

State of Utah Hearing Instrument

Examination Handbook

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **How do I register to test?** To register and schedule for testing, go to:

https://www.provexam.com/register.

You may also call us toll-free at 801-733-4455. Click here for more information about registering.

- WHERE CAN I TEST? You may test at any one of Prov's testing centers. <u>Click here</u> for a current list and directions to each of our Utah testing centers.
- 3. How MUCH DOES IT COST? Each Law and Rules examination for Specialists costs \$78, and each practical exam for Interns costs \$350. These fees are the same whether you are testing for the first time or are retaking an exam. (pricing effective May 16, 2022)
- 4. WHEN DO I GET MY TEST RESULTS? The results from your theory exam will be provided to you at the exam site. Your practical exam results will be sent to you within fifteen (15) business days following your practical exam.
- 5. **WHAT IS ON THE TEST?** <u>Click here</u> for information about the available examinations.

MORE QUESTIONS

Please read through this bulletin completely for answers to your questions. If you still have unanswered questions, you may contact us at the following:

For Licensing Questions - UT DOPL

160 E 300 S, 4th Floor Salt Lake City, UT 84114 Ph: (801) 530-6628 (866) 275-3675 toll-free in UT https://dopl.utah.gov/hear/ Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For Testing Questions Prov
150 W Civic Center Dr
Suite 601
Sandy, Utah 84070
Phone: (801) 733-4455
www.provexam.com
Hours: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

GENERAL TESTING INFORMATION

The Division has contracted with Prov, Inc. to administer the following Plumbing examinations:

- Hearing Instrument Specialist practical
- Hearing Instrument Specialist Law & Rules

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide you information about taking your licensing examination(s) with the State of Utah.

EXAMINATION CATEGORIES & COST

There are two Hearing Instrument Specialist license levels in Utah; the **Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist Intern** and the **Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist**.

Candidates seeking to be licensed as a Utah Hearing Specialist Intern are required to pass the International Hearing Society's (IHS) Practical examination which is administered by Prov. This examination must be passed by Interns prior to being allowed to practice under indirect supervision.

Candidates seeking to be licensed as a Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist need to pass the International Hearing Society's (IHS) Practical examination, the Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist Laws and Rules exam, and the International Licensing Exam for Hearing Instrument Professionals (ILE). Specialists that have already passed the Practical exam do not need to retake that examination. The Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist Law & Rules examination is administered by Prov.

The International Licensing Exam (ILE) is administered separately by the International Hearing Society.

The Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist Law & Rules exam costs \$78 each time it is taken. The IHS practical examination costs \$350. The fee is the same whether you are testing for the first time or if you are retaking one or both parts. (pricing effective May 16, 2022)

If you are uncertain about whether you meet the education and training requirements for licensure, you may review the laws that outline those requirements.

You may also contact the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) at (801) 530-6628 to request assistance.

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TESTING WITH PROV

Your Law & Rules exam will be administered by computer at one of Prov's testing centers. Prov's testing system is easy to use and requires no specific computer experience to take the test.

The following link will take you to a short video that demonstrates Prov's testing system: https://youtu.be/h3T9svnIdLY.

WHERE TO TAKE YOUR EXAM IN UTAH

The **Specialist Law & Rules** examination for this program is delivered by computer and is available at **seventeen (17)** <u>testing centers</u> located from Logan to St. George. Or, you can choose to take your Laws and Rules examination at home using Prov's <u>Examroom</u>® service.

Please note that you will schedule your **practical** examination separately as it is given in only **two (2)** locations; Salt Lake City and St. George. Site addresses, testing availability, and travel directions are provided at the end of this bulletin.

How to Register Online

- To schedule online, navigate to the following URL: https://www.provexam.com/register
- 2. Use the Dropdown menu under "Select Certifying Body", and select:

UT Health Care

- 3. Under "Select a License/certificate", choose the license (and language) you are seeking (choose one of the following):
 - Hearing Instrument Specialist Intern
 - o Hearing Instrument Specialist

Then press

NEXT

- 4. Enter your information **exactly** as it appears on your government issued ID.
 - Name (First, Middle and Last)
 - Social Security number
 - Street address
 - City, State, Postal Code
 - Email Address
 - Telephone Number

Then select the button labeled:

SAVE CHANGES

5. Select a Date, Time, Location for your exam by selecting the link labeled:



Find suitable time and venue

Note: You will schedule each examination (Law & Rules and practical) at separate locations.

