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Quick Reference

STEP ONE: COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION

- Read Candidate Handbook
- Submit required documents to PCS

STEP TWO: TAKE EXAMINATIONS

- Schedule Theory Examination with PSI
- Take Practical Examination on date scheduled with PCS

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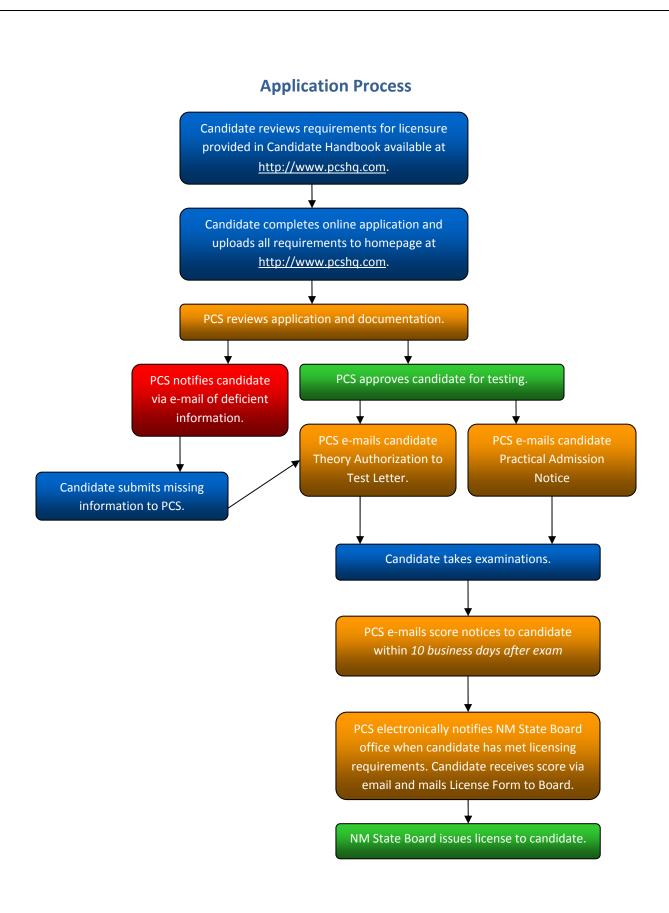
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Introduction

The Candidate Handbook is intended to help you to prepare and to understand the processes and procedures for applying for licensure and for scheduling your examination(s). The New Mexico Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists (the "Board") is responsible for licensing and regulating the profession of Instructor in the State of New Mexico. The Board has contracted with Professional Credential Services ("PCS") to provide administrative examination services. The Board, through PCS, will exclusively use the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology ("NIC") examinations. PCS first requires that candidates submit an on-line Examination and License Application ("Application"). This is required to determine your eligibility for testing. Any questions regarding your application or eligibility should be directed to PCS. The State Board will have the final authority to approve the issuance of a license.

State Licensure Requirements

In order to receive an Instructor license in the State of New Mexico, you must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be at least 17 years of age.
- 2. Hold a current license in New Mexico as a practitioner in the field in which you seek license as an instructor.
- 3. Successfully complete a minimum of 1,000-hour course of instruction in a licensed school or have two years working experience.
- 4. Successfully pass the NIC theory & practical and State Law examinations.

Training Expiration Limit

! Pursuant to New Mexico Regulation 16.34.2.8A(2)©, all required examinations must be taken and passed within 24 months of the date training was completed. After 24 months you are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of remedial education; upon completion, you must submit a new application to PCS along with proof of completing these additional hours. Examination scores are only valid within 24 months of training completion date.

Examination Fees

Fees are due at the time you submit your application to PCS. We accept Money Orders, Certified Checks, Visa, Master Card, or Discover. All fees are **non-refundable**.

Examination Type	First Time Fees	Re-Exam Fees
Instructor Theory only	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00

Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you must submit an ADA Request Form along with supporting medical documentation. You may download a copy of this form by going to the Forms section of the New Mexico Barbering page at http://www.pcshq.com.

Application Requirements

Professional Training Hours

Once an online application has been completed with PCS, the following items may be uploaded to the candidate's homepage.

