

## **21 NCAC 10 .0203 NORTH CAROLINA EXAMINATION**

(a) Eligibility. Only those applicants who meet the requirements of this Rule and G.S. 90-143 or, in the case of reciprocity applicants, G.S. 90-143.1, and who have submitted a written application and paid the non-refundable application fee pursuant to Rule 21 NCAC 10 .0202 shall be allowed to take the North Carolina examination.

(b) Dates of Examination. The North Carolina examination shall be given at least once each year, and additional examination dates may be scheduled based on the number of applications received. The Board shall announce an examination date not less than 90 days in advance, and the date, time, and location of upcoming examinations shall be published on the Board's website, [www.ncchiroboard.com](http://www.ncchiroboard.com). The Board shall also individually notify an eligible applicant of the date, time, and location of the next examination as soon as possible after the applicant's non-refundable application fee has been paid and the written application completed.

(c) National Boards. Except as provided in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, in order to take the North Carolina examination, an applicant who has never been licensed in this State or who is not a reciprocity applicant shall first achieve a score of 375 or higher on each of the following examinations given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners: Part I, Part II, Part III (WCCE), the elective examination (termed "Physiotherapy" by the National Board), and Part IV.

(d) Report of Scores. The applicant shall arrange for his or her test results from any National Board examination to be reported to the North Carolina Board. Failure to comply with this provision shall be a basis for delaying the issuance of a license.

(e) Waiver of National Boards. Notwithstanding the requirements of Paragraph (c) of this Rule, an applicant who submits National Board examinations in conformity with the following schedule shall not be disqualified from licensure in North Carolina;

- (1) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college before July 1, 1966 shall not be required to submit a score from any National Board examination.
- (2) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1986 shall be required to submit scores of 375 or higher on National Board Part I, Part II, and the elective examination termed "Physiotherapy" but shall not be required to submit a score on Part III (WCCE) or Part IV.
- (3) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1997 shall be required to submit scores of 375 or higher on National Board Part I, Part II, the elective examination termed "Physiotherapy," and Part III (WCCE) but shall not be required to submit a score on Part IV.

In order to receive a license, an applicant who qualifies for a waiver of any National Board score shall take and pass the SPEC examination and the North Carolina Examination and satisfy all other requirements for licensure.

(f) SPEC Examination. In order to take the North Carolina examination, a reciprocity applicant, a waiver applicant pursuant to Paragraph (e) of this Rule, or an applicant previously licensed in this State whose license has been cancelled pursuant to G.S. 90-155 for more than 180 days shall first take and pass the Special Purpose Examination for Chiropractic ("SPEC"). The SPEC exam is administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The passing score shall be 375 or higher.

(g) Nature of Examination. The North Carolina examination shall be a written test of an applicant's knowledge of North Carolina chiropractic jurisprudence. No part of the examination shall be open-book, and no reference material of any kind shall be allowed in the examination area. The passing grade shall be 75 percent.

(h) Review of Examination. An applicant who has failed the North Carolina examination may request a review of his or her examination if the request is made in writing and received by Board not later than 20 days after issuance of the examination results. Unless the applicant requests to review his or her answers in person, the review shall be limited to a re-tabulation of the applicant's score to make certain no clerical errors were made in grading. If the applicant requests to review his or her answers in person, the applicant shall be permitted to do so at the Board office in the presence of a representative of the Board and for a period of not more than 30 minutes. The applicant shall not be permitted to discuss the examination with any member of the Board, grader, or test administrator.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-142; 90-143; 90-143.1; 90-144; 90-145; 90-146; 93B-8; Eff/ February 1, 1976; Readopted Eff. January 27, 1978; Amended Eff. January 1, 1983; October 17, 1980; Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. January 31, 1983; Curative Amendment Eff. February 18, 1983; Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 1998;*

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