When selecting the specific exam, you will be presented with either a list of Law & Rules exam testing centers or practical exam testing centers.

- Prov's scheduling system will search for the closest testing centers to the address you entered. Select the SCHEDULE hyperlink to check the calendar for a specific testing center.
- 7. Select a test **date** and **time** from the calendar that matches your schedule. Confirm your selected date and time, and select **Add to Cart.**
- 8. If you want to schedule a second exam (like the practical or Theory), select the Schedule Another Test button and follow steps 5-7 as shown above; else move to step 9 below:

SCHEDULE ANOTHER TEST

For those that have already passed one of the two examinations, you only need to schedule the exam that you still need to pass. If more than one year passes from the time you passed one of the examinations, you will need to take both again.

9. Proceed to payment. Please enter your form of electronic payment (e.g. MasterCard, Visa, AMEX). If you have provided an email address, the invoice for your exam payment will be automatically emailed to you. This invoice will include information regarding your scheduled date/time.

If you have any problems with online scheduling, give us a call at (801) 733-4455.

SCHEDULING BY PHONE

To schedule for an examination by phone, candidates should contact Prov toll free at (801) 733-4455. Prov scheduling staff is available 6:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. MT, Monday through Friday.

Candidates should be prepared to provide the Prov scheduling staff with their full name (first, middle, last), social security number and their address. Once registered in the database, Prov staff will search for the next available testing session at the candidate's preferred testing location and will provide candidates with any alternate locations that may be in close

proximity to their address. Once candidates are scheduled. Prov staff will email a confirmation.

Once candidates are scheduled, Prov staff will email them information regarding their testing schedule.

CANCEL/RESCHEDULING POLICY

If you need to change or cancel your testing appointment, you must contact Prov at least **three (3) business days** prior to your scheduled test date. Rescheduling is free if Prov is notified by the deadline.

If you fail to appear for their test or fail to cancel or reschedule your testing session by the close of business three days prior to their scheduled test date, you will forfeit your exam fees.

PREPARING FOR YOUR EXAMS

The licensing examination that you will take has been designed to test what qualified Hearing Instrument Specialists should know as they begin their practice in the State of Utah. The test questions used on the examinations have been prepared and reviewed by a panel of qualified individuals and cover a wide range of topics individuals would normally encounter during regular work operations.

Prov recommends that you prepare for your exam by familiarizing yourself with the subject areas listed in each exam description. Additionally, familiarize yourself with the reference materials that are allowed during the examination. The more time you spend outside of the testing room studying, the less time you will need to spend in the testing room trying to locate information. You are encouraged to prepare your test materials by highlighting text or placing permanent tabs on important pages.

LAW & RULES EXAM DESCRIPTIONS

UT Hearing Instrument Specialist Law and Rules Examination Intern or Specialist

Number of Questions 40
Time allowed (hours) 2

Subject Area	# Quest.
Code of Ethics of the International Hearing Society	23
Utah Hearing Instrument Law 58-46a	17

References

The following reference material is allowed to be used during the examination:

- Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensing Act, 58-46a. Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, PO Box 146741, Salt Lake City, UT 84114.
- Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensing Act Rule, 156-46a. Utah
 Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, PO Box 146741,
 Salt Lake City, UT 84114.

INTERN PRACTICAL EXAM DESCRIPTIONS

The following are the descriptions of the IHS practical examinations. Please note that if you have previously completed the practical exam shown below as part of your Intern license, you will not be required to retake the same practical exam as part of your Specialist license.

Number of Sections	5
Time allowed (hours)	3
Section Descriptions	<u>.</u>

I. Patient Information & Health Assessment: Case History, Otoscopy, Screening Tympanometry & Referral

In this section, you will orally demonstrate competency in several areas within the scope of practice for hearing instrument specialists: case history, otoscopy, red flag conditions, screening tympanometry, and referral protocols.

