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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SPRING 2012 Licensing Examination

Exam Dates, Times, and Locations

The Board's next scheduled licensing examination will be held on **Friday, May 4, 2012** for the **Simulator** portion of the exam, by scheduled appointment, and on **Saturday, May 5, 2012** for the **Written and Practicum** portions of the exam, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION (Both days): *Durham, North Carolina*

Friday, May 4, 2012: SIMULATOR EXAM

Your scheduled time will be sent to you with your admissions card. Directions will be posted on the website.

Saturday, May 5, 2012: WRITTEN AND PRACTICUM EXAM

All Registered Applicants must be present by 8:30 a.m. for check-in and instructions. The exam begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Directions will be posted on the website.

*******Practicum Portion of the Exam*******

For the Practicum portion of the licensing examination, the Registered Applicant IS RESPONSIBLE for bringing a live model for the ear impression, in accordance with the Board Policy approved on February 1, 2012.

POLICY: A Registered Applicant is required to bring a live model for the practicum exam. The model shall be cleared by the Exam Coordinator and if the model cannot be otoscopically cleared, the Registered Applicant shall fail the Practicum exam.

Application Deadline: April 4, 2012

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 93D and 21 NCAC 22, all qualified persons wishing to take this examination and all Registered Apprentices who are required to take this examination must submit to the Board Office a duly made Application for Licensure, including the associated fees, on or before Wednesday, April 4, 2012. **In all cases, the Board shall refuse an Applicant admission to the examination site, if the Applicant's fees are not received at the Board Office 30 days (April 4, 2012) prior to the exam.**

Admission Card

Admission cards will be issued to eligible Applicants from the Board office. **Applicants MUST bring all admission cards to the examination.**

Apprenticeship

Pursuant to 21 NCAC 22F.0103(c), all Registered Apprentices who will complete their initial 365-day apprenticeship requirement prior to April 4, 2012 are required to take this announced licensing examination.

Simulator Portion of the Exam

The Simulator Practice exams are available on the Board website:
<http://www.nchalb.org/examination/Simulator/web/default.htm>

Written Portion of the Exam

The written portion of the Board's licensing examination contains questions from the materials cited in the Board's Recommended Readings, available on the Board's website under the menu item "Exam Issues." Applicants are expected to answer all written questions based on the information contained in the aforementioned materials and in the Board's policies, guidelines, and clarifications published on the Board's website.

Practicum Portion of the Exam

Guidelines for this portion of the exam are posted on the website in the "Exam Issues" section.

Deadline for Submission of Business Street Address and/or Audiometer Calibration, if Applicant is not a Registered Apprentice

If a Registered Applicant is not also a Registered Apprentice, and did not submit a North Carolina business street address and/or the required audiometer calibration at the time of submission of their application for license by examination, such Applicant shall be considered to have an incomplete Application for License; however, the Board will recognize such individual as eligible to take the examination if the application is otherwise complete and timely. **If the missing information is not received at the Board's office within 90 days following the May 5, 2012 licensing examination date, the application in question shall be considered abandoned.** Furthermore, no action shall be taken regarding the issuance of a license to the Applicant, even if the Applicant passed the licensing examination, until the aforementioned information is submitted to the Board Office within the required 90-day time limit.

Wall Certificate Fee Deadline

Upon successfully passing the licensing exam, an individual must submit the \$25.00 Wall Certificate fee before the license will be issued. **The deadline for payment is ten business days after receiving exam results.**

21 NCAC 22I .0112 DISPLAY OF PRINTED CERTIFICATES

Pursuant to *G.S. 93D-12*, all licensees and registered apprentices shall have a street address, located within the State of North Carolina, at which they display their license or apprentice registration certificate. In addition, all licensees and registered apprentices shall carry with them a copy of their license or apprentice registration certificate, or their pocket identification card issued by the Board, when doing business which takes them outside of their offices.