

# Over the counter (OTC) vs prescription hearing aids



AUDIBEL

There are two categories of hearing aids on the market, so let's compare the differences.

## OTC Hearing Aids

No professional fitting  
or support provided

For ages 18+

No hearing evaluation  
is required

One size fits most

No state requirements  
for return policy

For perceived mild to  
moderate hearing loss

Come with self-guided  
instructions

## Prescription Hearing Aids

Hearing aid programmed and  
supported by a professional

For all ages

A hearing evaluation  
is required

Standard and customized  
options are available

Return policy is  
mandated by the state

For any degree of hearing loss;  
hearing aid is programmed to  
the individual hearing loss  
profile (audiogram)

Follow-up care and  
instructions provided  
by a professional