- You must provide an otoscope and items necessary for demonstrating proper hygiene.
- Another individual or the candidate will need to be used as the patient during otoscopy.

II. Pure-tone Audiometry: Air, Bone Speech, Masking, & Special Considerations

The objective of this section is to demonstrate competency in administering pure-tone and speech audiometry, including a good working knowledge in set-up, maintenance, and use of audiometric equipment. Audiometric equipment should be capable of wide-range air and bone conduction testing, speech

audiometry (live or recorded source), masking, and sound-field testing.

- You will need to provide your own audiometer, complete with valid calibration certificate.
- Either the examiner or another designated individual may be used as the subject on whom you will perform various tasks.

III. Human Acoustic Couplers: Earmold Impressions, Retubing, & Earmold Styles

This section provides you the opportunity to demonstrate competence in the making of an earmold impression and retubing an earmold; a test subject is required.

The desired end result of this section is:

An acceptable ear impression ready for submission to the hearing instrument lab;

An ability to replace earmold tubing on an earmold; and Identification of basic earmold styles and configurations.

- o A test subject is required for this section.
- You will also need to bring he necessary equipment, tools, and materials to sanitize properly, take an earmold impression, and to change the earmold tubing. An otoscope is required for proper demonstration of ear impression skills.

IV. Audiometric Interpretation & Fitting Verification: Audiograms, ANSI Read-Outs & Real Ear Measurements

In this section you will refer to various charts of audiograms to identify characteristics and errors, and to provide actual audiometric interpretation.

V. Dispensing, Counseling, & Trouble-Shooting: Delivery Instructions, Resolving Complaints, & Rehab Counseling

In the first portion of this section you will be required to demonstrate an understanding of the hearing instrument delivery process, including patient instructions to help assure that the patient will be able to make the best use of their instruments during the initial stages of the aural rehabilitative process.

Next, you will be asked to demonstrate a basic knowledge in postfitting trouble-shooting of the hearing aids and in resolving user complaints.

The final portion covers counseling in the use of amplification, assistive devices, referral to other rehabilitative professionals, and awareness of consumer resources. You should be familiar with essential assistive devices and coping strategies that are appropriate for the degree of hearing impairment and/or patients' needs in various situations.

 You will need to bring hearing instrument(s), accessories, and accepted user-instruction manual for your demonstration.

TEST DAY RULES AND PROCEDURES

Check-in Deadline

The doors to each testing center will open at least 15 minutes before all scheduled testing appointments in order to check candidates into the testing center. You should plan to arrive early to make sure you are seated by the time the testing begins. If you arrive late, AND the testing session has already begun, YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY, your exam fees will be forfeit, and you will be required to reschedule for a future testing date.

Proof of Identity

Upon arriving at the testing center, you will be required to show government-issued photo identification. The photo ID must be current and valid. Additionally, the name on your ID must match exactly with the name you provided to Prov at time of scheduling. Please make any corrections to your name prior to your scheduled testing appointment.

Forms of valid photo-bearing ID are a driver's license card, passport, military ID, or permanent resident card. A temporary Utah Driver's License (paper copy) by itself is not sufficient proof of identity. If you currently have a temporary driver's license, you will ALSO need to bring in your recently EXPIRED original driver's license. Together your new temporary driver's license and your expired original license can be used to verify your identity. If you only have the temporary copy or the expired license, you will be refused entry. You will also be required to sign a test center log and will be photographed by the test center staff. If you cannot produce a valid government-issued photo ID, refuse to participate in signing the test center log, or refuse to be photographed, you will be dismissed from the testing center and forfeit all testing fees for that testing session. If you do not have a photo ID, you may still present a valid State driver's license without a photo or a State ID card without a photo that is issued by the DMV.

You will be refused to test by the testing center staff if:

- your name on the testing roster and name on ID do not match exactly
- you do not produce a valid government-issued photo ID
- you refuse to sign the test center log
- you refuse to be photographed

If refused at the testing center, you will be dismissed and forfeit all testing fees for that testing session.

Prohibited Items

No cameras, recorders, cell phones, computers, pagers, tablet computers, music players, smart watches, radios, electronic games, or any other electronic devices are allowed in the testing room. Talking and smoking are not allowed in the testing room.

