

HEARING AID SPECIALIST APPLICATION DEADLINES

PLEASE NOTE! There has been a change in the date the upcoming written portion of the hearing aid specialist examination that will be administered by DHEC's Division of Health Licensing. The date of the examination has changed from September 8, 2009, (2nd Tuesday in September) to September 22, 2009, (4th Tuesday in September). Those passing the written portion of the examination may sit for the practical portion of the examination on the **2nd Tuesday in May and 2nd Tuesday in November** following the written examinations.

The examination fee for the written portion is \$95. The examination fee for the practical portion is \$50.

Applicants must pass both portions to qualify for licensure. Any individual, including temporary permit holders or anyone who previously took the examination and failed to pass, may apply to take the examination. Anyone who fits and sells hearing aids, other than a South Carolina licensed medical doctor or audiologist, must possess a current hearing aid specialist license or temporary permit issued by DHEC.

The examination dates and fees are subject to change.

Individuals who wish to take the examination should contact Christopher B. Stephens at the Division of Health Licensing, DHEC, 2600 Bull St., Columbia, SC 29201, or call 803- 545-4228.