

North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board

Board Policy Concerning Use of Models for the Ear Impression Technique Component of the Practicum Portion of the Licensing Examination

Approved at the 10-04-05 Board Meeting
Implemented at the May 2006 Examination
Revised for the November 2006 Examination

- The Board will have the examination administrators, Castle Worldwide, provide live adult models for the practicum portion of the examination. The criteria used for the models to be chosen is that they be over 18 years of age, have no PE tubes in either tympanic membrane, no history of ear surgery within the last five years, no active drainage from either ear, and no knowledge of a perforation in either tympanic membrane.

- Two trained Proctors shall silently and independently observe and record the actions of the Registered Applicant, while that Applicant is demonstrating Board-approved procedures for making/removing the ear impression. Only one ear impression shall be made, and all procedures will be video taped. The video tapes will be viewed by the Board's Exam Committee only if a discrepancy is present between the scores of the two proctors.