

Legislative Update to Schools:

Hello,

As you may have heard, it was an eventful spring at the Minnesota State Capitol! As such, we want to update you on recent changes related to the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners. The legislative changes outlined below may affect you, your license, or your school. If you've attended our School Town Halls this spring, you may already be familiar with this information. Additionally, we have important information related to updates for written exams.

Legislative Updates

Note: Excerpted text from the legislation mentioned above is attached to this email.

Eyelash Extensions

A new law has passed to allow the BCE to implement eyelash technician licensing and write rules regarding eyelash extensions. By early 2018, the BCE will begin issuing specialty Eyelash Technician Licenses. This new license is **not** required for licensed cosmetologists and estheticians, as eyelash extensions are already within their scope of practice.

To help licensees and non-licensees navigate Eyelash Technician Licenses, we created an infographic which is attached to this email and available [here](#). **We encourage you to share this infographic with anyone who may be interested, as it lists very important information regarding licensing, grandfathering, rulemaking, and future processes.**

As you can see in the infographic, a 6-hour course is required for individuals wishing to be grandfathered into an Eyelash Technician License. This 6-hour eyelash technician grandfathering course:

- Can be offered by licensed cosmetology schools and Board-approved professional associations
- Must be pre-approved by the BCE, but does not require a fee
- Must consist of:
 - 4 hours related to health, safety, and infection control
 - 2 hours related to Minnesota laws and rules governing cosmetology
- Is completely separate from the initial eyelash extension training course that will be required for non-grandfathered individuals. The initial training course will be developed in upcoming rulemaking.

The Eyelash Technician Grandfathering Course Approval Application is available [here](#). All submissions can be sent to Cori Omundson at cori.omundson@state.mn.us.

Surety Bond Requirement Changes

In order to better protect students in the face of school closures, we have improved our surety bond requirements. Upon each school's license renewal or application, the school will be required to show evidence of a continuous surety bond in the amount of no less than 10% of the preceding year's gross income from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges. In any event, this bond must be at least \$10,000.

“Student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges” means any required student educational costs collected by the licensed cosmetology school and need not include any other schools or programs that may be within the same institution, or housed within the same building, as the licensed cosmetology school. Again, this will not be required until license renewal or re-application but you may choose to increase your surety bond prior to that.

Definitions Unchanged

If you attended our February School Town Hall, you may have heard mention of changes to statutory definitions, including cosmetology school, salon manager, school manager, and others. These changes did not pass into law, so the current statute stands. In the future, the BCE may advocate for these technical changes again.

Updates to Written Tests

Our written exams were recently revised by a PSI Exam Review Committee and will be re-launched on September 1, 2017. Major changes were made to the Laws & Rules Tests for operators, salon managers, school managers, and instructors. These changes appropriately reflect the major rules overhaul which took effect last September.

A new Candidate Information Bulletin, including content outlines, for the updated exams will be posted on the [BCE testing page](#) on June 26th. Anyone preparing to take an exam September 1, 2017 or later should refer to the updated content outlines. The current version of the content outline will be retained until September 1, 2017 and should be used by anyone taking an exam before September 1, 2017. Please be mindful of these dates if you have students who will be taking the exams over the next several months to ensure they are utilizing the content outline that will correspond with their exam date.

Reminder: Advanced Practice Esthetics Rulemaking is currently underway! Watch your inboxes and the [BCE Facebook](#) for chances to provide your input. We want to hear from you!

If you have any questions these updates or other matters, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,

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