

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

1.0 Policy & Criteria

Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario - By-Laws, Article III, Section 3.1.1, defines **Hearing Instrument Specialist (H.I.S.)** as “Those who have met the educational requirements leading to a provincial certificate or diploma in the field of audiometric evaluation and hearing instrument provision and have successfully completed the international licensing examination (ILE) effective July 1, 2007 and who abide by the Code of Professional Conduct. The applicant must furnish a copy of their certificate or diploma. The applicant shall have successfully completed one thousand hours (1,000) of Internship as established in policy and governed by the Association. The Hearing Instrument Specialist H.I.S shall be certified in the practice of testing hearing, selection, 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 Specialists 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. Those who have met the previous educational requirements established by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Assistive Devices Program will also be eligible for certification.”

2.0 Process (Out of Province)

- 2.1 Membership application can be obtained from the AHIP office or the AHIP website.
- 2.2 The completed application, supporting documentation, past education and experience is to be sent to the AHIP office.
- 2.3 The AHIP office will send the information to the Chair of Membership who will bring forth his/her recommendations at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

3.0 Process (Current H.I.D. Members)

- 3.1 If the individual is already an H.I.D. member, the AHIP office will confirm the following:
 - a) A copy of the individual’s provincially recognized certificate or diploma as per Appendix A.
 - b) Proof of successful completion of the AHIP H.I.S. Internship program
 - c) Proof of professional liability insurance for minimum of \$2,000,000

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- d) Proof of twelve (12) hours of AHIP approved continuing education units per calendar year
 - e) Payment in the amount as determined by the Board
- 3.2 The Chair of Membership, at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting, will provide the names of the new H.I.S. members to be recorded in the minutes.
- 3.3 All certified members will be furnished with an appropriate H.I.S. certificate, evidencing such certification, which shall remain the property of AHIP and must be returned upon request by the Association.