

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

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

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

22 ~~(d) [Exam results shall be valid for 31 months following the date of initial issuance of an apprentice registration~~
23 ~~certificate of a registered applicant who completed one full year of apprenticeship as defined in 21 NCAC 22A~~
24 ~~.0401.] For a registered applicant who completes "one full year of apprenticeship," as defined in 21 NCAC 22A~~
25 ~~.0401, all exam results shall expire 31 months after the date of initial issuance of the apprentice certificate.~~

26 ~~(e) [Exam results shall be valid for 19 months from the exam date if the registered applicant is exempt from the~~
27 ~~apprenticeship requirement or had an initial apprentice registration certificate issued more than 31 months prior to~~
28 ~~the exam date.] If a registered applicant is exempt from the apprenticeship requirement, or takes an exam more than~~
29 ~~31 months after the date of initial issuance of the apprentice certificate, the exam results shall expire 19 months after~~
30 ~~the date of the exam.~~

31 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 93B-8; 93D-1.1; 93D-3(c); 93D-8;

32 *Eff. April 23, 1976;*

33 *Amended Eff. May 1, 1988;*

34 *Temporary Amendment Eff. February 10, 2014;*

35 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2015; April 1, 2014.*