
4. Uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible goods, services, or money from TDLR other than reimbursement authorized by law for board membership, attendance or expenses; or
5. Is a TDLR employee.