

North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIMULATOR PORTION OF THE LICENSING EXAMINATION

Wait in the area, at the examination site, that is designated on your Simulator admission card. A Proctor will notify you when it is time for you to go to the location of the audiometric response simulators. Upon entering the simulator exam room, the Proctor will seat you at the computer station.

You will be given a log on name and password to access the simulator program on the computer.

Please note that the "right ear" is always the better ear for all of the simulator programs; however, every threshold for the right ear may not be better than the left ear. In addition, bone conduction thresholds shall not be "poorer" (i.e., higher dB HL value) than the corresponding air conduction threshold.

Only test **500, 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hz**, to determine the "right" and the "left" air conduction and bone conduction thresholds at these 5 frequencies (i.e., there should only be a total of 20 symbols on the final version of your audiogram).

The Board's recommended procedure for threshold determination, including masking, shall be the method(s) approved by the Board 12-6-05 and titled N.C. Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board Approved Rules for Masking and Threshold Techniques.

The use of any type of intensity sweeping procedure for obtaining thresholds is **not** permissible, and the simulator is designed not to respond when the tone presentation switch is held down while the intensity control is rotated.

The symbols used by you on the audiogram shall be those symbols listed in the Board's rules and the guidelines published on the Board's website (i.e., **Board Guidelines Regarding Use of the Audiometric Response Simulator**). A symbol key is not printed on the audiogram form provided to you at the examination; however, you can hand-write the symbol key and other notes on your "working copy" (i.e., not the final version) of the audiogram.

There is a two hour time limit for the Simulator portion of the exam.

Once you click "Final Version" on the computer screen, you will not be able to go back and change any marks, and that will be the form graded.

You should leave the examination site after completing the simulator portion of the examination. Talking with any other Registered Applicants who may be present is strongly discouraged.