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This Candidate Information Bulletin provides information about the examination and application process for becoming licensed as cosmetologists in the State of Virginia. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (Department) has contracted with PSI LLC (PSI) to conduct its examinations.

STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive a Nail Technician license in the Commonwealth of Virginia, you must pass both a NIC **Theory** and **Practical** examination within one year of the date of your first examination and you must meet **ONE** of the following requirements:

1. Completion of an approved nail technician training program in a Virginia licensed nail technician school or a Virginia public school nail technician program approved by the Virginia Department of Education. ***Required Documentation: Completed Training and Experience Verification Form, which you can download from PSI's website, complete as directed and upload to your PSI account.***
2. Successful completion of 150 hours of nail technician training which is substantially equivalent to the Virginia program that is obtained outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia, but within the United States and its territories. ***Required Documentation: Upload to your PSI account your diploma, official school transcript or written verification from the Licensing Board in the State where the 150 hours were received, any of which should indicate that you successfully completed 150 hours of instruction.***
3. Completion of a substantially equivalent nail technician course (consisting of **less** than 150 hours of training) **and** six months of nail technician work experience. Both training and experience must be obtained outside the Commonwealth of Virginia, but within the United States and its territories. ***Required Documentation: Upload to your PSI account your certificate, diploma or other documentation verifying successful completion of the Nail Technician course AND a completed Training and Experience Verification Form, which you can download from PSI's website and complete as directed.***
4. Completion of the Virginia apprenticeship program in nail care. ***Required Documentation: A completed Department of Labor and Industry Form available from your apprenticeship representative. The original form must be mailed directly to PSI. Copies will not be accepted.***
5. Nail Technician training obtained in any Virginia State Institution. *Required Info: Please be* prepared to enter your VA Nail Technician License # and Expiration Date on your Examination and License application. ***Required Documentation: Completed Training and Experience Verification Form, which you can download from PSI's website, complete as directed and upload to your PSI account.***
6. Applying to take the Nail Tech *Instructor* examination. ***Required Info: Please be prepared to enter your VA Nail Tech License # and Expiration Date on your Examination and License application.***
7. Previously licensed in Virginia by examination and past the reinstatement period (two years or more since your previous license expired). ***Required Documentation: PSI will obtain Verification from the Virginia Board for Barbers and Cosmetology.***

TEMPORARY PERMITS

If you are requesting the Board to issue a Temporary Permit on your behalf, you must properly complete your application with the required sponsorship information and signatures in place. Once your application has been reviewed and approved, the request for a permit will be processed and forwarded to the Board for final approval and permit issuance. You can expect the temporary permit to be issued approximately five days following approval to take the exam. Temporary Permits are issued only once and are valid for 45 days following the date of your initial examination.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Any Candidate who has a conviction must indicate this on their application and submit a Criminal Conviction Reporting Form and a State Police Report requested within the last 3 months by uploading to their home page. Convictions adjudicated as a minor in the juvenile court system do not need to be reported on the application.

Individuals with criminal convictions are required to submit a Virginia State Police Criminal History Report and a criminal conviction reporting form (which you can download from the forms section on PSI's website). The report must include all pages (including the cover sheet) and contain a red stamp. The report may be uploaded to your PSI account if it is in color, to depict the red stamp.

EXPIRED LICENSE

How to Reinstate an Expired License

1. If your license has been expired for less than two years, contact the Board at (804) 367-8509.
2. If your license has been expired for more than two years, apply directly with PSI and follow the prompts. You will be required to take both the current theory and practical examinations again.

ENDORSEMENT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

If you hold a license in a state other than Virginia, contact the Board at (804) 367-8509.

EXAMINATION ELIGIBILTY REQUIREMENTS

Become eligible to take the examination:

Complete the *Licensure by Examination Application* online at vacos.useclarus.com**.** NOTE: The on-line system allows for the uploading of documents such as the Training and Experience Verification Form, proof of identification, and any supporting documentation required to complete the application. Payment for the on-line application is required to be made in the form of a credit/debit card.

If you are unable to submit your application online, you may mail the completed application, including all required documents to:

PSI/Virginia Barber Cosmetology Program
PO Box 887
Wheat Ridge, CO 80034
www.psiexams.com
vacos@psionline.com
va.cos.brighttrac.com
(855) 229-9302

- Within 5 calendar days of the application received date, you will be notified, via email, that your application has been approved or that your application is deficient (specifying the outstanding requirements).
- Upon approval, PSI will email a confirmation notice. You will then be responsible for contacting PSI to pay and schedule for the examination.
- You must pass both a NIC Theory and Practical (if applicable) examination within one year of the initial examination date.
- If you fail the examination, you may retest an unlimited number of times during the one (1) year eligibility period.
- Applications are valid for one (1) year and you must submit a new application and fee if you have failed to pass both portions of the examination. You will need to retake the entire examination including any previously passed parts.

