

## Licensee Memo

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**To:** Licensed Salons, Licensed Practitioners, Email Subscription Lists

**From:** Minnesota Board of Cosmetology Staff

**Re:** Eyelash Technician and Salon Licensing Updates

**Date:** December 5, 2017

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The Minnesota Board of Cosmetology has several upcoming changes related to eyelash technician and salon licensing information. This memo is intended to notify salons and licensees of these changes. We strongly encourage you to distribute this memo to salon staff and any other interested party.

### Salon Licensing Changes

Beginning in January, the Board is moving from issuing three different types of salon licenses (i.e. cosmetology salon, esthology salon, and nail salon) to offering a single salon license with no specific service-type designation. An infographic explaining this change is available [here](#).

Here's how this change will affect salons:

- Licensed nail salons or esthetician salons will no longer need to apply for two salon licenses to offer a different scope of regulated services. In the past, a nail salon wishing to offer skin care services needed to carry two salon licenses. Now, they will only need to apply for one – a “salon license.”
- A person's individual license type determines what type of services that person can offer in the salon. Salon licenses will no longer limit the services an establishment may offer, services will only be limited by the person's practitioner license.
- Any actively licensed salon manager can be the Designated Licensed Salon Manager of a salon.
- In January, each licensed salon will receive a new salon license certificate showing the new license type in the mail. If a salon has two salon licenses, the Board will honor the latest expiration date of the two licenses.

### Eyelash Technician Grandfathering

By February 1, 2018, all eyelash extension services must be provided by licensed individuals in licensed salons. Currently licensed cosmetologists and estheticians do **not** need an additional eyelash technician license to perform eyelash extension services. However, any person who is not a licensed cosmetologist or esthetician will need to obtain an Eyelash Technician License.

Unlicensed eyelash extension service providers have a unique opportunity to become licensed as Eyelash Technician Operators or Salon Managers through grandfathering. The grandfathering period is open until January 31, 2018. If a complete and accurate application is not received by the Board during that timeframe, a person will not be eligible for grandfathering and will need to take the 38-hour eyelash technician training course at a licensed cosmetology school.

A “How to Apply” guide for grandfathering is available [here](#). If you know someone who may be interested in eyelash technician grandfathering, please direct them to [mn.gov/boards/cosmetology](http://mn.gov/boards/cosmetology) to view the “Eyelash Technician Info” section.

### **Eyelash Technology Rules Adopted**

The expedited rules on eyelash technician licenses (RD4479) have been approved and are now in effect. These rules incorporate recent legislative changes to provide for eyelash technician licenses, training requirements, and infection control standards. The new rules have been incorporated into online versions of Chapter 2105 and 2110 at [mn.gov/boards/cosmetology](http://mn.gov/boards/cosmetology) in the “Laws and Rules” section. Rule books for purchase will include an insert of the changes.

### **Infection Control Requirements**

The new eyelash technician rules have additional requirements specific to eyelash extension services. Anyone providing eyelash extension services must:

- Clean and disinfect eyelash stands, holders, pallets, and trays before use with each client.
- Clean and disinfect glue pallets and holders before use with each client.
- Store eyelash extensions in a clean, closed container or in the closed original packaging. Eyelash extensions that are removed from the container or original packaging for a service and not used must be disposed of and must not be used for another client. When removing eyelashes from the container or package to portion out for a service, a disinfected scissors, blade, or other tool must be used to snip a portion of a strip. Or, a technician may use a disinfected tweezer to portion out the lashes for each service.

Any questions or comments regarding this memo can be sent to the Board at [cosmetology@state.mn.us](mailto:cosmetology@state.mn.us).