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## Candidate Handbook

# WASHINGTON HAIR DESIGN



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The NIC Blood Exposure Procedures are published on NIC’s website at [NICTesting.org](http://NICTesting.org).

Included with this handbook is the NIC Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) that includes the examination sections administered in Washington.

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The NIC Written CIB is available on our website at [www.DLRoope.com](http://www.DLRoope.com).

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### D.L. ROOPE ADMINISTRATIONS CONTACT INFORMATION

To request examination information you may e-mail, phone, or visit our web site:

D.L. Roope Administrations

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Fax (207) 848-5511 ~ [www.DLRoope.com](http://www.DLRoope.com)

Call Center Hours Mon-Fri: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Eastern Time (6:00 am – 2:00 pm Pacific Time)

E-mail Support Mon - Fri: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm Eastern Time (6:00 am – 5:00 pm Pacific Time)

E-mail Support@DLRoope.com is monitored after regular business hours

and urgent matters are responded to as quickly as possible.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility requirements for the licensure examinations are set by the Washington State Department of Licensing (Department). D.L. Roope Administrations is contracted by the Department to administer the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) examinations. All questions regarding eligibility for licensure must be directed to the Department's office, you may visit the Department's website at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/cosmetology/> or contact the Department's office at 1-360-664-6626.

You must be at least 17 years of age and within 80 hours of completing the program to apply for the written and practical examinations.

### WASHINGTON SCHOOL CANDIDATE INFORMATION

If you graduated from a licensed school in the State of Washington, you may complete an online exam application on our website at [www.DLRoope.com](http://www.DLRoope.com). In order to complete the online application, you must be approved your school or the DOL.

Receiving a passing score on the examination does not guarantee licensure. All requirements for licensure must be met as set forth by the Department before a license will be issued.

### APPRENTICE CANDIDATE INFORMATION

If you obtained your training through an approved apprentice salon in the State of Washington, you must be authorized to test by your apprentice supervisor. You may complete an online exam application on our website at [www.DLRoope.com](http://www.DLRoope.com). In order to complete the online application, you must be approved your apprentice supervisor or the DOL.

Receiving a passing score on the examination does not guarantee licensure. All requirements for licensure must be met as set forth by the Department before a license will be issued.

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## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION

Standard testing conditions may represent an artificial barrier to candidates with disabilities. Candidates may request accommodations that will be evaluated on the basis of the Americans with Disabilities Act. You may contact D.L. Roope Administrations or your school to request information and the appropriate forms (Form A, B & C). Form A must be completed by the candidate. Form B must be completed by a physician or you may attach previous medical documentation for review (e.g. IEP, PET etc.). Form C must be completed by a school official indicating accommodations provided during testing while in school for this profession. **Candidates must submit the appropriate forms to the Department of Licensing. You will receive a letter indicating the approved accommodations after the forms have been reviewed by the Department of Licensing. Please DO NOT schedule your examinations in the online scheduling portal as it is necessary to schedule exams with accommodations with the ADA Coordinator.**

## EXAM APPLICATION INFORMATION

Online exam applications are available on our website at [www.DLRoope.com](http://www.DLRoope.com). In order to gain access to the online application you must be approved by your school or the DOL. If you are not approved to take the exams, you will not be able to log in to the online application.

Exam fees may be paid with any debit or credit card through a secure payment processing service. There is a credit card processing fee of \$8.00 per examination. Once you complete the application and payment, your online application is transferred to our system, our staff reviews your application for completeness, and if it is complete you will be sent an e-mail letting you know that you are approved with instructions to log into the scheduling portal and schedule your examinations on a date and at a location that is convenient for you.

If your application is not approved, our staff will contact you by phone or e-mail regarding the deficiencies in your application.

## WASHINGTON EXAM FEES

**Examination fees are as follows:**

**Barber, Cosmetologist, Esthetician, Hair Design, Advanced Esthetician, Nail Technician (Manicurist) & Instructor:**

- Practical Exam Fee ~ \$114.00
- Written Exam Fee ~ \$180.00

**Combined Esthetician (MUST TAKE BOTH COMPLETE PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS):**

- Practical Exam Fee ~ \$228.00 **(Includes both Esthetician and Advanced Esthetician Exams)**
- Written Exam Fee Combined ~ \$270.00 **(Includes Esthetician and Advanced Esthetician)**

**Licensing fees: (Paid after passing both exams by clicking a link when you log into the Webscore Portal to access your result letter.)**

- License Fee ~ \$30.00 (Includes a \$5.00 processing fee.)