  NOTE: All fees are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable.**

FIRST TIME CANDIDATES

Application Requirements

As a part of the application, the following items must be uploaded to your account with PSI:

- A current 2” x 2” passport color photo taken within the last six months to reflect your current appearance. It must be sized so that your head is approximately 1 inch from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head. It must be taken in front of a plain, white background and be a full-face view, directly facing the camera with a neutral facial expression. Selfies are not accepted. If these requirements are not met, you will receive notification that you need to submit a new photo and your application will remain incomplete until the photo meets the requirements.
- Any required documents that coincide with your method of applying for Licensure (i.e. Virginia education requires Training and Experience and Verification form).
- Criminal history (if applicable).
- A copy of Social Security Card or VA DMV Photo ID (Driver’s License). Please upload the document that matches what you provided on the DPOR application.
- Examination Agreement Form: Please select a practical location and sign the Informed Consent and Waiver Agreement section. Once completed, please upload this Agreement to your account. This form can be found under Virginia’s Forms section online.

If you are not approved because of an incomplete application, discrepancies, missing documentation, including signatures, you will be contacted by PSI and your application will be pending until you make the necessary and requested corrections.

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 uploaded to your PSI account.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you are approved by the Department, you will receive an email confirmation from PSI. It is your responsibility to contact PSI to pay and schedule for the examination.

EXAMINATION FE ES

Practical Examination	**$86**
Theory Examination	**$86**
Practical Examination (Retake)	**$86**
Theory Examination (Retake)	**$86**

NOTE: EXAMINATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE. THE EXAMINATION FEE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF PAYMENT.

ON-LINE (WWW.PSIEXAMS.COM)

For the fastest and most convenient test scheduling process, it is recommended that candidates register for the exams using the Internet. Candidates register online by accessing PSI's registration website at www.psiexams.com. Internet registration is available 24 hours a day.

- Candidates will need to Log onto PSI's website and create an account. Email address and first and last name are required. The information provided must match exactly with the information PSI has on file. For candidates that may have registered before, **check the box next to** "*Check here to attempt to locate existing records for you in the system*".
- Candidates will be asked to select the examination and enter their PSI ID# which is included in the authorization to test email that is sent by PSI once the application is determined to be complete. The record will be found and the candidate will now be ready to pay for and schedule the exam. Candidates will enter their zip code and a list of the testing sites closest to the zip code entered will appear. The candidate will select the desired test site and available dates will appear. For issues with scheduling contact PSI at (833) 310-6427 for help.

TELEPHONE (833-310-6427)

For telephone registration, you will need a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). PSI registrars are available Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 10:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm, Eastern Time.

RESCHEDULING/CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your *cancellation notice is received 2 days before the scheduled examination date*. For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (833) 310-6427.

Note: A voicemail or email message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI to speak directly to a Customer Service Representative.

RETAKING A FAILED EXAMINATION

It is not possible to make a new examination appointment on the same day you have taken an examination; this is due to processing and reporting results. A candidate who tests unsuccessfully on a Wednesday can call the next day, Thursday, and retest as soon as Friday, depending upon space availability. You may access a registration form at www.psiexams.com. You may also call PSI at ((833) 310-6427.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled. Further you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:

- Do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- Do not appear for your examination appointment;
- Are not checked in by your scheduled start time;
- Do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATIONS

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and reasonable accommodations may be made in meeting a candidate's testing needs. Candidates with disabilities or those who require reasonable and appropriate testing accommodations are not guaranteed improved performance or test completion.

Applicants with disabilities or those who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination should request for alternative arrangements by Clicking Here.

Requirements for exam accommodation requests:

You are required to submit documentation from the medical authority or learning institution that rendered a diagnosis. Verification must be uploaded to PSI on the letterhead stationery of the authority or specialist and include the following:

- Description of the disability and limitations related to testing
- Recommended accommodation/modification
- Name, title and telephone number of the medical authority or specialist
- Original signature of the medical authority or specialist

If you are requesting the following, please select Other.

- ❒ ESL Accommodation (If English is not your primary language and you are taking the English version of the examination), you may qualify for additional time for your test by requesting an ESL authorization from PSI, specifically time and a half. Please include:
  - A personal letter requesting the authorization; and
  - A letter from your English instructor or sponsoring company (on company letterhead), certifying that English is not your primary language.

EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (833) 310-6427. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You may also check our website at www.psiexams.com.

THEORY EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

Following are the examination centers where you may take the Virginia licensing examinations. Virginia candidates can only test at the examination centers listed below. They are not allowed to test out-of-state.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
205 S. Whiting St
The Landmark Building, Suite 608
Alexandria, VA 22304
The Brainseed Testing Center is located at 205 S. Whiting Street, Suite 608 (6th floor), Alexandria, VA 22304. The Center is located within The Landmark Building and is easily accessible from I-395. From the North or South, take Exit #3A (Duke/Landmark. Take a right on S. Walker, right on Stevenson Avenue and a left on to S. Whiting Street. Free parking is available above ground and in the underground parking garage.

