



North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board

Licensing Exam: General Information

Study Materials

Review all links and documents posted under "Exam Information" and "Laws/Regulations" on the Board's website.

Exam Parts

An Apprentice may advance from Personal Supervision to General Supervision (as defined in 21 NCAC 22A .0401) upon passing all the following:

Part A. The simulator portion of the exam tests the candidate's ability to accurately perform a pure-tone threshold test and record the results on an audiogram.

Part B. The practicum portion of the exam tests the candidate's ability to meet the Board's public safety standards when making an ear impression for the fitting of a hearing aid.

Part C. The multiple-choice exam tests the candidate's knowledge of state laws, rules and federal regulations for the scope of practice of a hearing aid specialist in North Carolina.

After successfully completing one full year of apprenticeship, an apprentice may be licensed upon passing the following:

Part D. The International Hearing Society (IHS) International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals.

All of Parts A, B, and C, if not previously passed during the initial apprenticeship period.

PART A: Hearing Test Simulator (Time Limit: 90 minutes)

Bring two No. 2 lead pencils, one red pen or pencil, one blue pen or pencil, a picture ID and your admission card to the Exam.

Any personal items must fit in a clear ziplock bag which will be provided at the exam site

Review the practice exams available under "Exam Information" on the Board's website.

Review the instructions and grading rubric available under "Exam Information" on the Board's website.

PART B: Ear Impression Practicum (Time Limit: n/a – by appointment)

Be prepared with all equipment and materials you need to make two (2) ear impressions.

Gloves are required. You may bring your own gloves or use the gloves available in the exam room.

Bring a live model in compliance with the Board Policy - Use of Models.

Review the information links on the Board's website under "Exam Information" for Part B: Practicum Exam Overview, Practicum Scoring Guidelines, Evaluating Ear Impression, Board Policy on Use of Models, OSHA's Universal Precautions, Bracing Guidelines, and Bracing Video.

PART C: Laws and Regulations Multiple-Choice Exam (Time Limit: 90 minutes)

PART D: The IHS International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals

Admission Cards and Examination Times

The admission cards will be mailed to the address you listed on your application two weeks prior to the exam.

Contact the Board office if you do not have your admission packet 10 days before the exam.

Dates and times for Exam Parts are posted in the Official Announcement published 90 days prior to each scheduled examination. A candidate's specific appointment time for Part B will be printed on the admission card.

Directions to the Exam Site are also published on the Board's website under "Exam Information."