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Amends the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985. Reduces the hours or credit hours required of education or training for various licenses under the Act. Makes conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair
5 Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985 is amended by
6 changing Sections 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-7, 2-10, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4,
7 3-6, 3-9, 3A-2, 3A-3, 3A-5, 3C-2, 3C-3, 3C-7, 3E-2, and 3E-3 as
8 follows:

9 (225 ILCS 410/2-2) (from Ch. 111, par. 1702-2)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

11 Sec. 2-2. Licensure as a barber; qualifications. A person
12 is qualified to receive a license as a barber if that person
13 has applied in writing or electronically on forms provided by
14 the Department, has paid the required fees, and:

15 a. Is at least 16 years of age; and

16 b. Has a certificate of graduation from a school
17 providing secondary education, or the recognized
18 equivalent of such a certificate, or persons who are
19 beyond the age of compulsory school attendance; and

20 c. Has graduated from a licensed school of barbering
21 or school of cosmetology, having completed a total of
22 1,200 ~~1500~~ hours in the study of barbering extending over
23 a period of not less than 9 months. A licensed school of

1 barbering may, at its discretion, consistent with the
2 rules of the Department, accept up to 800 ~~1,000~~ hours of
3 cosmetology school training at a licensed cosmetology
4 school toward the 1,200 ~~1500~~ hour course requirement of
5 barbering. Time spent in such study under the laws of
6 another state or territory of the United States or of a
7 foreign country or province shall be credited toward the
8 period of study required by the provisions of this
9 paragraph; and

10 d. Has passed an examination caused to be conducted by
11 the Department or its designated testing service to
12 determine fitness to receive a license as a barber; and

13 e. Has met all other requirements of this Act or by
14 rule.

15 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

16 (225 ILCS 410/2-3) (from Ch. 111, par. 1702-3)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

18 Sec. 2-3. Licensure as a barber by a cosmetology school
19 graduate. A person is qualified to receive a license as a
20 barber if that person has applied in writing or electronically
21 on forms provided by the Department, paid the required fees,
22 and:

23 a. Is at least 16 years of age; and

24 b. Has a certificate of graduation from a school
25 providing secondary education, or the recognized

1 equivalent of such a certificate, or persons who are
2 beyond the age of compulsory school attendance; and

3 c. Has graduated from a cosmetology school approved by
4 the Department having completed a minimum of 1,200 ~~1500~~
5 hours in the study of cosmetology; and

6 d. Has graduated from a licensed school of barbering
7 or cosmetology having completed a minimum of 400 ~~500~~
8 additional hours in the study of barbering extending over
9 a period of no less than 3 months. Time spent in such study
10 under the laws of another state or territory of the United
11 States or of a foreign country or province shall be
12 credited toward the period of study required by the
13 provisions of this paragraph; and

14 e. Has passed an examination caused to be conducted by
15 the Department, or its designated testing service, to
16 determine fitness to receive a license as a barber; and

17 f. Has met any other requirements set forth in this
18 Act or by rule.

19 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

20 (225 ILCS 410/2-4) (from Ch. 111, par. 1702-4)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

22 Sec. 2-4. Licensure as a barber teacher; qualifications. A
23 person is qualified to receive a license as a barber teacher if
24 that person files an application electronically on forms
25 provided by the Department, pays the required fee, and:

- 1 a. Is at least 18 years of age;
- 2 b. Has graduated from high school or its equivalent;
- 3 c. Has a current license as a barber or cosmetologist;
- 4 d. Has graduated from a licensed barber school or
- 5 school of cosmetology having:

6 (1) completed a total of 400 ~~500~~ hours in barber

7 teacher training extending over a period of not less

8 than 3 months nor more than 2 years and has had 3 years

9 of practical experience as a licensed barber;

10 (2) completed a total of 800 ~~1,000~~ hours of barber

11 teacher training extending over a period of not less

12 than 6 months nor more than 2 years; or

13 (3) completed the cosmetology teacher training as

14 specified in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of

15 Section 3-4 of this Act and completed a supplemental

16 barbering course as established by rule;