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## EXAM LANGUAGES

The practical examination is only offered in English. The written examination is offered in additional languages, you will select the language preference for your written examination when you apply for the examination. If you prefer your written examination in a language other than those that are currently offered, submit your request for use of a dictionary during your examination to [plssunit@dol.wa.gov](mailto:plssunit@dol.wa.gov). Requests must be made and approved prior to scheduling your written examination. You will be notified of the result of your request.

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Candidates submit an exam application online or they may submit a paper application if they prefer along with the examination fee for the written and practical examination to D.L. Roope Administrations.

D.L. Roope sets up examination spaces in the online system to enable candidates to log in and schedule their examinations or they may call and speak with a telephone support specialist to be scheduled. Our online system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for candidates to schedule their examinations at a test location on a date and time that is convenient for them.

Candidates may schedule the practical and written examination on the same day at our Fife, Spokane or Yakima test locations. The practical examination should be scheduled first by selecting "NIC WA Practical" from the drop down box and then select the location, date and time. Before scheduling the written exam refer to the section titled "EXAMINATION SECTIONS" in this handbook for the amount of time needed to complete the practical exam to make sure you allow enough time to complete the practical exam before the scheduled written exam time. The written may then be scheduled by selecting "NIC WA Theory" from the drop down box and then select the same location, date and exam time.

The following are the Washington test locations:

<b>Practical and Written test locations:</b>	<b>Written Only test locations:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Fife, Washington</li><li>➤ Spokane, Washington</li><li>➤ Yakima, Washington</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Olympia, Washington</li><li>➤ Camas, Washington</li><li>➤ Pasco, Washington</li><li>➤ Everett, Washington</li></ul>

Candidates may schedule their own examinations by clicking on the scheduling link in their approval e-mail. This link takes candidates into the scheduling portal or they may schedule by calling and speaking with a telephone support specialist. Candidates log in using their assigned candidate number and secure password. The scheduling portal shows the approved examination(s) for the candidate and informs the candidate of the location that is closest to their zip code or they may select another Washington test site if desired. The scheduling portal shows all available seats on the schedule. The candidate selects the date and time of their preference from a drop down menu. Once selected, all details of their selected exam date, time and location appear on the screen and the candidate confirms all details and clicks to submit. The candidate prints their admission letter and they also receive an e-mail confirming their scheduled examination. If the candidate does not have access to a printer, they may request a copy of their admission letter be mailed to them.

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## EXAMINATION FEE POLICY

Examination fees are not refundable or transferable and will be applied to the scheduled examination. Examination fees are valid for 6 months from date of receipt. Your examination date must be prior to the 6 month expiration of your examination fee.

If you do not attend your scheduled examination, cannot be admitted, or if you arrive late, your examination fee will be forfeited. To be rescheduled you must submit a rescheduling application and another examination fee.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled examination due to an emergency situation, you must provide written documentation. The following situations may be considered for rescheduling:

- You are in a car accident on the way to the examination - documentation from a law enforcement officer is required.
- You have a medical emergency - documentation from a medical professional is required.
- A death in your immediate family – a copy of the obituary indicating your relation or a letter from the funeral home stating your relation to the deceased.

Documentation must be faxed to 207-848-5511 within 24 hours after your scheduled examination for review. If approved, you will be notified and permitted to reschedule your examination. Examinations may be rescheduled one time only due to a documented and approved emergency situation.

## ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Practical exam admission letters will be generated when you schedule your examination in our scheduling portal. This letter will confirm the scheduled examination. It will also include the date, time, location and directions for your examination.

Report to the practical examination site on the date and time indicated on your admission letter. Registration begins 30 minutes prior to the scheduled examination time. Examinations begin promptly at the scheduled time. Please allow for unexpected delays on route to the testing location, it is your responsibility to report to the examination location on time. Late candidates will be required to re-apply and re-pay the examination fee.

If your name has changed or is different than indicated on your admission letter, you must submit legal documentation showing your previous name and current name (marriage license, divorce decree, court order, or notarized affidavit) to D.L. Roope Administrations **PRIOR** to your scheduled examination. Our office will verify the changes and send an updated admission letter.