- 1. A current 2x2 passport type photo. This may be up-loaded onto your PCS Homepage.
- 2. A copy of current Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Visa or Passport. *This may be up-loaded onto your PCS Homepage*.
- 3. A PCS Training Affidavit (must be notarized or include official school seal)
- 4. A New Mexico Transcript of Training (must be notarized or include official school seal)
- 5. Copy of current New Mexico license (as a practitioner in the field in which the applicant is seeking licensure as an instructor.)
- ! Should any document listed above be under a different name than the name provided on your application, legal documentation of name change (i.e. marriage certificate, divorce decree, petition for name change) must be either mailed, e-mailed to the New Mexico Coordinator, or up-loaded on your Homepage.

Reinstatement/Reciprocity

How to Reinstate an Expired License

- 1. If you hold a license that has been expired for less than one year, please contact the Board Office at (505) 476 4690 or visit http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Barbers and Cosmetologists.aspx for further information.
- 2. If you hold a license that has been expired for more than one year but less than five years, you must complete an online application with PCS. You are required to take and pass the practical examination.
- 3. If you hold a license that has been expired for more than five years, you must apply to a Board approved school; submit to a scholastic evaluation to determine your training needs; and complete a minimum of 150 hours of remedial education. Upon completion of the remediation, you must apply online with PCS. You are required to take and pass both the theory and practical examinations.

Reciprocity

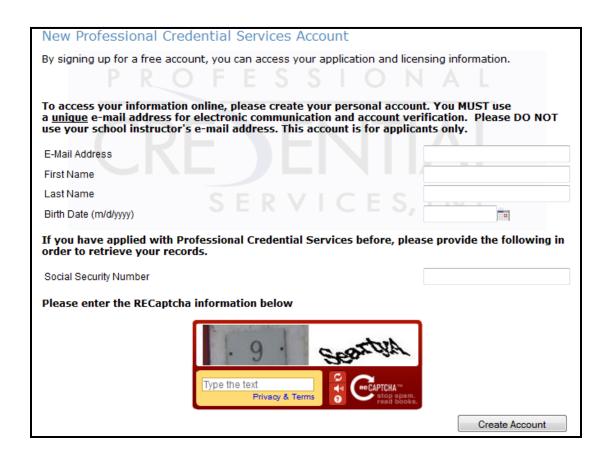
How to Reciprocate an Out of State License

If you hold a license in another state and would like to obtain a license in New Mexico, please contact the Board
Office at (505) 476 4690 or visit http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Barbers and Cosmetologists.aspx for further information.

PCS Account Set-Up

Before you are able to complete an online application with PCS, you must first become a registered user within the website. To do so, please follow the steps below.

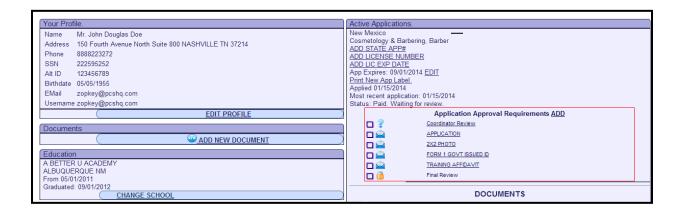
- 1. Go to http://www.pcshq.com
- 2. Click Applicants & Candidates
- 3. Click Cosmetology & Barbering
- 4. Click New Mexico
- 5. Click Instructor
- 6. Click Create an Account (First Time)
- 7. *Creating a PCS Account (first time users only)*; enter valid, unique e-mail address, your first and last name, date of birth, and Social Security number.
- 8. Enter RECaptcha information as prompted; click Create Account
- 9. Check your e-mail account for a PCS system generated e-mail.
- 10. Click link in e-mail to verify account information and create PCS password.
- 11. Click Enable Account
- ! A unique e-mail address must be provided to create a PCS Account (i.e. more than one user cannot provide the same e-mail address).



PCS Application

Once you have created your PCS account, you are then ready to complete the online application. To do so, please follow the steps below.

- 1. Complete steps 1-6 listed above.
- 2. Enter e-mail address and password provided during account set-up.
- 3. You are now in the online application; select appropriate license type (i.e. Cosmetology).
- 4. Continue with online application until all required fields have been completed.
- 5. Choose the examinations you wish to take.
- 6. Select Payment Option.
- ! You must complete the online application using your legal name the name which appears on your current government issued photo identification (i.e. Driver's License).



