

The IHS Model Licensure Act is intended to be all encompassing in order to include all the different terminology and titles used by different states. Each state has to include their own rules, regulations and statutes. Based on input from the IHS and a report developed by the ADA for OTC in January, 2023, to the best of the NHS knowledge those states who have adopted IHS language newer than Nebraska are:

Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

*Please see separate list provided for all 43 states using the ILE written exam towards licensure and the 15 states using the IHS practical exam – all of which include new scope terminology and technology – plus please be advised all 50 states accept IHS approved classes for continuing education requirements.

States using all encompassing terms to cover all areas of practice like “any/all methods” or “any/all testing procedures” include: Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina and South Dakota.

States that specifically mention (cerumen) wax removal terminology: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin.

States that specifically mention tinnitus care/therapy/relief terminology: North Carolina.

States that specifically mention tympanometry and/or middle ear terminology: Arkansas and Nevada.