**You must present your admission letter and 1 form of identification which must be government issued and must include a photo and signature.**

**Identification information is outlined on the following page.**

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## IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

**You must present 1 form of identification which must be government issued and must include a current photo and signature.**

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE ACCEPTED AS IDENTIFICATION:**

Original Identification with Photo – MUST BE CURRENT (Not Expired):

- U.S. or Foreign Driver’s License – valid with photo and signature
- U.S. Armed Services ID Card – valid with photo and signature
- U.S. or Foreign Passport – valid with photo and signature
- Federal or State Employee ID Card – valid with photo and signature
- State issued ID Card with photo – valid with photo and signature
- Immigration ID – valid, with signature from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service
- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization – valid with photo and signature
- U.S. Permanent Resident Card – valid with photo and signature
- Tribal ID card - valid with photo and signature

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS IDENTIFICATION:**

- School ID
- Laminated Identification
- Gun Permit
- Car Insurance Card
- Picture of ID
- Photocopies of ID
- Bus Passes
- Vehicle Registration
- Medicare Card
- Medical Marijuana Card
- Birth Certificate
- Birth Registration Card
- Jury Summons
- DSHS ID letter or card
- Voter’s Card
- Credit Cards (e.g. Mastercard, Visa etc.)
- Club Cards (e.g. Costco, Sam’s Club etc.)
- Social Security Card or receipt of replacement card

Candidates will not be admitted without the required documents. Walk-in candidates will not be admitted.

The name submitted on the applications will be indicated on your admission letter. Please verify that your name, address, photo identification number and date of birth is correct on your admission letter **PRIOR** to your scheduled examination. Please make any necessary corrections on your admission letter and fax to our office or send an e-mail with the needed corrections to Support@DLRoope.com. Please include a fax number or e-mail address and our office will verify the corrections and send a corrected admission letter.

## TESTING SITE VISITOR POLICY

**NO VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE TESTING SITE.** Candidates are not allowed visitors or to receive messages during the exam.

People that are not scheduled for an examination are not permitted inside of the building where the exams are administered. If another person (parent, spouse, teacher etc.) is bringing you to your exam, you must be dropped off and they can return to pick you up. The approximate amount of time for each exam is indicated in this handbook in the section titled “EXAMINATION SECTIONS”. Your driver should wait in their vehicle until you are done and have exited the building.

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## PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE & CONDUCT INFORMATION

Candidates must arrive in neat, clean, **professional** attire. Uniforms are not required. For confidentiality reasons, please cover all identifying marks on your attire or kit. (e.g. your name, school or salon name).

In consideration of other candidates in the examination room, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne.

### WAC 308-20-121

(1) Applicants will be required to refrain from:

- (a) Talking to other examinees during the examination unless specifically directed or permitted to do so by a test monitor.
- (b) Attempting to communicate or record any information by any means.
- (c) Holding in their possession any unauthorized materials during any portion of the examination.
- (d) Removing test materials and/or notes from the testing room.
- (e) Disruptive behavior as determined by the department.

(2) Applicants who participate in any activity listed in subsection (1) of this section will be required to leave the examination site. Their opportunity to sit for the examination will be forfeited. Their answer sheet will be voided. A voided answer sheet will not be scored and the examination fee will not be refunded.

(3) Any applicant who was removed from the testing site for any of the reasons listed in subsection (1) of this section will be denied for testing for one year.

## KIT & SUPPLY INFORMATION

Candidates are responsible for bringing all needed supplies for their examination and cannot borrow or use anything that they did not bring with them. A suggested supply list is included in the NIC Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) that is included with this handbook.

Recommended kit size is no larger than 30" x 30". For safety reasons all kits, trash bags, etc. must be able to fit completely under your work area.

A flat bottom bag (grocery bag, gift bag, etc.) may be used for "items to be disinfected, soiled linens and trash" and placed on the floor, under the station and clearly labeled. The bags or containers on the floor may be open during the examination so that the candidates can drop items as appropriate into each bag. Bags or containers **MUST** be kept under the work area and cannot be placed in the walking areas. If placing a container with "Items to be Disinfected" on the work area, it **MUST** have a cover.

Candidates are not permitted to use aerosol products at any time during the examinations. All disinfectants, sanitizers and products **MUST** be non-aerosol.

Candidates may bring a container of water if needed for any section of the examination and may bring a thermos of hot water if desired. All water and their containers must be taken with the candidates and may not be disposed of at the testing facility.

Candidates **MUST** use only disinfecting wipes during the practical examinations. Spray Disinfectants are **NOT** permitted.