PCS Candidate Homepage

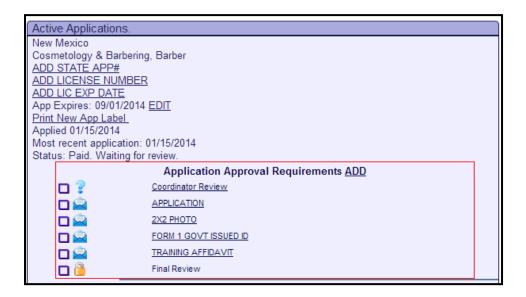
Logging into your Homepage

- 1. Go to http://www.pcshq.com
- 2. Click Client Portal
- 3. Enter e-mail address and password
- 4. Click Log In



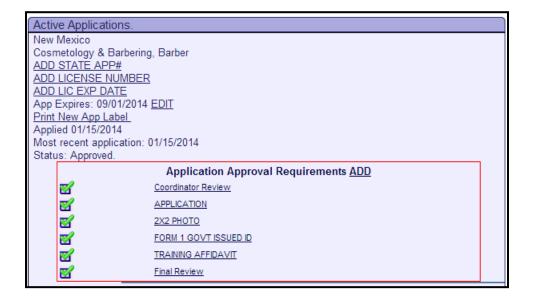
Application Status

You may check the status of your online application 24/7 by logging into your PCS account. As items are received, green check boxes will appear under the Application Approval Requirements section of the Active Applications box.



How do I know if my application is approved?

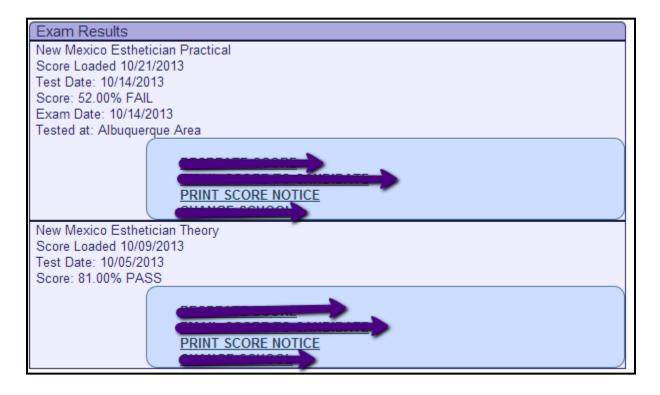
If an application has been approved, a green check will appear in the Final Review Box under Active Applications.



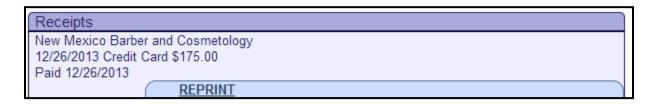
Reprinting Documents

You may reprint information concerning your examinations, payment receipts, and/or scores by logging into your Homepage.

Click Print Score Notice option next to item you wish to reprint a score notice



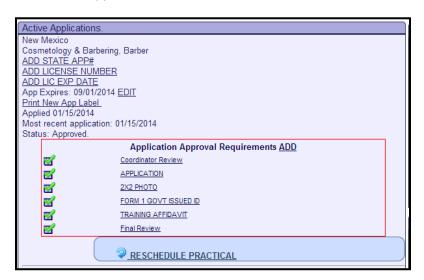
• Click **Reprint** option next to item you wish to print a receipt.



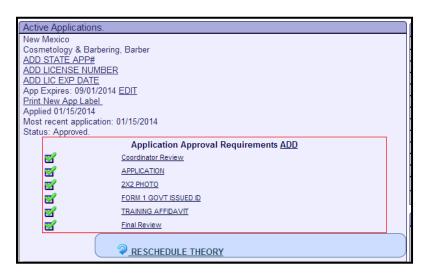
Examination Rescheduling

If you have missed or failed an examination, you may reschedule online with a credit card by logging into your Homepage.

 To reschedule practical examination, click Reschedule Practical under the Active Applications box.



 To reschedule theory examination, click Reschedule Theory under the Active Applications box.



Application Approval Process

Once an online application has been completed (payment has been made), the coordinator will receive notification. PCS will review your application and enter any requirements which may be pending (i.e. High School Transcript or Training Transcript). If documents are submitted after the online application has been completed, PCS will enter those as received no later than three business days of receipt.

 If PCS receives an application or a required document which is incomplete or completed incorrectly, PCS will notify you via e-mail and your file will remain pending until all necessary information has been received.

Examination Notification

Once your application has been approved, PCS will forward the following notifications via e-mail.