17 e. Has passed an examination authorized by the

18 Department to determine fitness to receive a license as a

19 barber teacher or a cosmetology teacher; and

20 f. Has met any other requirements set forth in this

21 Act or by rule.

22 An applicant who is issued a license as a barber teacher is

23 not required to maintain a barber license in order to practice

24 barbering as defined in this Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

1 (225 ILCS 410/2-7) (from Ch. 111, par. 1702-7)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

3 Sec. 2-7. Examination of applicants. The Department shall
4 hold examinations of applicants for licensure as barbers and
5 barber teachers at such times and places as it may determine.
6 Upon request, the examinations shall be administered in
7 Spanish and any other language as determined by the Department
8 to be necessary pursuant to the Language Equity and Access
9 Act.

10 Each applicant shall be given an examination testing both
11 theoretical and practical knowledge of the following subjects
12 insofar as they are related and applicable to the practice of
13 barber science and art: (1) anatomy, (2) physiology, (3) skin
14 diseases, (4) hygiene and sanitation, (5) barber history, (6)
15 this Act and the rules for the administration of this Act, (7)
16 hair cutting and styling, (8) shaving, shampooing, and
17 permanent waving, (9) massaging, (10) bleaching, tinting, and
18 coloring, and (11) implements.

19 The examination of applicants for licensure as a barber
20 teacher shall include: (a) practice of barbering and styling,
21 (b) theory of barbering, (c) methods of teaching, and (d)
22 school management.

23 An applicant for licensure as a barber who has completed
24 960 ~~1,200~~ hours in the study of barbering may take the
25 examination. If an applicant for licensure as a barber fails
26 to pass 3 examinations conducted by the Department, the

1 applicant shall, before taking a subsequent examination,
2 furnish evidence of not less than 100 hours of additional
3 study of barbering in a licensed school of barbering or
4 cosmetology since the applicant last took the examination. If
5 an applicant for licensure as a barber teacher fails to pass 3
6 examinations conducted by the Department, the applicant shall,
7 before taking a subsequent examination, furnish evidence of
8 not less than 64 ~~80~~ hours of additional study in teaching
9 methodology and educational psychology in a licensed school of
10 barbering or cosmetology since the applicant last took the
11 examination. The requirements for remedial training set forth
12 in this Section may be waived in whole or in part by the
13 Department upon proof to the Department that the applicant has
14 demonstrated competence to again sit for the examination or if
15 the Department otherwise determines a waiver is appropriate.
16 The Department shall adopt rules establishing standards by
17 which this determination shall be made.

18 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

19 (225 ILCS 410/2-10)

20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

21 Sec. 2-10. Licensed cosmetologist seeking license as a
22 barber. A licensed cosmetologist who submits to the Department
23 an application for licensure as a barber must meet all
24 requirements of this Act for licensure as a barber, except
25 that such applicant shall be given credit for hours of

1 instruction completed for the applicant's cosmetologist
2 license in subjects that are common to both barbering and
3 cosmetology and shall complete an additional 400 ~~500~~ hours of
4 instruction in subjects not within the scope of practice of a
5 cosmetologist. The Department shall provide for the
6 implementation of this provision by rule.

7 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

8 (225 ILCS 410/3-2) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703-2)

9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

10 Sec. 3-2. Licensure; qualifications.

11 (1) A person is qualified to receive a license as a
12 cosmetologist who has filed an application in writing or
13 electronically on forms provided by the Department, pays the
14 required fees, and:

15 a. Is at least 16 years of age; and

16 b. Is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance
17 or has received a certificate of graduation from a school
18 providing secondary education, or the recognized
19 equivalent of that certificate; and

20 c. Has graduated from a licensed school of
21 cosmetology, having completed a program of 1,200 ~~1,500~~
22 hours in the study of cosmetology extending over a period
23 of not less than 8 months. A licensed school of
24 cosmetology may, at its discretion, consistent with the
25 rules of the Department, accept up to 800 ~~1,000~~ hours of

1 barber school training at a licensed barber school toward
2 the 1,200 ~~1,500~~ hour program requirement of cosmetology.
3 Time spent in such study under the laws of another state or
4 territory of the United States or of a foreign country or
5 province shall be credited toward the period of study
6 required by the provisions of this paragraph; and

7 d. Has passed an examination authorized by the
8 Department to determine eligibility to receive a license
9 as a cosmetologist; and

10 e. Has met any other requirements set forth in this
11 Act or by rule.