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## PROHIBITED ITEMS - NOT ALLOWED

Due to exam security reasons, the following items are **NOT** permitted: No electronic devices, cellular phones, textbooks, study materials, watches, purses, car keys, fobs etc. These items should be left at home, locked in the lockers provided at the test site or locked in your vehicle during the examinations. Cell phones or any electronic device cannot be in the exam room even if it is turned off. **If it is discovered that you have a cell phone in the exam room once the exam has started, you will be immediately dismissed from the exam and your actions will be reported to the proper authorities.** You may bring one clear plastic ziplock bag with the following items into the examination rooms: Photo identification, admission letter, medication & personal hygiene items. You will be instructed to place your zip lock bag under our work area and it may not be touched during the examination. If you have medication that you may need during the examination, please raise your hand and a proctor will assist you.

Due to safety issues during the examinations, tripods may **NOT** be used during the Cosmetology, Barbering or Esthetics practical examinations. Candidates may only use mannequin stands that attach to the work station. Instructors may use a tripod during their Theory Lecture or Demonstration as this does not cause a safety issue.

Candidates **MUST** use only disinfecting wipes during the practical examinations. Spray Disinfectants are **NOT** permitted.

## MANNEQUIN INFORMATION

Candidates must bring one mannequin head for the practical examination and a table clamp. No more than two mannequin heads will be allowed into the examination. It is suggested that one mannequin be curled prior to the examination for the purpose of simulating thermal curling with a cold iron. The mannequin's hair must be brushed straight back prior to the thermal curling section of the examination. **Models will NOT be permitted.**

**Mannequin heads that have been purchased pre-sectioned indicating the sections by various colors and/or notches are NOT allowed during any part of the practical examination. Candidates that bring a marked mannequin head to the examination will be informed that they are not permitted and cannot be used.**

**Mannequin heads must be approved by the examination provider prior to admittance into examination.**

## REFERENCES

Examination textbook references are available on the NIC website at [www.NICTesting.org](http://www.NICTesting.org).

## EXAMINATION SECTIONS

The Hair Design examination consists of 2 sections.

### 1. National NIC Hair Design Written Examination

The time allotment for this examination is 90 minutes.

### 2. National NIC Hair Design Practical Examination

The duration of this examination is approximately 3-4 hours.

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## HAIR DESIGN PRACTICAL EXAMINATION SECTIONS

The examination sections of the NIC Hair Design practical examination are outlined in the NIC Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) that is included with this handbook. The duration of this examination is approximately 3-4 hours.

**The Washington practical exam consists of the following sections as indicated in BOLD and CAPS:**

- 1. WORK AREA AND CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES**
- 2. THERMAL CURLING**
- 3. HAIRCUTTING**
- 4. WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES**
- 5. CHEMICAL WAVING**
- 6. PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH SIMULATED PRODUCT**
- 7. HIGHLIGHTING WITH FOIL, VIRGIN APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT**
- 8. HAIR COLOR RETOUCH WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT**
- 9. VIRGIN HAIR RELAXER APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT**
- 10. BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE**

This practical examination is demonstrated on mannequins, models are **NOT** permitted. Please refer to the mannequin information section of this Candidate Handbook for the requirements in your state.

## EXAMINATION SURVEY INFORMATION

Examination surveys are available for candidates to complete after the exam has concluded. We encourage all candidates to complete a survey regarding their testing experience.

Please note that the examiners are not permitted to have conversations with or interact with the testing candidates. This should not be interpreted as them being rude as they are required to strictly follow standardized verbal instructions and procedures at all times.

If you have questions or need assistance, you may also send an e-mail to [support@DLRoope.com](mailto:support@DLRoope.com).

## WASHINGTON SCORING INFORMATION

A scaled score of 75.00 is required on the written and practical examination. Candidates must achieve an overall passing score on each examination in order to be assigned a Pass status on that examination. No pass or fail decisions are made on individual content areas or sections within the examinations. If a candidate fails one of the examinations, the candidate is required to retake the failed examination in its entirety.

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### WASHINGTON EXAMINATION RESULT INFORMATION

If you indicated on your application that you will download a copy of your result letter from our website, our web address is [www.DLRoope.com](http://www.DLRoope.com). A message will be posted on the website when the result letters are available. **Please do not call our office to ask when examination results will be posted as they will be posted as soon as we have received them from the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology.**

This is a secure website and you will need your candidate number and your date of birth to access your result letter. Your candidate number will be indicated on your admission letter.