1. A Theory Authorization to Test (ATT) letter will be sent via e-mail within one business day.

! If you do not receive any e-mails within the time frame listed above, it is your responsibility to check your PCS account and reprint this information. If you are unable to access your account, it is your responsibility to contact PCS at (888) 822-3272.

Examination Scheduling

Theory Examination Scheduling

Once you have received your ATT letter, you must contact PSI to schedule your theory appointment.

- Schedule online http://www.psiexams.com
- Schedule with PSI representative at (800) 733-9267 (Monday Friday 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM EST, Saturday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST)
- Schedule with PSIs Interactive Voice Response System during non business hours at (800) 733-9267.

Rescheduling Policy

You may reschedule your theory examination without forfeiting your fee by contacting PSI at least 2 business days prior to your scheduled date. You may call (800) 733-9267 or fax (702) 932-2666. You may also use the automated system using a touch-tone phone (24 hours a day) to cancel or reschedule your examination.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather or similar emergency, a scheduled examination may be canceled or delayed. However, this decision is made only in rare instances and at the discretion of PCS and/or PSI. If a test center is open for testing, and you choose not to appear for your scheduled examination, your fee will be forfeited.

Examination Day Requirements

What do I need to take with me to the examination?

- ATT Letter (theory)
- A current 2" x 2" passport type photo (must be color)
- Two (2) forms of identification. One form must be a government issued photo id (see below)

If you fail to bring these items, you will not be allowed to take the examination and you will forfeit your examination fee.

Acceptable Forms of Identification

Both forms of Identification must be listed under the same name that is listed on your PCS account.

Primary ID (current, non-expired Governments Issued ID)

- State issued Driver's License
- State issued Identification Card
- US Government issued Passport
- US Government issued Military Identification Card
- US Government issued Alien Registration Card

Secondary ID (signature, non-expired)

- Credit Card or Debit (ATM) Card
- Social Security Card
- US issued Birth Certificate
- An alternate form of Primary ID (i.e. if you have a Driver's License, you can bring your US Passport as a Secondary ID)

Arrival

You must arrive at the test center at least thirty (30) minutes prior to your examination for registration. If you arrive past your examination time, you will not be permitted to test.

General Examination Policies

Security Policy

Suspected security breaches during either the theory or practical test administrations, such as an act of impersonation, creating a disturbance, giving or receiving unauthorized information or aiding other candidates, attempting to remove test information by any means, possessing prohibited materials or sharing supplies may be sufficient cause to dismiss you from the examination site or to invalidate or cancel your scores. Suspected breaches may be identified by observation or suspicion by the test center staff, or may be evidenced by subsequent statistical analysis of examination materials. PCS reserves the right to investigate each incident of misconduct and will report such incidents directly to the Board. The Board will make all final decisions on examination score invalidations or cancellations. **No visitors, guests or children are allowed in the test center.**

Copyrighted Examination Questions

All test questions are the express copyrighted property of NIC. It is forbidden under federal copyright law to copy, reproduce, record, distribute or display these test questions by any means, in whole or in part. Doing so may subject you to severe civil and criminal penalties, including prison incarceration and/or fined up to \$250,000 for criminal violations.

Prohibited Items

No food, beverages, purses, notebooks, magazines, backpacks, briefcases, hats, caps, reference books or electronic devices such as cameras, computers or computerized devices, iPods, radios, recording devices, portable fax machines, cellular telephones, calculator watches, reproduction equipment, smoking or the use of tobacco are strictly prohibited in the examination room. Failure to comply with any of these conditions will result in you being dismissed immediately, and your actions reported to the proper authorities. PCS is not responsible for <u>any</u> personal items brought to the examination site.

Environmental Distracters

Although every attempt is made to provide a quiet and comfortable test environment, noise and room temperature may be an unforeseen and unavoidable distracter. It is suggested that you wear the type of clothing that would allow you to adapt to a cooler or warmer climate at the testing site.

Examination Results

Score Notices

An official score notice will be e-mailed to you at least 10 business days after your examination date. *An unofficial pass or fail notice will be provided to you by PSI after you take the theory examination.* If you do not receive an e-mail within this time frame, you may print a score notice by logging into your PCS account.

State Score Requirements

The minimum score required to pass both the theory and practical examination is 75. If you fail an examination, PCS will provide a strengths and weakness report (located at bottom of score notice) and information on how to re-apply online.

