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**Announcement Regarding Annual Fall Continuing Education Seminar**

Effective immediately, the board will no longer host a continuing education seminar for licensed hearing aid dealers and fitters for the purpose of meeting the continuing education requirements, which are outlined in 32 M.R.S.A. §1658-M(1)(B).

However, licensed hearing aid dealers and fitters are still required to complete **8 hours** of continuing education activities during the annual licensure cycle of **February 1 to January 31<sup>st</sup>** in order to renew successfully. Specifically, the continuing education activities must relate to the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids, which is defined as "... the selection, adaptation or sale of hearing aids, or parts thereof; the testing of hearing by means of an audiometer or equivalent measurement of hearing; and the making of impressions for ear molds and hearing aid orientation." (See 32 M.R.S.A. §1658(8)).

Below is a list of suggested sources of continuing education activities with links to websites for additional contact information:

**Maine Speech Language Hearing Association** - [www.mslha.org](http://www.mslha.org)

**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association** - [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

**American Academy of Audiology** - [www.audiology.org](http://www.audiology.org)

**Oticon** - [www.oticonusa.com](http://www.oticonusa.com)

**Siemens Hearing Institute**- [www.siemens-hearing.com](http://www.siemens-hearing.com)

**Phonak** - [www.phonak.com](http://www.phonak.com)

**Starkey Laboratories, Inc.** - [www.starkey.com](http://www.starkey.com)

**International Hearing Society** - [www.ihinfo.org](http://www.ihinfo.org)

**E-Learning** - [www.audiologyonline.com](http://www.audiologyonline.com)

For more information regarding this notification or questions regarding acceptable continuing education activities, please contact the Board at (207)624-8626.



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