If you are unable to log onto our website, please check the message center to see if a message has been posted that the results are available. You will not be able to log into the webscore system until after your results have been posted. Please read all instructions on the website to ensure that you are entering your information correctly. **You must have the most current version of Adobe Acrobat PDF Reader to view and print your result letter. Adobe may be downloaded from our website at [www.DLRoope.com](http://www.DLRoope.com).**

Please print a copy of your result letter as you will not receive an additional copy in the mail. **Result letters are only available on the webscore system for 2 weeks after posting.** Your test results will be sent directly to the Department.

If you have failed your examination, you will receive a result letter with review information. This review information can be used to assess those areas where your performance was weak or strong. Please refer to this Candidate Handbook and the NIC Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) for the list of tasks that are evaluated. Candidates may apply online on our website at [DLRoope.com](http://DLRoope.com) or complete and submit a rescheduling application and fee to D.L. Roope Administrations at the address listed on the application.

### WASHINGTON APPEAL PROCESS

Washington State examination appeals are addressed in WAC 308-20-123. The department will consider only appeals regarding significant procedural errors or adverse environmental conditions during exam administration. Please contact the department within 15 days after the date of notification of exam results. The appeal must be made in writing and can be sent to [plssunit@dol.wa.gov](mailto:plssunit@dol.wa.gov), or to P.O. Box 9026, Olympia, WA 98507.



NATIONAL HAIR DESIGN  
PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN (CIB)

**EXAMINATION CONTENT AND IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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*Please visit your official examination provider website OR [www.nicesting.org](http://www.nicesting.org), for the most current bulletin prior to testing.*

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**National Hair Design Practical Examination is the licensure examination for Hair Design, which is developed by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC).**

**This bulletin contains IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding the NIC National Hair Design Practical Examination content and administration for Hair Design core services and additional sections.**

- **References** – This document provides a list of references used to develop and support the content covered in NIC examinations and is available at [www.nicesting.org](http://www.nicesting.org). The references will always be the same for both Theory and Practical examinations.

**PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY!**

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

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- Do not leave the examination area without permission. Permission must be obtained to leave the examination area for any reason, including restroom usage or at the completion of the examination. **Picture ID is required for re-entry into the examination.**
- Candidates are required to bring a supply kit for their own use.
  - It is the candidate's responsibility to make certain they have a sufficient quantity of supplies that have been properly cleaned and disinfected and that implements are in proper working order.
  - The kit will be used during the examination as dry storage and is considered part of the work area. The kit must be kept closed (e.g., completely zipped or lid tightly closed) except when removing materials for a particular service.
  - Candidates may remove items, supplies, etc., from the kit at any time, however nothing may be returned to the kit.
  - All examinations are administered in a testing environment.
  - Candidates are evaluated at all times. Continue working until you have completed the entire section or time has elapsed.
- Due to standardization of the NIC National Examinations. Proctors and examiners are required to adhere to the following standards:
  - The verbal instructions will be read twice for each section of the examination.
  - With the exception of verbal instructions, the proctors are not allowed to communicate with candidates.Candidates requesting information during the examination will be told one of the following statements:
  - “Do the best you can with what you have available.”
  - “Do as you were taught.”
  - Examiners are not allowed to speak with candidates.
  - If a candidate experiences an emergency situation, please notify the proctor by raising your hand.

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- Candidates will be given time to set up the universal (also known as general) supplies they will use throughout the examination.
  - Each section of the examination has a maximum time allowance, with the exception of those specified as untimed sections.
  - Once a candidates have completed all tasks in the section, please step back or turn the hand toward the examiner (in the case of nail sections) to indicate they have finished.
  - In the event that all candidates complete a section before the time has elapsed, the examiners will proceed to the next section of the examination.
  - When the timer goes off, all candidates must stop working and step back or turn the hand toward the examiner (in the case of nail services) IMMEDIATELY.
- During all phases of the examination, candidates must follow all appropriate public protection and infection control procedures and maintain a safe work area.
  - In the event of a blood exposure incident, candidates will be expected to follow the NIC Health and Safety Standards.