From the East, take the Capital Beltway (I-95 South) to I-395 North. Take a right on S. Walker, right on Steven Avenue and a left on to S. Whiting Street. Free parking is available above ground and in the underground parking garage. Call 703-825-3036 if location assistance is needed.

ASHBURN AREA
44075 Pipeline Plaza No. 115
Ashburn, VA 20147
Directions from Dulles Airport:Take Route 28 North. Take the VA-625 W ramp to Pacific Blvd. South/Ashburn Continue straight on Farmwell Rd for 3/4 miles. Turn Left onto Pipeline Plaza, Located just before PNC Bank, Before Intersection of Ashburn Village Blvd & Farmwell Rd.

Directions from Rt 28. From Rt 28 go towards CARMAX / WEGMANS Take the VA-625 W ramp to Waxpool Road, Pacific Blvd South/Ashburn Continue on Farmwell Rd Arrive at Ashburn Village Blvd & Farmwell Rd Turn Left onto Pipeline Plaza. Next to PNC Bank.

CHARLOTTESVILLE
2114 Angus Road, Suite #105-B
Charlottesville, VA 22901
If going West on US-250, turn right onto US-29N/N Emmet St. Continue on Emmet Street and turn left on Angus Rd.
If going East on US-250, turn left onto US-29N/N Emmet St. Continue on Emmet Street and turn left on Angus Rd.

FREDERICKSBURG AREA
2217 Princess Anne Street, Suite 105-11
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
From Richmond: 95S exit 130A, SR-3E 1.5 miles, turn right on US-1N. Go 1.7 miles, turn right on Princess Anne St., go 0.3 miles. Turn left into General Washington Executive Center across from Carl's Ice Cream. From Washington DC: 95S exit 133A toward Falmouth. Go approximately 2 miles, turn right on Route 1S. Go over bridge and turn left on Princess Anne St., go 0.3 miles. Turn left into General Washington Executive Center, across from Carl's Ice Cream.

HARRISONBURG AREA
2322 Blue Stone Hills Drive, Suite 280
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Chestnut Ridge Road and then take the first right on to Blue Stone Hills Drive. The Center is the second building on the right.

HERNDON AREA
205 Van Buren St., Ste 140
Herndon, VA 20170
Start on Saarinen Cir toward Dulles Access Rd. Merge onto VA-267 E/Dulles Access Toll Rd toward Herndon/Chantilly/Fairfax Co Pkwy. Take exit, EXIT 10, toward Herndon/Chantilly. Turn left onto VA-228/Centreville Rd. Continue to follow VA-228. Turn right onto Herndon Pkwy. Turn right onto Van Buren St.

NORFOLK AREA
861 Glenrock Rd., Ste 105
Norfolk, VA 23502
Take Ramp onto US-13 (North Military Hwy)-0.6 miles and then Turn RIGHT (East) onto Poplar Hall Dr-0.5 miles, then turn left (North) onto Glenrock Rd-(drive approx.1/2 block)-0.1 miles. Arrive-Circle East Building on left at Mall (Parking) Entrance. When you come into the lobby, take the first hallway to the right, first door on the right.

RICHMOND
Moorefield VI Building
620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 205
Richmond, VA 23236
From I-64E, take the Parham Rd exit and turn right. N Parham Rd/VA-73 S becomes VA-150 S/Chippenham Pkwy. Merge onto VA-76 S/Powhite Pkwy. Merge onto Midlothian Turnpike West. Turn left on Moorefield Park Dr.

ROANOKE AREA
5115 Bernard Dr, Suite 104
Roanoke, VA 24018
From VA-419 – Head southeast on VA-419 towards Springwood Park Dr. Turn right onto Bernard Dr. The office will be on the left. If you reach Penn Forest Blvd, you've gone too far. When you come into the main entrance, take the stairs or elevator down to the first floor.
From US-220 S – Take ramp right for US-220BR/VA-419 North toward Salem. Turn right onto VA-419N/Electric Road. Bear left onto Bernard Dr. The office will be on the left. If you reach Penn Forest Blvd, you've gone too far. When you come into the main entrance, take the stairs or elevator down to the first floor.

VIENNA AREA
1919 Gallows Rd, Suite 360
Vienna, VA 22182
From I-495 S – Take exit 47 A-B to merge onto VA-7 W/Leesburg Pike towards Tyson's Corner. Use the left lane to turn left onto Gallows Rd. Turn left at the first cross street onto Boone Blvd. The complex will be your right. The building where the test center is located is on the left side of the circle drive. Take the elevator to the third floor. The test center is in suite 360.