Additionally, other personal items such as purses, notebooks, references or study materials, briefcases, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, other writing devices, food or any other items should be placed in secure storage at the testing facility.

For exam security you may also be **asked to remove** articles of clothing that may pose a security risk such as the following:

- Bulky clothing, scarves, hoodies, shawls, vests, jackets, coats, and so forth.
- Hats or headgear not associated with religious reasons.
- Any other clothing or device that may be interpreted as having the potential to compromise the testing process.

We ask that you leave all unauthorized materials in your car or vehicle. If you are caught using unauthorized materials during testing, these materials will be confiscated, your testing will be terminated with fees forfeited, and the Division will be notified of your dismissal from the exam.

Visitor Policy

No one other than the candidate will be allowed in the testing room. Non-testing visitors are NOT permitted to wait in the lobby while candidates test.

Unethical Conduct Policy

Any individual caught giving or receiving assistance during or after the examination, or caught using unauthorized materials during the examination will be reported directly to the Department. Those caught in the act of cheating will be dismissed from the examination and their testing results will be frozen. Furthermore, the candidate will forfeit the examination fees paid. Finally, anyone caught with test questions in their possession, either during or following the

examination will be prosecuted by Prov for theft of copyrighted testing materials.

RESULTS REPORTING

Upon completion of an examination, your Law & Rules test will be scored and you will be provided with a score result while at the testing center. The **Law & Rules** examination will be scored and graded against a cut-score of **75%**.

The Practical exam is scored by the International Hearing Society (IHS) and the results will be mailed to you within fifteen (15) days of test completion.

RETESTING POLICY

You may retake any failed exam as often is as necessary. There is no waiting period between testing attempts.

PROV'S NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Prov provides equal access to its exams and testing programs for all eligible persons. Although individual jurisdictions that Prov represents are wholly responsible for determining eligibility of candidates, it is the policy of Prov to maintain an environment free of discrimination and to prohibit discrimination and harassment against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and veteran, marital or family status.

Harassment of Prov program participants, proctors, staff or candidates will not be tolerated. If candidates wish to express concerns about discrimination, they should contact Prov at 801-733-4455 or write to: Prov, Inc., 150 W Civic Center Dr, Suite 601, Sandy, Utah 84070.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Prov complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in providing special accommodations for candidates that require additional assistance during the testing process. If candidates feel that they qualify for a special accommodation during testing, they should contact Prov at (801) 733-4455. Prov will require written documentation from a licensed physician or psychologist documenting the disability and further require a request describing the requested remedy. Prov will then work directly with the

candidates to make the accommodations they will need in order to complete their examination.

THEORY EXAM TEST SITE AVAILABILITY

You may take your theory examination at any one of Prov's testing centers located from Logan to St. George. You may also choose to take your theory examination at home using Prov's Examroom® service.

What is Examroom?

Examroom is a remote test monitoring service that allows you to take your test on your own computer at your home. You schedule the test the same way you would an in-person testing site; by selecting your preferred test date and time. Then, on test day, you log into the Examroom website and request to start your exam. A test proctor will greet you over your computer, verify your identity, take your picture, and then watch you throughout the testing process.

How to decide whether to use Examroom? Not every computer system is capable of taking a test on Examroom. The following are the MINIMUM requirements that your computer system would need to meet in order to qualify to take your test using the Examroom service:

- Operating system on computer needs to be recent (less than 3-4 years old)
- Works on a MAC, PC, or Chromebook
- Need either a Chrome or Firefox browser (Chrome works best)
- Need a functioning computer web-camera and microphone
- Need a good consistent Internet connection capable of uploading files in excess of 3 Mbps

Please use the following link to do a system check **before you schedule** your exam to make sure your computer system will allow you to take a test using this system.

https://examroom.ai/systemtest/

If your system does not allow you to test at home, don't worry, we have some great testing locations that are not too far away.

Fixed Testing Locations

The following are the existing Utah test sites and eligible exam days. Note that sites may change as needed. Please refer to the current online scheduling system to find available testing times for each location.

