



North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers & Fitters Board

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT May 2026 Licensing Examination

Exam Dates, Times, and Locations

The next licensing examination is scheduled for
Friday, May 1 & Saturday, May 2, 2026.

LOCATION FOR PART D ONLY (FRIDAY):

Part D (ILE) exam candidates can take the exam at any testing center that offers the ILE exam, however the exam candidate, must register for the ILE on the prescribed date and time indicated in the email from IHS and listed on the exam admission card.

May 2026 Exam – Part D Registration Date and Time

Date: Friday, May 1, 2026

Time: 10:30 am

LOCATION FOR PARTS A & C (FRIDAY):

NC State McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

LOCATION FOR PART B (SATURDAY):

NC State McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026: COMPUTER BASED EXAM

PART D: Check-in at your specific exam registration time referenced on the confirmation from IHS.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026: COMPUTER BASED EXAM

PART C: Check in begins at 1:00 pm, exam will begin at 1:15 pm

PART A: Check in begins at 2:45 pm, exam will begin at 3:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026: PRACTICUM EXAM

PART B: Check-in at appointment time printed on admission card.

Application Deadline: TUESDAY, March 23, 2026

21 NCAC 22A .0401(c)(5) DULY MADE APPLICATION

"Duly made application" means a completed application received in the office of the Board, including all required documents, photographs, fees, and supplemental information requested in the application.

21 NCAC 22A .0503(d) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND FEES

The exam registration deadline shall be 45 days prior to the examination date. An applicant may be denied admission to an exam if an application is submitted after the registration deadline, based on proximity to examination date, availability of space in the examination, and the applicant or the applicant's sponsor's past history of compliance with the Board's rules. An applicant denied admission to an examination due to late registration shall be registered for the next scheduled examination, if otherwise eligible.

Admission Card

A confirmation letter will be sent to each applicant as an admission card.

PART A: Simulator Portion of the Exam

The criteria below is available on the Board website. Passing criteria:

- 0 Procedural Errors and no more than 4 Recording Errors = PASS
- 1 Procedural Error and no more than 3 Recording Errors = PASS
- 2 Procedural Errors and no more than 2 Recording Errors = PASS
- 3 or more Procedural Errors = FAIL
- 5 or more Recording Errors = FAIL

PART B: Practicum Portion of the Exam

New guidelines and scoring criteria for the practicum exam are posted on the website in the "Exam Information" section. Each applicant shall make two (2) ear impressions on a live model. The exam has two parts: the procedure and the ear impression evaluation. The ear impression evaluation includes selecting which impression you will be submitting to be graded, evaluation of a stock ear impression, and labeling human ear anatomy. Pass criteria: score at least 70% on both parts.

Practicum Exam: A Registered Applicant is required to bring a live model for the practicum exam.

The exam coordinator shall inspect the live model's ear prior to beginning the practicum exam. The Registered Applicant shall fail the practicum portion of the exam if the model is under 18 years of age or is found to have any of the following contraindications: PE tubes in either tympanic membrane; a history of ear surgery within five years of the date of the examination; active drainage from either ear; knowledge of a perforation in either tympanic membrane; or ear canal blockage.

PART C: Laws and Regulations

This is a 50-question multiple choice exam to test an applicant's knowledge of applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Pass criteria: correctly answer at least 70% of the questions.

PART D: Written Portion of the Exam

Part D of the NC Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board exam will be the International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals (ILE) given by IHS. The Board adheres to the passing criteria set by IHS.

Submission of Business Street Address and Audiometer Calibration, if Applicant is not an Apprentice

No action shall be taken regarding the issuance of a license to an Applicant who passes the exam unless a North Carolina business street address and the required audiometer calibration is submitted to the Board Office either as part of the exam application or within 90 days of passing the exam. **If the missing information is not received at the Board's office within 90 days following the licensing examination date, the application in question shall be considered abandoned.**

Wall Certificate Fee Deadline

Upon successfully passing the licensing exam, an individual must submit the \$25.00 Wall Certificate fee before the license will be issued. **The deadline for payment is ten business days after receiving exam results.**

21 NCAC 22I .0112 DISPLAY OF PRINTED CERTIFICATES

Pursuant to G.S. 93D-12, all licensees and registered apprentices shall have a street address, located within the State of North Carolina, at which they display their license or apprentice registration certificate. In addition, all licensees and registered apprentices shall carry with them a copy of their license or apprentice registration certificate, or their pocket identification card issued by the Board, when doing business which takes them outside of their offices.