### **Failure to do so may result in your dismissal from the examination.**

- *Be sure to contact your examination provider to obtain the most current version of, and any addendums, to the NIC Health and Safety standards, OR go to [www.nictesting.org](http://www.nictesting.org) for a current downloadable copy.*
- **If a candidate does not follow infection control procedures or allows the work area to become and remain unsafe, the result may be a failing score for the examination.**
- The following provides examples of materials and actions that are prohibited during the examination administration:
  - Possession of cellular phones, pagers, tablets, computers, projectors, cameras, or any other electronic or recording devices, printed materials, or handwritten notes.
  - Purses, bags, coats, hats, and any other personal items not directly needed to complete the examination, are not allowed.
  - Exhibiting disruptive behavior.
  - Communicating to other candidates or any examiner.
    - *The above referenced items or actions are not an exhaustive list. Failure to comply with any of these conditions or exhibiting ANY behavior that suggests an effort to cheat will result in the immediate dismissal from the examination and the candidates actions reported to the proper authorities.*
- **All supplies must be labeled in English.** When an original manufacturer's label is required, there can be NO handwritten or any other type of labeling. Original manufacturers' labels must have English and may also include other languages. All non-manufacturers created labels must be only in English.
  - Original manufacturer's labels are *required* for all disinfectants and hand sanitizers.
  - An EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant that demonstrates bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal properties must be used. Please refer to the "Suggested Examination Supplies" section to see any further state specific requirements for supplies and products.
  - Simulated products are *not* allowed for disinfectants and hand sanitizers.
  - **NO AEROSOLS** are allowed in the testing environment
  - Candidates are to perform all tasks, utilizing products and supplies, and as they were taught. There is however, a section titled "Suggested Examination Supplies" provided following the "Content Domains" section of this bulletin for items that a candidate may *possibly* utilize in a section.

**SPECIAL ATTENTION**

The following information is vital and specific to the  
NIC National Cosmetology Practical Examination:

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- Candidates will be evaluated on proper designation of materials that are disposed. Candidates are ***required*** to bring and use the following supplies for the appropriate disposal of materials:
  - Container labeled “**To be disinfected**”
  - Container labeled “**Soiled linens**”
  - Container labeled “**Trash**”
- It is specified that there is **more than one client** represented for the purpose of this examination. A new client is introduced and must be prepared for during the course of the examination (see Cosmetology Practical Examination Content Domains Sections).
- The following sections are new to the Cosmetology Practical Examination:
  - Predisposition Test and Strand Test with Simulated Product (Content Domain Section 6)
  - Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application with Colored Simulated Product (Content Domain Section 7)
  - Blood Exposure Procedure (Content Domain Section 10)
- **Candidates are expected to brace any time they are working around the eye and mouth areas.**
- Candidates are not allowed to label products as single-use items.
- Use of single-use products may result in a failing score for the examination.

## **CONTENT DOMAINS**

### **1. WORK AREA AND CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (15 minutes)**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates

*“You will prepare your work area for your client.”*

*“You will set up the universal supplies you will use throughout the examination.”*

*“You will also set up the supplies for the following sections of the examination:*

*Thermal Curling,*

*Haircutting,*

*“You will prepare your client for services.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 15 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining.”*

*“Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

*(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”*

*(2) “You may begin.”*

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

- 1.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant**
- 1.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English**
- 1.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English**
- 1.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before the timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working.”*

## 2. THERMAL CURLING (10 minutes)

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*“You will perform Thermal Curling.”*

*“You will form two curls on the top of the head and two curls on one side of the head.”*

*“A complete curl must be formed from base to end.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

- 2.1 Thermal curling supplies are labeled in English**
- 2.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean**
- 2.3 Tests temperature of iron**
- 2.4 Subsections hair for thermal curling**
- 2.5 Demonstrates safe use of iron**
- 2.6 Final appearance of four curls**
- 2.7 Maintains drape throughout section**
- 2.8 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before the timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working.”*



### 3. HAIRCUTTING (30 minutes)

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*“You will perform a Haircut.”*

*“You will complete a basic layered haircut using razor and shears.”*

*“You will cut at least 1 inch of hair throughout the haircut.”*

*“Do not remove your hair clippings from your work area until you are instructed individually, by the examiner, to do so.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 30 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 15 minutes remaining.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

**3.1 Haircutting supplies are labeled in English**

**3.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean**

**3.3 Subsections hair for Haircutting**

**3.4 Demonstrates safe use of razor**

**3.5 Demonstrates safe use of shears**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before the timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to each candidate individually:

*“May I please use your comb to check the haircut?”*

**3.6 Cuts entire nape line to a uniform length**

**3.7 Cuts sides uniform in length**

**3.8 Blends haircut**

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to each candidate individually after the final appearance of the haircut has been examined:

*“Please clean up your hair at this time. Upon completion, please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

**3.9 Removes hair from work area**

**3.10 Maintains drape throughout section**

**3.11 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

*NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination –Haircutting (continued)*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:

*"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."*

**4. WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION, AND  
SET UP OF SUPPLIES (15 minutes)**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*"You will breakdown your work area and dispose of supplies used in the previous sections of this examination."*

*"You will prepare your work area for a NEW client."*

*"You will set up the universal supplies you will use for the remainder of the examination."*

*"You will also set up the supplies for the following sections of the examination:*

*Chemical Waving,*

*Predisposition Test and Strand Test,*

*Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application,*

*Hair Color Retouch,*

*Virgin Hair Relaxer Application."*

*"You will prepare your client for chemical services."*

*"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."*

*"You will have 15 minutes to complete this section."*

*"You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining."*

*"Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin."*

*"Step back to indicate you have finished."*

*(1) "The instructions will be repeated."*

*(2) "You may begin."*

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

- 4.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant**
- 4.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English**
- 4.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English**
- 4.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

*NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination –Work area and NEW Client Preparation, and Setup of Supplies (continued)*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working.”*

## 5. CHEMICAL WAVING (20 minutes)

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*“You will perform Chemical Waving.”*

*“You will wrap the entire center back section of the head, from crown to nape.”*

*“Once you are finished wrapping, please step back and do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 10 minutes remaining.”*

*“Do not perform the saturation procedure, a test curl, or remove a rod until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”*

*“Do not remove the remaining rods until you are instructed to do so.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

**5.1 Chemical waving supplies are labeled in English**

**5.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean**

**5.3 Subsections hair for chemical waving**

**5.4 Wraps hair**

**5.5 Correct rod placement used throughout entire section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

*NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination –Chemical Waving (continued)*

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to each candidate individually:  
*“Please demonstrate saturation ”*

**5.6 Demonstrates saturation**

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to each candidate individually:  
*“Please demonstrate a test curl.”*

**5.7 Demonstrates a test curl**

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to each candidate individually:  
*“Please remove one rod from the hair.”*

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Once rod is removed from the hair, read individually to candidate:  
*“Do not remove the remaining rods until instructed to do so.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read when all examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed:  
*“All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed.”*

*“You will remove all remaining rods from the head and create 5 sections for the remaining chemical services.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 5 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 2 minutes remaining.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

**5.8 Maintains drape throughout section**

**5.9 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working.”*

## 6. PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH SIMULATED PRODUCT (10 minutes)

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*“You will perform the Predisposition Test and Strand Test for permanent hair color.”*

*“You will demonstrate the predisposition test behind the ear.”*

*“You will demonstrate the strand test process on any single subsection of hair.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

- 6.1 Predisposition test and strand test supplies are labeled in English**
- 6.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean**
- 6.3 Demonstrates predisposition test behind the ear**
- 6.4 Demonstrates strand test process**
- 6.5 Maintains drape throughout section**
- 6.6 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working.”*

## 7. HIGHLIGHTING WITH FOIL, VIRGIN APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT (15 minutes)

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*“You will perform Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application.”*

*“You will place four foils on the top of the head from the front hairline to the apex.”*

*“You will apply simulated highlighting product from upper edge of foils to hair ends.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 15 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

**7.1 Highlighting with foil supplies are labeled in English**

**7.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean**

**7.3 Subsections hair for highlighting with foils**

**7.4 Uses correct foil placement**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

**7.5 Final result of simulated product application**

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidate individually once the final appearance of the foil has been examined:

*“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

**7.6 Maintains drape throughout section**

**7.7 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates once examiners have completed assessment for this section:

*“All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed.”*

## 8. HAIR COLOR RETOUCH WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT (10 minutes)

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*“You will perform a Hair Color Retouch Application.”*

*“You will apply simulated hair color product to one section of the back of the head.”*

*“The client has 1 inch of regrowth.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