Surface and garage parking is available on site. The first hour is free. It is $4 for 1-2 hours and $6 for anything above that. Parking will be validated. Please give yourself extra time to park when arriving to take your exam.

VIRGINIA BEACH
484 Viking Dr, Suite 105
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
From I-264E – take exit 19A for Lynnhaven Pkwy S. Merge onto Lynnhaven Pkwy S. In about ½ mile turn right onto Viking Dr. The office is in the second building on the right.

From VA-615/Princess Anne Rd going north – turn left onto Seaboard Plaza. In about 2.5 miles turn left onto VA-149/Princess Anne Rd. In 1 mile, turn right onto VA-410/Holland Rd. In about 4 miles, turn right onto VA-414N/Lynnhaven Pkwy. In roughly 2.5 miles, turn left onto Viking Dr. The office is in the second building on the right.

Suite 105 is located on the first floor. For easiest access, park on the left side of the lot. If you enter on the south side entrance (this would be the entrance on the left side of the building when looking straight at the building), the PSI test center will be the first door on your left once you walk in.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

CHESAPEAKE
Hampton Inn & Suites
1421 North Battlefield Blvd
Chesapeake, VA 23320
Follow I-95 S and I-64 E to Chesapeake. Take exit 290A-290B from I-64 E. Merge onto N Battlefield Blvd. Make a U-turn at Volvo Pkwy. Turn right onto Coastal Way, then turn left.

SPRINGFIELD
Embassy Suites
8100 Loisdale Rd
Springfield, VA
Follow I-64 W and I-95 N to Loisdale Rd in Newington. Take exit 166A from I-95 N. Continue onto Loisdale Road. Turn left at Newington Rd.

RICHMOND
Homewood Suites
5996 Audubon Dr
Sandston, VA 23150
Follow I-64 W to VA-156 N/S Airport Dr in Varina. Take exit 197B from I-64 W. Turn right onto VA-156 N/S Airport Dr. Make a U-turn at Eastpark Ct. Turn left onto Audubon Dr.

LYNCHBURG
Hampton Inn & Suites
3600 Liberty Mountain Dr
Lynchburg, VA 24502
Follow US-29 S toward Danville. Turn left onto Liberty Mountain Dr.

ROANOKE
Hampton Inn & Suites
5033 Valley View Blvd
Roanoke, VA 24001
Follow I-581 S/US-220 S. Take exit 3E for VA-101 E/Hershberger Rd toward Airport. Merge onto VA-101 E/Hershberger Rd NW. Turn right onto Valley View Blvd NW, then left, then turn right.

REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you should arrive at least 30 minutes before your appointment. This extra time is for sign-in, identification, and familiarizing you with the examination process. *If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.*

For security and identification purposes, all candidates will have their fingerprint taken during the examination check-in.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

You must provide 2 forms of VALID (not expired) identification. One must be a VALID form of government-issued identification (Driver's License, State ID, Passport, Military ID) which bears your signature and has your photograph. The second ID must have your signature and preprinted legal name. **All identification provided must match the legal name that you registered under to take the examination. If the name in the PSI system does not match the name on your government-issued ID and 2nd form of ID, you will not be permitted to take the examination and the examination fee will be forfeited.**

SECURITY PROCEDURES

The following security procedures apply during examinations:

- For the Theory exam: you will be given a LCD writing tablet at check-in that must be returned at check-out.
- Word-for-word translation dictionaries are not allowed.
- Calculators are not allowed.
- All personal belongings of candidates should be placed in the secure storage provided at each site prior to entering the examination room. Personal belongings **include**, **but are not limited to**, the following items:
    - **Electronic devices of any type, including cellular / mobile phones, recording devices, electronic watches, cameras, pagers, laptop computers, tablet computers (e.g., iPads), music players (e.g., iPods), smart watches, radios, or electronic games.**
    - **Bulky or loose clothing or coats** that could be used to conceal recording devices or notes. For security purposes outerwear such as, but not limited to: open sweaters, cardigans, shawls, scarves, hoodies, vests, jackets and coats are not permitted in the testing room. **In the event you are asked to remove the outerwear, appropriate attire, such as a shirt or blouse should be worn underneath.**
    - **Hats or headgear not worn for religious reasons** or as religious apparel, including hats, baseball caps, or visors.
    - **Other personal items**, including purses, notebooks, reference or reading material, briefcases, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, other writing devices, food, drinks, and good luck items.
- Although secure storage for personal items is provided at the examination site for your convenience, PSI is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of any personal belongings or prohibited items brought to, stored at, or left behind at the examination site. PSI assumes no duty of care with respect to such items and makes no representation that the secure storage provided will be effective in protecting such items. If you leave any items at the examination site after your examination and do not claim them within 30 days, they will be disposed of or donated, at PSI's sole discretion.
- Person(s) accompanying an examination candidate may not wait in the examination center, inside the building or on the building's property. This applies to guests of any nature, including drivers, children, friends, family, colleagues or instructors.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the examination center.
- During the check in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any prohibited items. Candidates may also be asked to empty their pockets and turn them out for the proctor to ensure they are empty. The proctor may also ask candidates to lift up the ends of their sleeves and the bottoms of their pant legs to ensure that notes or recording devices are not being hidden there.
- Proctors will also carefully inspect eyeglass frames, tie tacks, or any other apparel that could be used to harbor a recording device. Proctors will ask to inspect any such items in candidates' pockets.
- If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall put them in the provided secure storage or return these items to their vehicle. PSI will not be responsible for the security of any personal belongings or prohibited items.
- Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the examination room shall immediately have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the examination sponsor of the occurrence.
- Any candidate seen giving or receiving assistance on an examination, found with unauthorized materials, or who violates any security regulations will be asked to surrender all examination materials and to leave the examination center. All such instances will be reported to the examination sponsor.
- Once candidates have been seated and the examination begins, they may leave the examination room only to use the restroom, and only after obtaining permission from the proctor. Candidate will not receive extra time to complete the examination.