12 (2) (Blank).

13 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

14 (225 ILCS 410/3-3) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703-3)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

16 Sec. 3-3. Licensure as a cosmetologist by a barber school
17 graduate. A person is qualified to receive a license as a
18 cosmetologist if that person has filed an application in
19 writing or electronically on forms provided by the Department,
20 has paid the required fees, and:

21 a. Is at least 16 years of age; and

22 b. Has a certificate of graduation from a school
23 providing secondary education, or the recognized
24 equivalent of such a certificate, or is beyond the age of
25 compulsory school attendance; and

1 c. Has graduated from a licensed school of barbering
2 having completed 1,200 ~~1500~~ hours in the study of
3 barbering, and a minimum of 400 ~~500~~ additional hours in
4 the study of cosmetology extending over a period of no
5 less than 3 months. Time spent in such study under the laws
6 of another state or territory of the United States or of a
7 foreign country or province shall be credited toward the
8 period of study required by the provisions of this
9 paragraph; and

10 d. Has passed an examination authorized by the
11 Department to determine fitness to receive a license as a
12 cosmetologist; and

13 e. Has met any other requirements of this Act and
14 rules.

15 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

16 (225 ILCS 410/3-4) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703-4)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

18 Sec. 3-4. Licensure as cosmetology teacher or cosmetology
19 clinic teacher; qualifications.

20 (a) A person is qualified to receive license as a
21 cosmetology teacher if that person has applied in writing or
22 electronically on forms provided by the Department, has paid
23 the required fees, and:

24 (1) is at least 18 years of age;

25 (2) has graduated from high school or its equivalent;

1 (3) has a current license as a cosmetologist;

2 (4) has either: (i) completed a program of 400 ~~500~~
3 hours of teacher training in a licensed school of
4 cosmetology and had 2 years of practical experience as a
5 licensed cosmetologist within 5 years preceding the
6 examination; (ii) completed a program of 800 ~~1,000~~ hours
7 of teacher training in a licensed school of cosmetology;
8 or (iii) completed the barber teacher training as
9 specified in subsection (d) of Section 2-4 of this Act and
10 completed a supplemental cosmetology course as established
11 by rule;

12 (5) has passed an examination authorized by the
13 Department to determine eligibility to receive a license
14 as a cosmetology teacher or barber teacher; and

15 (6) has met any other requirements of this Act and
16 rules.

17 An individual who receives a license as a cosmetology
18 teacher shall not be required to maintain an active
19 cosmetology license in order to practice cosmetology as
20 defined in this Act.

21 (b) A person is qualified to receive a license as a
22 cosmetology clinic teacher if he or she has applied in writing
23 or electronically on forms provided by the Department, has
24 paid the required fees, and:

25 (1) is at least 18 years of age;

26 (2) has graduated from high school or its equivalent;

1 (3) has a current license as a cosmetologist;

2 (4) has (i) completed a program of 200 ~~250~~ hours of
3 clinic teacher training in a licensed school of
4 cosmetology or (ii) within 5 years preceding the
5 examination, has obtained a minimum of 2 years of
6 practical experience working at least 30 full-time hours
7 per week as a licensed cosmetologist and has completed an
8 instructor's institute of 16 ~~20~~ hours, as prescribed by
9 the Department, prior to submitting an application for
10 examination;

11 (5) has passed an examination authorized by the
12 Department to determine eligibility to receive a license
13 as a cosmetology teacher; and

14 (6) has met any other requirements of this Act and
15 rules.

