

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 22F .0105

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, January 9, 2015

NOTE WELL: This request when viewed on computer extends several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the rule will be approved. You may call this office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing these rules, the staff determined that the following technical changes need to be made:

Please confirm the Board met and approved the amendment to the Rule on December 22, 2014.

In Subparagraph (a)(3), line 7, are there federal regulations that govern this? Is this why you state "rules and regulations"?

In Paragraph (d), line 22, I believe you mean "to the registered applicant..."

Also, on line 22 please consider putting "one full year of apprenticeship" in quotation marks, since that is the term defined in Rule 21 NCAC 22A .0401.

On line 23, please end the sentence with a period.

On line 25, I'd replace "prior to" with "before"; however, that is only a suggestion.

In the History Note, please tell me why you added 93D-1.1.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: December 23, 2014

1 21 NCAC 22F .0105 is amended with changes as published in 29:04 NCR 419-20 as follows:

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3 21 NCAC 22F .0105 PASSING EXAMINATION

4 (a) The exam consists of four parts:

- 5 (1) Part A shall assess applicant's knowledge of hearing testing through a computer simulation program;
- 6 (2) Part B shall assess applicant's practical knowledge and ability to make an ear impression;
- 7 (3) Part C shall assess the applicant's knowledge of relevant laws and regulations governing hearing aid
8 specialists; and
- 9 (4) Part D shall assess the applicant's knowledge of the following:
- 10 (A) audiometry;
- 11 (B) anatomy and physiology pertaining to the dispensing of hearing aids;
- 12 (C) hearing aids;
- 13 (D) hearing aid technologies; and
- 14 (E) the scope of practice for hearing aid specialists.

15 (b) The Board shall annually review the contents and outcome of the previous qualifying examinations and shall
16 determine the minimum performance criteria required for passing the examination. In accordance with G.S. 93B-8(a),
17 each registered applicant shall be informed in writing of the requirements for passing the examination prior to the
18 applicant taking the examination.

19 (c) An applicant shall pass all parts of the exam ~~within 31 months of the initial issuance of the apprentice registration~~
20 ~~certificate~~ in order to receive a license.

21 (d) Exam results shall be valid for 31 months following the date of initial issuance of an apprentice registration
22 certificate of a registered applicant who completed one full year of apprenticeship as defined in 21 NCAC 22A
23 .0401;

24 (e) Exam results shall be valid for 19 months from the exam date if the registered applicant is exempt from the
25 apprenticeship requirement or had an initial apprentice registration certificate issued more than 31 months prior to
26 the exam date.

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93B-8; ~~93D-1.1~~; 93D-3(c); 93D-8;*
29 *Eff. April 23, 1976;*
30 *Amended Eff. May 1, 1988;*
31 *Temporary Amendment Eff. February 10, 2014;*
32 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2015; April 1, 2014.*