

**153A.17 EXPENSES; FEES.**

(a) The expenses for administering the certification requirements, including the complaint handling system for hearing aid dispensers in sections 153A.14 and 153A.15, and the Consumer Information Center under section 153A.18, must be paid from initial application and examination fees, renewal fees, penalties, and fines. The commissioner shall only use fees collected under this section for the purposes of administering this chapter. The legislature must not transfer money generated by these fees from the state government special revenue fund to the general fund. Surcharges collected by the commissioner of health under section 16E.22 are not subject to this paragraph.

(b) The fees are as follows:

(1) the initial and annual renewal certification application fee is \$600;

(2) the initial examination fee for the written portion is \$500, and for each time it is taken, thereafter;

(3) the initial examination fee for the practical portion is \$1,200, and \$600 for each time it is taken, thereafter; for individuals meeting the requirements of section 148.515, subdivision 2, the fee for the practical portion of the hearing instrument dispensing examination is \$250 each time it is taken;

(4) the trainee application fee is \$200;

(5) the penalty fee for late submission of a renewal application is \$200; and

(6) the fee for verification of certification to other jurisdictions or entities is \$25.

(c) The commissioner may prorate the certification fee for new applicants based on the number of quarters remaining in the annual certification period.

(d) All fees are nonrefundable. All fees, penalties, and fines received must be deposited in the state government special revenue fund.

(e) Beginning July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2016, a surcharge of \$100 shall be paid at the time of initial certification application or renewal to recover the commissioner's accumulated direct expenditures for administering the requirements of this chapter.

**History:** 1988 c 689 art 2 s 59; 1991 c 202 s 12; 1993 c 201 s 5; 1995 c 164 s 28; 1997 c 203 art 2 s 18; 2003 c 87 s 49; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 7 s 54; 2009 c 79 art 10 s 35; 2012 c 278 art 2 s 20