TAKING THE THEORY EXAMINATION (COMPUTER BASED)

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

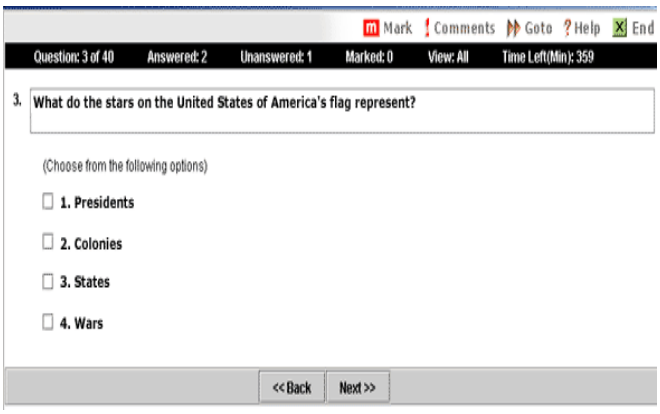
TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

TEST QUESTION SCREEN

The "function bar" at the top of the test question provides mouse-click access to the features available while taking the examination.

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.



IMPORTANT: After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out.

EXAMINATION REVIEW

While taking the theory examination, examinees will have the opportunity to provide comments on any questions. Comments may be entered by clicking the Comments link of the function bar of the test question screen.

These comments will be analyzed by PSI examination development staff. PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments, all substantive comments are reviewed. **This is the only review of examination materials available to candidates.**

SCORE REPORTING

Examination results for both theory and practical are provided to you immediately following completion of the examination. The minimum score required to pass both the theory and practical examination is 75. When you complete the examination, you will receive a score report indicating "FAIL" or "PASS".

DUPLICATE SCORE REPORTS

You may request a duplicate score report after completing the examination by emailing scorereport@psionline.com or by calling (833) 310-6427.

PREPARATION TIPS FOR THE THEORY EXAMINATION

The following suggestions will help you prepare for the examination.

- Planned preparation increases your likelihood of passing.
- Start with a current copy of this Candidate Information Bulletin and use the examination content outline as your starting point.
- Take notes on what you study. Putting information in writing helps you commit it to memory and it is also an excellent business practice. Underline or highlight key ideas that will help with a later review.
- Discuss new terms or concepts as frequently as you can with colleagues. This will test your understanding and reinforce ideas.
- Your studies will be most effective if you study frequently, for periods of about 45 to 60 minutes. Concentration tends to wander when you study for longer periods of time.

EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION DRESS CODE

You should dress professionally, as you would when you are working in a shop. You are not allowed to have your name, your school name, or a shop name on your professional attire or kit.

THEORY EXAMINATION

The Virginia NIC Theory Examination includes Virginia State Laws and Regulations.

- 10 Virginia State questions are included within the Virginia NIC Theory Examination.

The reference for these questions are found in the Virginia Board for Barbers & Cosmetology Regulations: http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/BarberCosmo/. Click on the "Laws and Regulations" tab. Following is the correct regulation for each profession.

- Cosmetology, Barber, Nail Tech, Wax Tech - 18 VAC 41-20
- Esthetician, Master Esthetician - 18 VAC 41-70
- Tattooer, Permanent Cosmetic Tattooer (PCT), Master PCT - 18 VAC 41-50
- Body Piercing - 18 VAC 41-60

Please note that the Virginia State Law questions are only provided in English.

NIC EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINES

Please see the following NIC Content Outline pages with details on what you will be tested on for both your theory and practical examinations, a checklist of items that will be needed for your practical examination, and references used for both examinations.

NATIONAL NAIL TECHNOLOGY
THEORY EXAMINATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

Please visit your examination provider's website for the most current bulletin prior to testing.

