Proposed Changes to Cosmetology Requirements Passed

The 2008 Florida Legislature passed new requirements for the training of individuals that wish to practice cosmetology-related professions in the state of Florida. The key effects of these statutory changes are outlined below.

- Changes the license requirements for cosmetologist:
  - Increases education hours from 1200 to 1500 hours;
  - Continues to include hair stylist services, hair removal services, manicure and pedicure services for the natural nails, and basic skin services for facials; and
  - Restricts expanded skin treatment services and artificial nail services to those who obtain specialized training and licensure.

- Creates three (3) new licenses:
  - Hair Stylist:
    - Continues to require licensure exam (current for cosmetologist);
    - Decreases education requirements from 1200 to 1000 hours – allowing students to enter the workforce in less time and with less cost; and
    - Allows hair removal (waxing/tweezing of eyebrows and lip).
  - Nail Technician:
    - Changes from registration to a license requiring state exam; and
    - Increases educational requirement from 240 to 350 hours.
Esthetician:
- Changes from registration to a license requiring state exam;
- Increases educational requirement from 260 to 600 hours; and
- Provides in-depth training in skin care.

In addition to these changes in the training requirements, the legislation also contained the following:

- Grandfathers all current cosmetologists and holders of specialty registrations for nail technician and facial specialist;
- Improves health and safety standards by strengthening disinfection requirements and informs clients that they cannot receive services if they have a contagious condition;
- Allows a student to get to work faster by providing an exam application process at 100 hours prior to graduation, so the student can schedule the exam immediately upon graduation;
- Requires a student to pass the licensure exam prior to working in the public;
- Improves reciprocity with other states for cosmetology-related licenses; and
- Allows licensed salons to provide complete cosmetology services at “special events” if they follow specific guidelines.

This legislation has not yet been signed by Governor Crist. If he signs it, the Cosmetology Board will then have to make changes to the Florida Administrative Code in order to implement the new law. If you have further questions, please contact the Cosmetology Board at (850) 487-1395.

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**Ask Licensure**

*Am I required to tell the Commission if I sell my school or have a change in control?*

Yes. Commission Rule 6E-2.0081, F.A.C., requires that a licensed institution shall notify the Commission prior to a change of ownership or control. This notification shall be made, in writing, no less than 30 days prior to the proposed change.

If you are considering a change of ownership or control, please login to the Commission website and click on *Institution Login* to access the *Application for Substantive Change – Change in Ownership or Control*. You are required to submit the following documentation:

1. A copy of the institution’s last application for licensure or licensure renewal and annotated notes with detailed information concerning how the change of ownership or control will affect each of the 12 standards as well as the institution’s accreditation (if applicable);
2. An Instructional and Administrative Personnel Form for each new owner, administrator and instructor;
3. Copies of the Criminal Justice Background Check form and submission of the fees for each new owner and administrator;
4. A completed Faculty Listing form, listing any new faculty members;
5. A copy of the executed bill of sale, buyer’s corporate papers, etc.;
6. A sworn statement from the new owners pursuant to Rule 6E-2.0081(4)(c), F.A.C.;
7. Copies of notifications to appropriate federal and state agencies (as applicable);
8. Copy of the approval letter from the accrediting agency (if applicable); and
9. Copies of Substantive Change Fee Transmittal form and check, cashier’s check, or money order.

Institutions must hold an Annual License or a License by Means of Accreditation to apply for a substantive change. All applications for change in ownership or control must be presented at a Commission meeting. The Commission shall make the final determination as to whether the change of ownership or control is approved.

Please contact your Program Specialist if you are considering a change of ownership or control.

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