**8.1 Hair color retouch supplies are labeled in English**

**8.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean**

**8.3 Subsections hair for hair color retouch**

**8.4 Applies simulated hair color product**

**8.5 Final result of hair color retouch application**

**8.6 Maintains drape throughout section**

**8.7 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working.”*

## 9. VIRGIN HAIR RELAXER APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT (Untimed)

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*“You will perform a Virgin Hair Relaxer Application.”*

*“You will apply simulated relaxer product on a single subsection of hair.”*

*“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will be instructed individually by the examiner to demonstrate a virgin hair relaxer application”*

*“This is an untimed section.”*

*“Do not begin to demonstrate the virgin relaxer application until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

*NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination –Virgin Hair Relaxer (continued)*

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

**9.1 Virgin hair relaxer supplies are labeled in English**

**9.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean**

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to each candidate individually:

*“Please demonstrate the virgin relaxer application procedure.”*

**9.3 Subsections hair for relaxer application**

**9.4 Applies simulated relaxer product**

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to each candidate individually after virgin relaxer application has been examined:

*“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”*

**9.5 Maintains drape throughout section**

**9.6 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:

*“All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed.”*

## **10. BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE (10 minutes)**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

*“You will demonstrate the Blood Exposure Procedure.”*

*“You will imagine the following scenario: During a service, you have sustained a minor cut to your index finger. The injury is such that you can continue with the service. Your work area or client has not been contaminated. You are expected to demonstrate the proper procedure for a blood exposure.”*

*“You are expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”*

*“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”*

*“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”*

*“Step back to indicate you have finished.”*

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*



*NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination –Blood Exposure Procedure (continued)*

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

- 10.1 Blood exposure supplies are labeled in English**
- 10.2 Removes materials from first aid kit**
- 10.3 Supplies and materials are visibly clean**
- 10.4 Cleans injured area with antiseptic**
- 10.5 Covers with dressing that is absorbent and secured**
- 10.6 Candidate wears glove or finger guard**
- 10.7 Disposes of all contaminated supplies**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

*“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”*

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

*“Please stop working.”*

**CANDIDATE CLEANUP AND FINAL SUMMARY**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates at the conclusion of the examination:

*“All examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment.”*

*“Make sure that all kit supplies and disposable materials are taken with you.”*

*“This concludes the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology, National Hair Design Practical Examination.”*

*“Thank you for your participation”*

## ***SUGGESTED EXAMINATION SUPPLIES***

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### **Information related to labeling of supplies:**

- ALL supplies must be labeled in English
- No other languages can be present unless an original manufacturer's label is present
- Original manufacturers' labels MUST have English and may be multi-language
- All other created labels must be only English

### **EXAMINATION UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES**

- candidate supply kit to serve as dry storage area (must be closeable)
- hospital grade (level), EPA-registered disinfectant with manufacturer's label that demonstrates bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal properties must be used (must be actual disinfectant)
- hand sanitizer and manufacturer's label (must be actual hand sanitizer)
- container labeled "items to be disinfected"
- container labeled "soiled linens"
- container labeled "trash"
- first aid kit
- paper towels

**Effective 5/1/19 Washington Candidates MUST use disinfecting wipes only.  
Spray disinfectants are NOT permitted .**

### **HAIR CARE – UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES**

- mannequin head(s) and a table clamp (pre-markings or pre-sectioning on mannequins is not permitted)
- neck strip(s)
- protective capes (child size capes may be used)
- cloth towels
- hair clip(s) and/or clamp(s)
- comb(s)
- hair brush(es)
- spray bottle with water
- protective cream
- spatula(s)
- cotton
- gloves

### **THERMAL CURLING SUPPLIES**

- thermal curling iron with cord unbound and/or unaltered
- material for testing temperature of iron

### **HAIRCUTTING SUPPLIES**

- shears
- razor

### **CHEMICAL WAVING SUPPLIES**

- chemical wave rods
- end papers
- simulated waving lotion (water)

**PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT SUPPLIES**

- brush and bowl or bottle applicator
- hair color-colored simulated product
- skin cleanser

**HIGHLIGHTENING WITH FOIL, VIRGIN APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT SUPPLIES**

- brush and bowl or bottle applicator
- colored simulated product
- foils

**HAIR COLOR RETOUCH WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT SUPPLIES**

- brush and bowl or bottle applicator
- colored simulated product

**VIRGIN HAIR RELAXER APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT SUPPLIES**

- brush bowl or bottle applicator
- colored simulated product

**BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE SUPPLIES**

- additional bag for disposal of blood-contaminated materials