



June 16, 2021

Subject: **NIC Nail Technology and Cosmetology Practical Examination Change - Sealed Monomer Requirement**

Dear Executive Director or Administrator,

The National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) is pleased to announce a change in the requirement for “factory sealed” monomer, to address the manufacturers’ low supply of the sealed product. This is a necessary and important change, for the purpose of providing candidates the ability to demonstrate the required tasks related to monomer with the products currently available.

The changes will affect the Nail Technology Practical exam and the Sculptured Nail “Additional Service” section of the Cosmetology Practical exam. The information relating to this requirement has been updated in the Candidate Information Bulletins (CIBs) as separate attachments within this message. The specific information is in the verbal instructions, the “SPECIAL ATTENTION” and “SUGGESTED EXAMINATION SUPPLIES” sections of the CIBs. The CIBs are available on the NIC website at <https://nictesting.org/candidate-information-bulletins/>. **The CIB also contains other valuable information and should be read carefully and thoroughly.**

The NIC Board of Directors and National Examination Committee feels it is very important to allow the states the opportunity to utilize this adaptation per the need of each state. The revision of the sealed monomer requirement will be available **effective July 1, 2021**, however your state may request a deferral. If adopted, your schools and examiners will also need to be informed in advance that candidates taking the practical examination will be examined on adapted content. **A sample letter to advise your schools and your examiners of the change is attached to this email.**

We ask that you please contact Katrina Albrecht from Prometric at Katrina.Albrecht@Prometric.com as soon as possible to advise if your state would like to move to the adapted examinations, and if so, provide the date you would like to adopt the examination. States/vendors who would like to move to the updated exams on July 1, 2021 must notify Prometric by **Monday, June 21, 2021**. States/vendors moving to the updated exams after the initial rollout of July 1, 2021 will need to provide a 10-business day notice. Upon notification, Prometric/SMT will begin the process of providing you with the updated Critical Standards and PADs content update. Updated practical scoresheets will not be required for this change.

Thank you for your immediate attention and cooperation in this important matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the NEC Coordinator at (803) 922-7416.

Sincerely,

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