The National Nail Technology Theory Examination is the licensure examination for Nail Technicians, which is developed by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). This bulletin contains IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding the examination, including content outline covered by the theory examination, sample questions and answers, and references. The time allowed for the Nail Technology Theory Examination is 90 minutes.

PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- 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 examination.
- With the exception of verbal instructions, the proctors and examination administration personnel are not allowed to communicate with candidates.
- If you have an emergency situation please notify the proctor.
- 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.
  - Communicating to other candidates or any examiner.
  - Exhibiting disruptive behavior.
    - *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 your immediate dismissal from the examination and your actions reported to the proper authorities.*

NAIL TECHNOLOGY THEORY EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE

1. SCIENTIFIC CONCEPTS (40%)

A. Infection Control and Safety Practices
1. Identify how disease and infection are caused and transmitted
2. Recognize purpose and/or effects of infection control principles (e.g., cleansing, sanitation, disinfection, sterilization)
   a. Levels of infection control
   b. Process of infection control (e.g., dispensing of products, disposal of soiled materials, storage of supplies)
      1. Recognize when cross-contamination occurs
      2. Differentiate between the purpose of single- and multi-use tools
3. Apply blood exposure/contact procedures
4. Identify purpose of Material Safety and Data Sheets (MSDS)
5. Identify ways to prevent work injuries (e.g., ventilation, ergonomics, environment)

B. Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology
1. Identify function and structure of the skin
2. Differentiate between disorders and diseases of the skin
3. Identify bones of the arms and hands
4. Identify bones of the legs and feet
5. Identify muscles of the arms and hands and their functions
6. Identify muscles of the legs and feet and their functions

C. Nail Anatomy and Physiology
   1. Identify the parts of the nail (e.g., root, mantle, matrix)
   2. Identify function of structures of the nail
   3. Differentiate between signs and symptoms of nail conditions, disorders, and diseases

D. Basic Chemistry of Nail Products
   1. Explain purpose and effects of products and ingredients
   2. Recognize interaction between chemicals
   3. Recognize physical interactions with chemicals
   4. Recognize chemical reactions (e.g., overexposure, chemical burn)

2. NAIL TECHNOLOGY PROCEDURES (60%)

A. Client Consultation and Documentation
   1. Identify elements of a client consultation
   2. Evaluate condition of client's nail and skin (i.e., nail assessment)
   3. Recognize conditions that would prohibit service (i.e., contraindications)
   4. Determine services or products
   5. Maintain client records (e.g., service history, client card, health history)

B. Nail Service Tools
   1. Identify function and effects of tools
      a. Nail equipment (e.g., table, lamp, electric file, pedicure basin)
      b. Nail implements (e.g., nail clippers, cuticle pusher)
      c. Nail supplies, products, and materials (e.g., cotton, lotion, towels)
   2. Follow practices for safe use of tools (i.e., equipment, implements, supplies)

C. Nail Service Preparation
   1. Perform set-up of work station/service area following infection control procedures
   2. Perform sanitation of client's and technician's hands and/or feet

D. Manicure and Pedicure Services
   1. Perform procedures safely for basic manicure and/or pedicure service
      a. Shape nails
      b. Cuticle detailing (e.g., cuticle pushing, removal, conditioning)
      c. Cleanse nails
      d. Buff nails
      e. Exfoliate (e.g., foot file, scrub, AHA)
      f. Perform basic massage
         1. Identify mechanics of massage movements
            a. Effleurage
            b. Petrissage
            c. Friction
            d. Tapotement
         2 Recognize effects of massage types
            a. Effleurage
            b. Petrissage
            c. Friction
            d. Tapotement

   2. Recognize purpose and procedures for add-on services
      a. Paraffin
      b. Hot oil/lotion
      c. Masks (e.g., detox, moisture)
      d. Soak-off gels

E. Perform Application, Maintenance, and Removal Procedures for Nail Enhancement Services
   1. Nail tip
   2. Acrylics
   3. Light-cured gels

F. Perform Post-service Procedures Following Infection Control Guidelines

NAIL TECHNOLOGY SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The following sample questions are similar to those on the NIC Nail Technology Theory Examination. Each question is followed by four answer options. Only one option is correct. Correct answers (keys) are listed following the sample questions.

1. Pumice stone is used in pedicuring as
   a. an abrasive.
   b. a bleach.
   c. a lubricant.
   d. an astringent.

2. What is the **FIRST** step in performing a manicure?
   a. Shape the nails
   b. Soften the cuticles
   c. Clean under free edge
   d. Remove old polish

3. Where should all manicuring cosmetic supplies be kept when not being used?
   a. On a clean shelf
   b. On the manicuring table
   c. In a clean manicuring kit
   d. In clean, closed containers

4. Which one of the following is a condition in which the cuticle splits around the nail?
   a. Hangnails
   b. Pterygium
   c. Onychophagy
   d. Onychorrhexis

5. Nerves and blood vessels are found in the nail
   a. bed.
   b. wall.
   c. plate.
   d. grooves.

6. An antiseptic is used in manicuring to
   a. bleach the nails.
   b. treat minor cuts.
   c. smooth corrugated nails.
   d. give the nails a high sheen.

