

Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario	
Section	Membership
Sub-Section	Hearing Instrument Dispenser H.I.D. Revised July 2018

1.0 Policy & Criteria

Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario - By-Laws, Article III, Section 3.1.2, defines **Hearing Instrument Dispenser (H.I.D.)** as “Those who have achieved a level 1 as outlined in the amalgamation proposal of O.H.A.A. and A.H.A.D. October 17, 1987 and have met the educational requirements as established by the Ontario Ministry of Health, Assistive Devices Program, or those who have met the educational requirements leading to a provincial and AHIP recognized certificate or diploma in the field of hearing instrument dispensing and abide by the Code of Professional Conduct. The applicant must furnish a copy of their certificate or diploma. The Hearing Instrument Dispenser H.I.D. shall be certified in the practice of fitting, counseling and dispensing of hearing instruments and associated devices, and the removal of cerumen from the external ear canal where a member’s practice includes it. Hearing Instrument Dispensers whose practice includes the removal of cerumen from the external ear canal shall have successfully completed the educational requirements of AHIP for the removal of cerumen from time to time.”

2.0 Process

- 2.1 Membership application can be obtained from the AHIP office or the AHIP website.
- 2.2 The application must be completed and sent to the AHIP office with the following:
 - a) A copy of the individual’s provincially recognized certificate or diploma as per Appendix A
 - b) Proof of professional liability insurance for minimum of \$2,000,000
 - c) Payment in the amount as determined by the Board
- 2.3 If the application is not complete or documents are missing the AHIP office will request such information from the individual.
- 2.4 When all documentation is complete and verified, the AHIP office will send a welcome letter and an AHIP binder on behalf of the Chair of Membership.
- 2.5 The Chair of Membership, at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting, will provide the names of the new H.I.D. members to be recorded in the minutes.
- 2.6 All certified members will be furnished with an appropriate H.I.D. certificate, evidencing such certification, which shall remain the property of AHIP and must be returned upon request by the Association.