

**Date:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014  
**Subject:** Comment Due Dates Established for Updated Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility Regulations

Comment Deadline: **January 22, 2015**

Reply Comment Deadline: **February 6, 2015**

On November 21, 2014, the Wireless Telecommunication Bureau and the Consumer and the Governmental Affairs Bureau released a Public Notice requesting updated information to assess whether the Commission's hearing aid compatibility (HAC) rules for wireless handsets effectively meet the needs of individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing.

The FCC seeks comment on two issues:

1. Should the Commission change the HAC requirement to apply in a technologically-neutral way to all mobile wireless devices that can be used for voice communications, regardless of the service, frequency, or technology with which they are used?
2. Should the Commission eliminate the limited scope of the HAC rules which currently covers only a percentage of handsets, and instead, require all mobile wireless devices to comply with the HAC rules?

Link to the Request for Updated Information and Comment:

<http://www.fcc.gov/document/wireless-hac-refresh-public-notice>

Link to the Public Notice announcing the comment deadlines:

Word: [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1890A1.docx](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1890A1.docx)

Adobe: [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1890A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1890A1.pdf)

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