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#### **104-03-01-01. Mailing notice of practicum examination.**

Notice of all practicum examinations must be sent to all persons holding temporary training permits at least forty-five days prior to the administration of the examination. To be eligible to participate in the examination, all applications for the examination must be received by the board at least thirty days prior to the examination date.

**History:** Effective July 1, 1996.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-33-14

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-33-07, 43-33-14

#### **104-03-01-02. Persons eligible to take examination.**

1. An individual may take the examination without first obtaining a temporary training permit.
2. To be eligible to take the examination, trainees under supervision are required to submit to the licensure secretary written verification of satisfactory completion of initial training requirements as outlined in North Dakota Century Code section 43-33-08.
3. An individual may take each section of the examination three times. After failing the examination the third time, the individual must wait at least one year before being eligible to take another examination.
4. A trainee under supervision is required to submit to the licensure secretary a log verifying that adequate supervision has been given as outlined in North Dakota Century Code section 43-33-08.

**History:** Effective July 1, 1996.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-33-14

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-33-07, 43-33-08

#### **104-03-01-03. Ethics on examination.**

Passing on information regarding the examination content or procedures utilized, other than complaints presented to the board, is a breach of professional ethics.

**History:** Effective July 1, 1996.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-33-14

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-33-12, 43-33-14

#### **104-03-01-04. Written submission of complaints.**

Each individual taking the examination must be informed that the individual has the right to submit in writing any complaint the individual may feel justifiable as a result of participating in the examination process, but the complaint must be filed with the board within ten days of the examination. The board's decision as to appropriate action is final in regard to board consideration. If a complaint involved one of the members of the board, that member must be excused from the deliberation.

**History:** Effective July 1, 1996.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-33-14

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-33-12

#### **104-03-01-05. Requirements for licensure.**

1. Applicants may obtain a license by successfully passing a qualifying examination, provided the applicant is eighteen years of age or older, of good moral character, and has an education equivalent to a four-year course in an accredited high school.
2. The examination must include:
  - a. Tests of knowledge in the following areas as they pertain to the fitting of hearing instruments:
    - (1) Basic physics of sound.
    - (2) The anatomy and physiology of the ear.
    - (3) The function of hearing instruments.
    - (4) Hearing instrument evaluating and fitting process.
    - (5) Elementary audiology.
  - b. Practical tests of proficiency in the following techniques as they pertain to the fitting of hearing instruments:
    - (1) Pure-tone audiometry, including air conduction testing and bone conduction testing.
    - (2) Live voice or recorded voice speech audiometry, including speech reception threshold testing and most comfortable loudness measurements and measurements of tolerance thresholds.
    - (3) Masking when indicated.
    - (4) Recording, evaluation, and interpreting audiograms and speech audiometry to determine proper selection and adaption of a hearing instrument for air, bone, and speech audiometry.
    - (5) Otoscopic examination of the ear and taking earmold impressions.
    - (6) Selection and adaption of hearing instruments.
    - (7) Knowledge of calibration of equipment.
    - (8) Knowledge of North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-33 and the rules adopted by the board.

3. A minimum score of seventy percent is required on the written examination and seventy-five percent on the practicum examination. If a lower score is received on either examination, the applicant must be required to retake that examination.

**History:** Effective July 1, 1996.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-33-14

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-33-06, 43-33-07

**104-03-01-06. Fees.**

The fees charged by the board are as follows:

1. Initial license or certificate of endorsement, and annual renewals thereafter, \$150.00;
2. Written exam, \$50.00; and
3. Practicum, \$50.00.

**History:** Effective April 1, 1999.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-33-14

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-33-06, 43-33-07, 43-33-11