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FREQUENTLY ASKED APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS

Question: How do I apply to take my examinations?

Answer: If you graduated from a school, you must obtain the application from your school. Applications for Apprentice, Out of State, Reinstatement, and Retake may be obtained on our website at www.dlroope.com under the state you are requiring to obtain your license in. Information on applying for an examination may also be obtained in the eligibility section of the Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) on our website. Please refer to page 1 of the CIB for information for your state's requirements.

Question: When should I send in my application and examination fee and how do I send it for overnight delivery?

Answer: Completed applications must be received by the examination deadline date to be scheduled for an examination week. Overnight delivery must be sent to our street address as indicated on the back of the application. Keep in mind that the postal service does not always deliver letters overnight and may cause you to miss the deadline date.

Question: When will I receive my admission letter for my examination?

Answer: Examinations are scheduled and admission letters are mailed after the examination deadline date. The admission letter confirms the scheduled examination(s). It also includes the date, time, location and directions for your examination(s). Maine and West Virginia written and state law examinations are administered via paper and pencil on the same day as your practical examination. Idaho, New Hampshire and North Carolina admission letters will only include the scheduled practical examination. If you have not received your admission letter in the mail prior to the requested exam week, it is your responsibility to contact our office.

Question: When will I receive my pre-registration letter for my computerized written examination?

Answer: Computerized written examinations for Idaho, New Hampshire, and North Carolina are administered at Iso-Quality Testing (IQT). Pre-registration information is e-mailed or mailed to all candidates once approved. This pre-registration includes instructions for scheduling your computerized written examination at a location that is convenient to you.

Question: What if my paperwork is not received until after the examination deadline date?

Answer: Applications received after the deadline date will be scheduled based on space availability. If a candidate missed the deadline date and the requested examination week is full, they will be scheduled for the next available examination week.

Question: What if I do not pass my examination? How do I apply to retake the examination and do I have to pay another examination fee?

Answer: Candidates will receive a rescheduling application with their result letter or they may print one from our website. Examination fees are indicated on the rescheduling application.

Question: If I fail my examination, will my result letter tell me the tasks that I missed?

Answer: Please refer to the scoring section of the candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) for the specific information for your state. All tasks that are evaluated are listed in the CIB. NIC does not permit us to release the specific tasks that a candidate missed. The purpose of a licensure examination is to ensure that individuals are minimally competent and safe to perform services independently on the public. Informing candidates of the specific tasks missed would teach them for the test and would not ensure that the individual is minimally competent and safe to perform services on the public.

Question: How do I apply for accommodations for a disability?

Answer: Candidates that have a disability and require accommodations may request the required forms from their school or contact DL Roope Administrations Inc. All requests must be submitted with the application by the deadline date for review.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ALL NIC EXAMINATIONS

Question: What does the abbreviation NIC stand for and who is NIC?

Answer: NIC is the abbreviation for the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology Inc. (NIC) NIC is the owner and developer of the national written & practical examinations.

Question: What if I do not know what a task means on the NIC practical examination?

Answer: All questions and tasks are referenced to the textbooks listed in the written Candidate Information Bulletins. (CIB) The information must be in the referenced textbooks in order for it to be used on the examination. NIC has a National Textbook Committee that works with the textbook companies to ensure the information is consistent and correct.

Question: Are the NIC examinations offered in other languages?

Answer: NIC offers the written examinations in other languages as mandated by State legislation. Please refer to your state's requirements. Many states do not offer alternate languages because the students are learning in English. The pass rate on foreign language examinations is very low. All NIC practical examinations are administered in English.

Question: How should I prepare to take the examination(s)?

Answer: CIBs contain all tasks that are evaluated on the practical examinations and the verbal instructions. The CIBs also contain specific information for your state that outlines your state's requirements. The written CIBs contain an outline of content areas and sample questions. All CIBs list the referenced textbooks for each examination. You may download the CIBs from our web site at www.dlroope.com.

Question: Can all implements be disinfected and reused?

Answer: Implements that are porous cannot be disinfected and must be discarded. It must be a solid implement to be disinfected. (e.g. cushion files and orangewood sticks cannot be disinfected)

Question: Does my kit need to have a cover and does it have to be kept closed during the examination?

Answer: Implements and supplies must be in a closed container. Kits must be kept closed at the exam site except when removing or replacing supplies. Suitcases must be zipped shut.

Question: What if I have an emergency during the practical examination?