The sites show are fixed locations where you make take your Law & Rules exam. The asterisk (*) on the chart shows which days of the week the tests are available for scheduling.

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Logan – BTC	*	*	*	*		
Logan – USU			*			
Ogden – OWTC	*	*	*	*	*	
Ogden – WSU	*	*	*	*	*	
Salt Lake City – SLC/SC			*	*	*	
Salt Lake City – SLCC/RC				*		
Salt Lake City – SLCC/WP			*			
West Jordan – SLCC/WJC		*				
West Valley – SLCC/WVC	*					
Sandy – SLCC/MC	*	*	*	*	*	
Orem – UVU				*		
Price – USU	*	*	*	*		
Ephraim – USUEC	*	*	*	*	*	*
Richfield – SC/R	*	*	*	*	*	*
Blanding – USU					*	*
Cedar City – SUU	*	*	*	*	*	*
St. George - DSU	*	*	*	*	*	

FIXED TEST SITE LOCATIONS

Northern Utah

1. Bridgerland Technical College - Logan

Assessment Center 1301 N 600 W Logan, UT 84321 (Written Only)

2. Utah State University - Logan

Career Services Testing

University Inn 115 Logan, UT 84322 (Theory Only)

Ogden - Weber Technology College - Ogden
 Business & Information Technology, Room 116
 200 N Washington Blvd,
 Ogden, UT 84404
 (Theory Only)

4. Weber State University - Ogden

Testing Services 3885 West Campus Drive, SSC #262 Ogden, UT 84408 (Theory Only)

5. Salt Lake City Community College - South

South City Testing Services 1575 State St, Room 2-187 Salt Lake City, UT 84115 (Theory Only)

6. Salt Lake Community College - West Jordan

West Jordan Testing Services 3491 W. Wights Fort Road, Jordan Health Science, Rm 054 West Jordan, UT 84088 (Theory Only)

7. Salt Lake Community College - Westpointe Testing Services

2150 West Dauntless Avenue, Room 213 Salt Lake City, UT 84116 (Theory Only)

8. Salt Lake Community College - West Valley

Testing Services 3460 South 5600 West, Suite 120 West Valley City, UT 84120 (Theory Only)

9. Salt Lake Community College - Redwood

Testing Services 4600 South Redwood Road Taylorsville, UT 84130 (Theory Only)

10. Salt Lake Community College - Miller Campus

Testing Services 9750 South 300 West, MFEC, Room 238 Sandy, UT 84070 (Theory Only)

11. Utah Valley University - Orem

UVU Testing Services 800 W University Pkwy, MS120 Orem, UT 84058 (Theory Only)

Central Utah

12. Utah State University - Ephraim

Testing Services 325 West 100 North Ephraim, UT 84627 (Theory Only)

13. Utah State University Eastern - Price

Testing Services 451 East 400 North Reeves Building #114 Price, UT 84501 (Theory Only)

14. Snow College - Richfield

Testing Center 200 South 800 West, Room 130 (Washburn) Richfield, UT 84701 (Theory Only)

Southern Utah

15. Utah State University Eastern - Blanding

Testing Center 200 S. 576 W. Blanding, UT 84511 (Theory Only)

16. Southern Utah University

Testing Services 351 W University Blvd, 2nd floor ELC Cedar City, UT 84720 (Theory Only)

17. Dixie State University

The Professional Testing Center 46 South 1000 East St. George, UT 84770 (Theory Only)

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION LOCATIONS

Practical examinations are scheduled on a case-by-case basis. Please call to schedule a time and location.

Pro Candidate Instructions Handout

Please take a moment to read the following information (front and back). If you have any questions then please let your proctor know. Failure to follow these testing rules can have serious consequences.

Be advised, the testing center and testing room may be under video surveillance.

