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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SPRING 2010 Licensing Examination

Exam Dates, Times, and Locations

The Board's next scheduled licensing examination will be held on **Friday, April 30, 2010** for the **Simulator** portion of the exam, by scheduled appointment, and on **Saturday, May 1, 2010** for the **Written and Practicum** portions of the exam, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION (Both days): Measurement Incorporated
Brodie-Duke Building
333 Liggett Street
Durham, NC 27701

Friday, April 30, 2010: SIMULATOR EXAM

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

Saturday, May 1, 2010: 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 are posted on the website. The facility has a no smoking policy inside the building.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2010

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, March 31, 2010. **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 (March 31, 2010) 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 1, 2010 are required to take this announced licensing examination.

NC Audiologist License Verification Deadline

Documentation from the N.C. Board of Examiners for Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists verifying the validity of an Applicant's temporary or permanent North Carolina Audiologist License must be received at the Board Office **by no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010**, in order for the Applicant to be exempt from Part 1 of the Written portion of the exam and the Simulator portion of the exam.

Simulator Portion of the Exam

Any Applicant who is required to take the Simulator portion of the exam may make a written request to the Board for an appointment to come to the Board's office, during regular business hours, in order to practice using the audiometric response simulator. Preference shall be given to those who are Registered Applicants preparing to take the Board's upcoming exam. No appointments shall be scheduled during the ten working days prior to, and then ten working days following, any licensing examination. See "Board Policy – Simulator Practice" on the Board's website under the menu item "Exam Issues." A practice CD is also available for purchase.

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

For the Practicum portion of the licensing examination, the Registered Applicant is NOT responsible for obtaining a live model, in accordance with the new Board Policy voted and approved in October 2005.

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 1, 2010 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.