Answer: Candidates may ask to speak with the supervisor if they are experiencing an emergency situation. A problem with the kit is not an emergency situation, candidates should do the best they can with what they have available.

Question: What if I need to use the restroom during the practical examination?

Answer: Candidates may raise their hand and ask the supervisor to be excused to use the restroom. They will sign out to the restroom and sign back in, the examinations will continue and they will not be permitted extra time.

Question: What if I forgot to pack something that I need for the practical examination?

Answer: In the event that a candidate forgets an item or implement or something breaks they should do the best they can do with what they have available. Candidates should continue as they are able and perform as many tasks as they are able.

Question: Can I use aerosol products during the practical examination?

Answer: Candidates are not permitted to use aerosol products at any time during the examinations.

Question: Does NIC grade technique?

Answer: NIC does not evaluate technique. The only tasks that are evaluated are the tasks that are listed in the CIB.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ALL NIC EXAMINATIONS

- Question:** What if I drop an implement on the floor during the examination?
Answer: If a candidate drops an implement they must pick it up, place it in an appropriate receptacle and sanitize their hands before proceeding with the service.
- Question:** Do I need to sanitize my hands after touching the trash bag?
Answer: If a candidate contaminates their hands, they must sanitize before proceeding to touch supplies or before they continue performing services.
- Question:** What should I do if I drop mock product on the floor or my work area?
Answer: If a candidate drops mock product on the floor or work area they must immediately clean it up, sanitize their hands and then proceed with the service.
- Question:** Do I need to recap all bottles and jars during the examination?
Answer: All bottles and jars must be capped when not in use.
- Question:** Can I return unused product back into the container?
Answer: Candidates cannot dip fingers, double dip or return unused product back into any containers.
- Question:** Can I wait until the end of the service to discard soiled materials and implements?
Answer: Soiled materials or implements should be discarded immediately and not left on the station.
- Question:** Do all of my bottles and jars need to be labeled in English?
Answer: All bottles and jars must be labeled in English.
- Question:** Why does NIC require the disinfectant to have the manufacturer's label and what does EPA registered stand for?
Answer: Manufacturer's labels are required to ensure that candidates are properly disinfecting the work area with a hospital grade disinfectant to protect themselves, other candidates and the examiners during the examinations. Schools that use bulk products may photocopy the manufacturer's label and apply it to the spray bottle. Hospital grade disinfecting wipes may also be purchased in bulk and broken down into individual ziplock baggies, please photocopy and attach a copy of the manufacturers label. EPA registered indicates that the disinfectant is hospital grade and can be used to disinfect surfaces with a disinfectant that has bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal properties.
- Question:** What should I do if I cut myself during the examination?
Answer: Candidates are expected to follow the NIC Health and Safety Standards, failure to do so may result in their dismissal from the examination. Please refer to the NIC Health and Safety Standards as outlined in the practical CIB.
- Question:** I took my examination and I noticed that other candidates were performing services differently than I was taught?
Answer: Candidates should perform all tasks as they were taught and not be concerned with how other candidates are performing services as candidates have no way to know how other candidates are being scored.
- Question:** Do I need to make sure that the examiner sees each task that I perform?
Answer: The examiners are trained to observe all tasks that are listed in the CIB. The examiners are evaluating the candidates at all times even when the candidate may not be aware that they are being evaluated.

COSMETOLOGY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: Can I drape during the 10 minute set up time?

Answer: Yes, candidates are given 10 minutes to set up the general supplies and to perform client protection. You may maintain your drape throughout all of the hair services in a safe and sanitary manner. It is helpful to use a towel under the drape instead of a neck strip because it will stay in place better. Candidates may use one cape throughout the entire examination. If the cape slides down, it must be re-applied. Candidates may use a plastic or fabric cape throughout. Child size capes are appropriate for use on a mannequin.

Question: Do I need a separate bag for items to be disinfected and items to be discarded?

Answer: Yes, one bag or receptacle must be labeled "Items to be disinfected" and a second bag or receptacle must be labeled "Items to be discarded."

Question: Do I need to roll the iron from base to ends while clicking during the thermal curling section of the Cosmetology examination?

Answer: The Cosmetology examination does not require feeding and guiding the hair but candidates must establish a base and form a complete curl.

Question: Do I need to start the haircut in the nape section and does the haircut need to be at a 90 degree angle?