Testing Rules

- Be courteous and do not disturb others.
- After you are seated, follow all the instructions given and verify the information presented to you. This information will include your name, candidate ID, exam name, and occasionally additional testing Materials such as graphics.
- If you leave the testing room during the test, you must notify your proctor and turn in all your testing materials.
- If you take a restroom break the test time will continue to countdown and the lost time cannot be recovered.
- If your computer freezes, shuts down, or will not move to the next question notify your proctor immediately and they will be able to restart your exam without loss of available testing time.
- At the end of your test, remain seated, raise your hand and wait for the proctor to start the check-out process with you. Once all testing materials have been accounted for by your proctor, you may collect your belongings and leave the testing center.
- If permitted by your jurisdiction, you will receive your testing results today; otherwise, you'll be notified of your testing results by either Prov or your licensing jurisdiction.



Reference Rules for Open Book Exams

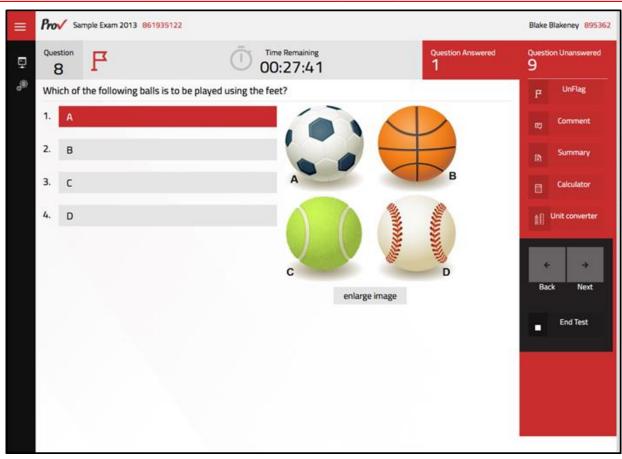
- Book title must be exact. *Exceptions:* Older/new editions are always permitted. Substitutes are allowed if listed in the Exam Details.
- Photocopied versions of a reference book are ONLY permitted when stated in the Exam Details.
- Permanent tabs such as gummed tabs, self-adhesive tabs with printable inserts, or insertable tab dividers (for three ring binders only) are permitted.
- Moveable items such as repositionable tabs or Postit notes are NOT permitted in a reference book.
- Books can have highlighting and underlining in pen only, however you cannot mark in your books during the test.
- Handwritten notes are NOT allowed in any portion of a reference book unless authorized by your licensing or certifying jurisdiction.
- Other documents (such as formula sheets or the Tom Henry and Kelly Indexes) or stickers (such as Ohm's Law) CANNOT be added, glued or taped to a reference book.

Unethical behavior

Individuals caught giving or receiving assistance during or after the examination, or caught using unauthorized materials during the examination will be reported to the Board. Those caught in the act of cheating will be dismissed from the examination and their testing results will be frozen. Furthermore, the candidate will forfeit the examination fees paid. Finally, anyone caught with test questions in their possession, either during or following the examination will be prosecuted by Prov for theft of copyrighted testing materials.

In the next few days, Prov will email you a link to our candidate experience survey, please let us know how we did!

Computer Testing Navigation



Total number of questions	Indicated in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
Available time	Posted in hours and minutes. The test will end automatically when Time Remaining reaches 0:00.
Selecting your answer	Use your mouse to select a number (1, 2, 3, or 4). The answer is highlighted (or checked) when selected. You may change your selected answer for any question until the test is over. If you do not know the answer to a question, it is to your advantage to guess, since there is no penalty for a wrong answer.
Tracking difficult questions	Press the Flag Button to help you keep track of questions you wish to return to at a later time. Flagging questions has no impact in scoring. Press the button again to Unflag the question. You may see which questions have been flagged by clicking Summary .
Question comments	During the assessment, you may find that you have a question or concern about a particular test question. The proctor cannot answer questions about test content at any time; however, you can send a comment to Prov's Test Development Department by clicking the Comment button. Please leave a specific description. Staff will process your comments/questions within two weeks. You can refer to your candidate information bulletin for more information on how comments are processed.
Moving to a different question	Use your mouse to select the Next or Back buttons. Press Next to move forward. Press Back to move backward. You may also use your arrow keys (\leftarrow \rightarrow) to move forward and backward through the test.
Reviewing your progress	Press the Summary button to see a table indicating which questions are unanswered or which you have flagged.
Ending the test early	Press End Test button when you are ready to leave the test. It is recommended that you review your exam and verify there are no unanswered questions prior to ending the test.