

(4) In order to qualify for a license, the applicant shall correctly answer at least 70% of the questions propounded.

(5) Examinations shall be given semi-annually during the months of March and September in each year on such days as may be fixed by the Board.

(6) Applications for licenses must be filed with the Board forty-five (45) days preceding the date of examination.

(7) Special examinations may be given at any time by the Board in its discretion.

(8) Dates of regularly scheduled examinations shall be publicly announced in one issue of a local paper, at least sixty (60) days prior to date of examination.

(9) Promptly after an examination, and within not more than forty-five (45) days, the Board shall render its decision as to the qualifications of the applicant and as to whether or not the license applied for will be granted.

(10) Notice of such decision shall be sent to the applicant by mail.

(d) Any person whose application for an examination has been rejected or who has been refused a license for failure to obtain a passing grade under this title, shall have the right to appeal from such decision. He must first appeal to a Board of Arbitration, consisting of one person selected by the applicant, one person selected by the Board and one person selected by the County Solicitor of Howard County. Said Board of Arbitration shall review the action of the Board and make such additional investigation, as to the applicant's qualifications, as it may deem proper and shall by a majority vote determine whether the application shall be accepted and/or a license shall be granted.

(1) Applicant or licensee shall have the further right to appeal to the Board of Appeals of Howard County as provided in Section 501-B(1) of the County Charter.

(2) At the time of filing of a notice of appeal with the Board of Appeals, the applicant must deposit with the Director of Finance the sum of \$50.00. In the event the appeal is successful such deposit will be refunded to the applicant; otherwise it shall be retained by the Director of Finance.

(3) Any applicant who fails to pass any examination shall be afforded an opportunity, upon payment of an examination fee, to take re-examination at the next scheduled examination.

(e) The following procedures for hearing of appeal of refusal or revocation of a license shall apply:

(1) Applicant or licensee shall be given written notice, by Registered mail, as to date and place of hearing.

(2) Applicant or licensee shall have the right to be heard.

(3) Applicant or licensee shall have the right to be represented by legal counsel.

(4) Applicant or licensee shall have the right to call witnesses.

(5) Board shall make written and/or permanent record of hearing.