7. After each use, manicuring implements should be
   a. wiped with a towel.
   b. wiped with a tissue.
   c. cleansed and disinfected.
   d. placed in dry storage.

8. For which one of the following are oil manicures recommended?
   a. Leuconychia
   b. Split nails
   c. Brittle nails
   d. Prevention of infection

9. What is the actively growing part of the nail?
   a. Lunula
   b. Matrix
   c. Mantle
   d. Free edge

10. What should be applied to a split in the nail before wrapping it?
   a. Top coat
   b. Base coat
   c. Adhesive glue
   d. Nail hardener

Answers

1. a	4. a	7. c	10. c
2. d	5. a	8. c	
3. d	6. b	9. b	

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NATIONAL *NAIL TECHNOLOGY*
PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN (CIB)

EXAMINATION CONTENT AND IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

This bulletin contains IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding the NIC National Nail Technology Practical Examination content and administration for Nail Technology core services.

For each NIC National Practical Examination, there are multiple parts to every Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) stored as separate documents:

- ***Important Instructions and Examination Core Domain Content***– This document provides information and guidelines related to administration of the Practical examination and information about the scope of content covered in the core sections of the Practical examination.
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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- 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.
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- 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.
- 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 <u>before</u> 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.

    <u>Failure to do so may result in your dismissal from the examination.</u>
    - *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 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 candidate's actions reported to the proper authorities.*
- **<u>All supplies must be labeled in English</u>**. When an original manufacturer's label is required, there can be NO handwritten or any other type of labeling. Original manufacturers' labels <u>must have English</u> 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.

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- 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.

MANNEQUINS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES IN VA

Please refer to your state specific guidelines for mannequin hand requirements.

If your state requires that you use a mannequin head(s) or hand(s):

- If candidates are required to use a mannequin hand(s), it is the candidate's responsibility to come prepared for the examination.
- Mannequin hands must be an entire hand and cannot have removable digits.
- Mannequin heads and hands must be approved by the examination state/vendor prior to admittance into examination.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

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

- 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 Nail Technology Practical Examination Content Domains Sections).
- The following sections are **new** to the Nail Technology Practical Examination:
  - Blood Exposure Procedure (Content Domain Section 6)
- **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.
- ***Monomer must be low-odor/less-odor and factory sealed in its original container with manufacturer's label***.
- ***Polymer and primer must be in its original container with manufacturer's label***.
  (Please check State specific examination provider's guidelines)

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NAIL TECHNOLOGY PRACTICAL EXAMINATION CONTENT DOMAIN SECTIONS

The scope of the National Nail Technology Practical Examination includes 6 (six) core domain sections. The Core Domain Sections are based on the national job analysis.

1. Work Area and Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies (First client) (15 minutes)
2. Manicure and Polish Application (20 minutes)
3. Work Area and *New* Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies (Second client) (10 minutes)
4. Nail Tip Application and Blending (20 minutes)
5. Sculptured Nail (20 minutes)
6. Blood Exposure Procedure (10 minutes)

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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 manicure and polish application."
"You will prepare your client for the 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."
"Turn the hand toward the examiner 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 turned the hand 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 turned the hand:
"Please stop working."

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2. MANICURE AND POLISH APPLICATION (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will perform a manicure and polish application."
"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."
"Turn the hand toward the examiner 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 Manicure supplies are labeled in English
2.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
2.3 Sanitizes hand to be manicured with product labeled in English
2.4 Shapes free edge to establish uniform length and shape
2.5 Immerses all fingernails in bowl of water
2.6 Applies cuticle remover
2.7 Pushes back cuticle
2.8 Cleans under free edge
2.9 Brushes or wipes nails to remove product or remaining debris
2.10 Buffs nails
2.11 Applies cuticle oil
2.12 Applies massage product
2.13 Performs massage on the fingers, top and palm of the hand demonstrating at *LEAST* 2 different types of massage movements
2.14 Cleanse each nail plate with appropriate solution
2.15 Applies base coat to cover entire nail plate
2.16 Applies red polish to cover entire nail plate
2.17 Applies top coat to cover entire nail plate

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have turned the hand 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 turned the hand:
"Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

2.18 Final appearance of polish is smooth and even
2.19 Nail plate is entirely covered with red polish
2.20 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of polish and free of injury

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NIC Nail Technology Practical Examination – Manicure and Polish Application (continued)

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually after the final appearance of nail has been examined:
"Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates once examiners have completed assessment for this section:
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed with the examination."
"You will remove the polish from all nails and properly dispose of supplies used in the previous section of the examination."
"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."
"Turn the hand toward the examiner to indicate you have finished."