Answer: Candidates must demonstrate elevation. NIC does not evaluate the level of elevation but it must be layered and cannot be all one length. Candidates may start the haircut in any area of the head but typically most candidates start with the razor in the nape section. All tasks that are evaluated are listed in the CIB. NIC does not evaluate technique.

Question: How will the examiner check my haircut?

Answer: The examiners are trained to check every haircut the same way. The examiner will check the length of the hair at the nape and that the sides are even in length. They will take a 1 inch subsection from forehead to nape and from ear to ear.

Question: Do I need a guard on my razor?

Answer: Guards are not required but you must handle your razor in a safe manner at all times.

Question: After I have completed the nape section with the razor can I go back over the nape section with the shears?

Answer: Candidates may go back over the nape section with the shears after they have cut the entire nape section with the razor.

Question: Does the hair have to be long and untreated by chemicals?

Answer: Candidates should prepare the hair prior to the examination with color or a perm to provide texture to the hair. Candidates should leave the hair long enough so that 1 inch of hair can be removed throughout the haircut and still be long enough to complete all remaining areas of the examination.

Question: Can I sweep my hair after completing the haircut or do I have to wait for the examiner to instruct me?

Answer: The examiners instruct the candidates to clean up their hair after they have checked the haircut.

Question: Should I section the head into 9 sections for chemical waving?

Answer: Candidates do not need to section the head into 9 sections as they are only evaluated on the center back section of the head from crown to nape.

Question: Do I need to use a particular size rod for chemical waving?

Answer: NIC does not require a specific rod size but candidates must demonstrate subsections that are the same size as the rod used and the hair must be long enough to wrap around the rod at least 1 ½ times.

COSMETOLOGY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Question:** Will the examiner tell me when to demonstrate saturation and a test curl?
Answer: The examiners instruct each candidate to demonstrate saturation and a test curl. If a candidate finishes before the time has elapsed the candidate must wait for the examiner to instruct them. If a candidate is not finished before the time has elapsed the examiner will instruct them to stop the service, demonstrate saturation and a test curl before continuing to the next section of the examination.
- Question:** Does the examiner expect to see an “S” formation when I demonstrate a test curl?
Answer: The examiners do not expect to see an “S” formation as they realize that it is water and it has only been on for about 3 seconds! Candidates should allow the hair to relax when demonstrating a test curl and they should not push the hair.
- Question:** Can I use the same product for the Patch Test, Hair Lightening, Hair Coloring and Chemical Relaxing?
Answer: Candidates may use one product for the Patch Test, Lightener, Hair Color and Chemical Relaxer. Under the label for the Patch Test, apply labels for Lightener, Hair Color and Chemical Relaxer. They can remove the labels as they move from section to section without having to have multiple products or containers.
- Question:** What product should I use to demonstrate the patch test, hair lightening, hair coloring and chemical relaxing?
Answer: Candidates may use any product they choose as the simulated patch test, lightener, hair color and chemical relaxing product. They can use gel, cholesterol, conditioner, etc.
- Question:** Do I demonstrate the patch test during the ten minute timing for hair lightening?
Answer: Yes, the patch test is demonstrated behind the ear of the mannequin during the 10 minute segment for hair lightening. The product may be left behind the ear or you may choose to remove it.
- Question:** Will I be instructed to start the hair coloring section of the examination.
Answer: Hair Lightening and Hair Coloring are graded as one section but the examiners will announce when the 10 minute timing has elapsed for Hair Lightening and then they will read the verbal instructions for the Hair Coloring section of the examination. The verbal instructions are in the CIB with instructions as to when they will be read.
- Question:** Can I apply the protective cream for all sections at once?
Answer: Candidates may apply the protective cream around the hairline for all 4 sections at once.
- Question:** Why is NIC requiring a 2 inch hair color retouch?
Answer: NIC requires a 2 inch retouch to allow plenty of coverage for the examiners to evaluate without having to invade the candidate’s space.
- Question:** Why is NIC requiring a 2 inch relaxer retouch?
Answer: NIC requires a 2 inch relaxer retouch to allow plenty of coverage for the examiners to evaluate without having to invade the candidate’s space.
- Question:** Will the examiner tell me to demonstrate smoothing the relaxer product?
Answer: The examiner instructs each candidate to demonstrate smoothing the relaxer retouch product.

Notes:

If your state requires a Basic Manicure or Sculptured Nail please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions for Nail Technology.

If your state requires a Basic Facial please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions for Esthetics.