State Score Requirements

Once you passed the theory examination, you will receive a *Notice of Completion and a Licensure Fee Notice*. Mail this form with the required fees to the Board Office so that your license can be issued. It is not necessary to notify the Board Office once you pass an examination; they are provided score information on a daily basis.

Change of Information

Directions

Complete the following form – all applicable areas of this form should be completed in order for PCS to properly locate and updated your account.

If you need to update your name, you must provide a copy of your marriage certificate, divorce decree or other court documentation that confirms your name change.

Email: nmcos@pcshq.com

Print your name as it appears on your Application by	elow.		
Name:			
Street:			
City:			
Print your updated name or address below.			
Name:			
Street:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Print Social Security Number:		-	
Sign and Date your Request:			
Signature:		Date:	

Formal Complaints

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the application and examination process, you must submit a formal written complaint. Complaints should be filed with PCS within 48 hours of incident. Please include the following information along with a detailed description of the incident:

- First and Last Name
- Candidate ID# or email address
- State in which you are applying for a license
- Date and location of incident

(1) E-Mail Complaint to:

nmcos@pcshq.com

(2) Mail Complaint to:

Professional Credential Services, Inc. Attn: New Mexico Coordinator P.O. Box 198768 Nashville, Tennessee 37219-8768

Complaint Review Process

Upon receipt of your complaint, PCS will thoroughly review all necessary information. A written reply will be sent to you within 5-7 business days.

National Instructor Written Examination

Instructional Planning – 45%

Understand the Curriculum Delivery Process

- Understand course outline
- ♦ Understand syllabus
- Understand components of a lesson plan (e.g., subject matter, time allotment for subjects, student activities, etc.)
- ♦ Develop lesson plans
- Define instructional outcomes (e.g., course goals, instructional objectives)
- Measure performance using goals and objectives (e.g., theoretical, lab/clinic)
- Evaluate levels of performance (e.g., comprehension, application)
- ♦ Orientate new students

Understand Student Learning Styles

- Understand types of learners (e.g., kinesthetic, visual, audio)
- Apply types of learning styles (e.g., theoretical, lab/clinical application)

Understand the Advantage and Purpose of Materials (e.g., technology, tools, and equipment)

- Select instructional materials (e.g., based on creating interest, increasing retention, lesson objectives, learning styles)
- Understand types of materials available
 - Printed (e.g., textbooks, handouts)
 - Audiovisual (e.g., flip charts, CDs, DVDs, transparencies)
 - Tools of the trade
 - Web-based technology (e.g., podcasts, Internet)
- ♦ Establish guidelines for effective use of materials in lessons

Understand Assessment Methods of Student Learning

- ♦ Written
- ♦ Practical
- ♦ Oral

Instructional Methods - 35%

Utilize Methods of Instruction

- ♦ Lecture (e.g., formal, interactive, group process)
- ♦ Demonstration (e.g., role play, hands-on assignment)
- Discussion (e.g., question & answer, reflective, summarization, case/scenario study)

National Instructor Written Examination

- Assignments (e.g., projects, homework, reports, resumes)
- ♦ Distance learning (e.g., Internet, web-based)

Recognize Obstacles to Learning

- ♦ Identify obstacles (e.g., ability level, behavior)
- Adapt instructional practices to accommodate obstacles to learning

Apply Communication Skills (e.g., lesson delivery)

- Verbal skills
 - Language skills (e.g., pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary)
 - Voice control (e.g., modulation, projection, tone)
- ♦ Non-verbal skills (e.g., body mechanics, facial expression)
- ♦ Listening skills (e.g., active listening)

Utilize Time Management Techniques

Assess Student Learning

- ♦ Implement steps in assessment
- Evaluate assessment results
- Understand reliability and validity of assessment results (e.g., assessment consistent with instruction)

Classroom and Clinic Management - 20%

Manage Learning Environment

- ♦ Physical environment
 - Organize classroom/clinic to promote learning (e.g., seating arrangement, instructional space)
 - Understand effect of physical environment (e.g., temperature, lighting, sound)
- Understand Instructor responsibilities as related to
 - Professional conduct (e.g., image, ethics, leadership)
 - Academic advising and counseling (e.g., attendance, progress reports)
 - Administrative responsibilities (e.g., recordkeeping, inventory)

Maintain a Safe Learning Environment

- Promote safety procedures
- ♦ Observe universal precautions
- Maintain classroom control (e.g., enforce rules and routines)

Sample Questions

The sample questions are similar to those on the NIC Instructor Written Examination. Each question is followed by four options for an answer. Only one option is correct. Correct answers are listed following the sample questions.