(1) *"The instructions will be repeated."*
(2) *"You may begin."*

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

2.21 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 turned the hand 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 turned the hand:
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3. WORK AREA AND *NEW* CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (10 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"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 for the following sections of the examination:
nail tip application and blending
sculptured nail."
"You will prepare your client for the services."
"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."
"Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin."
"Turn the hand toward the examiner 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 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant
3.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English
3.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English
3.4 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 turned the hand 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 turned the hand:
"Please stop working."

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4. NAIL TIP APPLICATION AND BLENDING (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
(Note: Proctor will assign the finger for application of the nail tip)
"You will perform nail tip application and blending."
"You will apply the nail tip to the _____finger."
"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."
"Turn the hand toward the examiner 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 Nail tip application and blending supplies are labeled in English
4.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
4.3 Sanitizes model's hand with product labeled in English
4.4 Removes residual nail polish from nail plate with appropriate solution
4.5 Removes shine from nail plate
4.6 Removes dust from nail plate
4.7 Applies nail dehydrator product to nail plate
4.8 Selects full-well tip and attaches to nail plate of assigned finger
4.9 Trims and shapes nail tip
4.10 Blends and finishes nail tip

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have turned the hand 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 turned the hand: *"Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."*

4.11 Result of tip selection and application
4.12 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of adhesive
4.13 Appearance of finished nail tip

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after the nail tip application and blending has been examined:
"Please do nothing until further instructions are given."

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

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NIC Nail Technology Practical Examination – Nail Tip Application and Blending (continued)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates once examiners have completed assessment for this section:
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."

5. SCULPTURED NAIL (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
(Note: Proctor will assign the finger to be sculpted)
"You will sculpt a nail on the _____ finger."
"You must use a manufacturer sealed, low-odor/less-odor monomer (Check your state specific testing guidelines for product requirements.
"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."
"Turn the hand toward the examiner 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 Sets up sculptured nail supplies. Polymer, monomer, and primer *MUST* be in original container and have manufacturer's label in English.
5.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
5.3 Removes shine from nail plate
5.4 Cleanses and dehydrates nail plate
5.5 Applies nail form to fit snugly under free edge
5.6 Applies nail primer to nail plate
5.7 Sculpt a nail to extend the free edge of assigned finger
5.8 Shapes, contours and finishes sculptured nail

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have turned the hand 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 turned the hand:
"Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

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NIC Nail Technology Practical Examination – Sculptured Nail (continued)

5.9 Appearance of finished sculptured nail is smooth, balanced, and even
5.10 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of sculptured product and remain undamaged

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually once the final appearance of nail has been examined:
"Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

5.11 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."

6. 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, your client has sustained a minor cut to the thumb. The injury is such that you can continue with the service. You have not come in contact with the blood and your work area 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."
"Turn the hand toward the examiner 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 Blood exposure supplies and materials are labeled in English
6.2 Removes materials from first aid kit
6.3 Supplies and materials are visibly clean
6.4 Candidate wears gloves
6.5 Cleans injured area with antiseptic
6.6 Covers with dressing that is absorbent and secured
6.7 Disposes of all contaminated supplies

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NIC Nail Technology Practical Examination – Blood Exposure (continued)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have turned the hand to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have turned the hand:
"Please stop working. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given."

CANDIDATE SUMMARY AND FINAL CLEANUP

Proctor - Verbal Instructions: Read 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 Nail Technology Practical Examination."
"Thank you for your participation."

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SUGGESTED EXAMINATION SUPPLIES

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

MANICURE AND POLISH APPLICATION SUPPLIES

- mannequin hand(s) with artificial nails attached (Must be entire hand; cannot have removable digits.)
- bowl (finger bowl)
- water
- nail file(s) and/or buffer(s)
- cotton
- cuticle cream/remover
- cuticle pusher
- nail brush
- massage product
- base coat
- top coat
- red polish
- polish remover

NAIL TIP APPLICATION AND BLENDING SUPPLIES

- mannequin hand(s) with artificial nails attached (Must be entire hand; cannot have removable digits.
- nail file(s) and/or buffer(s)
- full-well nail tips
- nail clipper
- adhesive

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SCULPTURED NAIL SUPPLIES

- mannequin hand(s) with artificial nails attached (Must be entire hand; cannot have removable digits.)
- nail prep solution
- sculptured nail products – monomer, polymer, and primer
  Monomer must be low-odor/less-odor and factory sealed in its original container with manufacturer's label.
  Polymer and primer must be in its original container with manufacturer's label.
  (Please check State specific examination provider's guidelines)
- sculptured nail brush
- dappen dishes
- nail form(s)
- file(s) and/or buffer(s)
- oil

BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE SUPPLIES

- bag for disposal of blood-contaminated materials

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