- 1. A demonstration should be immediately followed by
 - a. student practice.
 - b. a change of subject.
 - c. a student rest period.
 - d. a complete lecture period.
- 2. The most important part of the instructor's responsibility is to create and develop student
 - a. organizations.
 - b. course of study.
 - c. extracurricular programs.
 - d. willingness and desire to learn.
- If instruction methods are to be properly employed, they must be
 - a. flexible.
 - b. impersonal.
 - c. strictly enforced.
 - d. followed without deviation.
- 4. To be most effective, videos should be selected on the basis of
 - a. availability.
 - b. running time.
 - c. subject matter.
 - d. abilities of the students.

- 5. A properly organized workbook should be coordinated with the
 - a. curriculum.
 - b. lesson plan.
 - c. text material.
 - d. course of study.
- 6. The discussion method is useful because it develops
 - a. spirited review lessons.
 - b. student interpersonal relations.
 - c. ideas and expressions from students.
 - d. manipulative techniques and skills of students.
- An instruction sheet is important because it gives pertinent facts about
 - a. clinic patrons.
 - b. tools and materials.
 - c. rules and regulations.
 - d. student attendance rules.
- 8. In planning a lesson, careful consideration must be given to the
 - a. objectives of the lesson.
 - b. student to instructor relations.
 - c. extracurricular activities.
 - d. various student organizations.

Answer Key

- 1. a 4. c 7. b
- 2. d 5. a 8. a
- 3. a 6. c

National Instructor Written Examination

The National Instructor examination is the national licensure examination for Instructor, which is developed and administered by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). The time allowed for this examination is 90 minutes.

Instructor References

PRIMARY REFERENCES

(formerly referred to as Cosmetology References)

McKeachie's Teaching Tips: Strategies, Research, and Theory for College and University Teachers

2014, 14th Edition

Authors: Wilbert J. McKeachie & Marilla D. Svinicki

Wadsworth 20 Davis Drive Belmont, CA 94002-3098 (800) 354-9706

http://www.cengage.com/us/#

Mindful Teaching Pro eBook 101.1 – 701.6
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Pivot Point International
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 700
Evanston, IL 60201
(800) 886-4247
http://www.pivot-point.com/

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

(formerly referred to as Optional References)

Milady's Master Educator Student Course Book 2014, 3rd Edition Author: Letha Barnes Milady 5 Maxwell Drive Clifton Park, NY 12065 (800) 347-7707 www.milady.com

McKeachie's Teaching Tips: Strategies, Research, and Theory for College and University Teachers
2011, 13th Edition
Authors: Wilbert J. McKeachie & Marilla D. Svinicki Wadsworth
20 Davis Drive
Belmont, CA 94002-3098
(800) 354-9706
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NIC Health and Safety Standards NIC, Inc., October 2002 www.nictesting.org

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

1. What is NIC?

NIC is the abbreviation for the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology, Inc. NIC is the founder of national testing for cosmetology, and cosmetology related fields.

2. Are the NIC examinations offered in other languages?

All NIC practical examinations are administered in English. The NIC theory examination is administered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

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

All questions and tasks are referenced to all textbooks listed in this Candidate Handbook. The information must be the same in all 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.

4. Will I be evaluated on technique?

NIC examinations do not evaluate technique. The Candidate Handbook lists the tasks that are evaluated.

5. What if I have an emergency during the practical examination?

You may ask to speak with the examination proctor if you are experiencing an emergency situation. Problems with the kit or supplies are not an emergency situation and you should do the best you can with what you have available.

6. What if I need to use the restroom during the practical examination?

You may ask the examiner to be excused to use the restroom; you will be asked to sign out and back into the examination. The examinations will continue and they will not be permitted extra time.

7. What should I do if I cut myself during the examination?

You are expected to follow the NIC Health and Safety Standards; failure to do so may result in your dismissal from the examination. Please refer to the page in this handbook that outlines the NIC Health and Safety Standards procedures.

8. What if I forgot to pack something that I need for the practical examination?

In the event that you forget an item or implement or something breaks, you should do the best you can do with what you have available. You should continue as you are able and perform as many tasks as you are able.

9. Do kits need to have a cover and does it have to be kept closed during the examination?

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.