16 The Department shall not issue any new cosmetology clinic
17 teacher licenses after January 1, 2009. Any person issued a
18 license as a cosmetology clinic teacher before January 1,
19 2009, may renew the license after that date under this Act and
20 that person may continue to renew the license or have the
21 license restored during the person's lifetime, subject only to
22 the renewal or restoration requirements for the license under
23 this Act; however, such licensee and license shall remain
24 subject to the provisions of this Act, including, but not
25 limited to, provisions concerning renewal, restoration, fees,
26 continuing education, discipline, administration, and

1 enforcement.

2 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

3 (225 ILCS 410/3-6) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703-6)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

5 Sec. 3-6. Examination. The Department shall authorize
6 examinations of applicants for licensure as cosmetologists and
7 teachers of cosmetology at the times and places it may
8 determine. Upon request, the examinations shall be
9 administered in Spanish and any other language as may be
10 determined by the Department to be necessary pursuant to the
11 Language Equity and Access Act. The Department may provide by
12 rule for the administration of the examination prior to the
13 completion of the applicant's program of training as required
14 in Section 3-2, 3-3, or 3-4. Notwithstanding Section 3-2, 3-3,
15 or 3-4, an applicant for licensure as a cosmetologist who has
16 completed 960 ~~1,200~~ hours in the study of cosmetology may take
17 the examination. If an applicant for licensure as a
18 cosmetologist fails to pass 3 examinations conducted by the
19 Department, the applicant shall, before taking a subsequent
20 examination, furnish evidence of not less than 100 hours of
21 additional study of cosmetology in a licensed school of
22 cosmetology since the applicant last took the examination. If
23 an applicant for licensure as a cosmetology teacher fails to
24 pass 3 examinations conducted by the Department, the applicant
25 shall, before taking a subsequent examination, furnish

1 evidence of not less than 64 ~~80~~ hours of additional study in
2 teaching methodology and educational psychology in a licensed
3 school of cosmetology since the applicant last took the
4 examination. The requirements for remedial training set forth
5 in this Section may be waived in whole or in part by the
6 Department upon proof to the Department that the applicant has
7 demonstrated competence to again sit for the examination or if
8 the Department otherwise determines a waiver is appropriate.
9 The Department shall adopt rules establishing the standards by
10 which this determination shall be made. Each cosmetology
11 applicant shall be given an examination testing both
12 theoretical and practical knowledge, which shall include, but
13 not be limited to, questions that determine the applicant's
14 knowledge of product chemistry, sanitary rules, sanitary
15 procedures, chemical service procedures, hazardous chemicals
16 and exposure minimization, knowledge of the anatomy of the
17 skin, scalp, hair, and nails as they relate to applicable
18 services under this Act and labor and compensation laws.

19 The examination of applicants for licensure as a
20 cosmetology, esthetics, or nail technology teacher may include
21 all of the elements of the exam for licensure as a
22 cosmetologist, esthetician, or nail technician and also
23 include teaching methodology, classroom management, record
24 keeping, and any other related subjects that the Department in
25 its discretion may deem necessary to ensure competent
26 performance.

1 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

2 (225 ILCS 410/3-9)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

4 Sec. 3-9. Licensed barber seeking license as
5 cosmetologist. A licensed barber who submits to the Department
6 an application for licensure as a cosmetologist must meet all
7 requirements of this Act for licensure as a cosmetologist,
8 except that such applicant shall be given credit for hours of
9 instruction completed for the applicant's barber license in
10 subjects that are common to both barbering and cosmetology and
11 shall complete an additional 400 ~~500~~ hours of instruction in
12 subjects not within the scope of practice of a barber. The
13 Department shall provide for the implementation of this
14 provision by rule.

15 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

16 (225 ILCS 410/3A-2) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703A-2)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

18 Sec. 3A-2. Licensure as an esthetician; qualifications. A
19 person is qualified to receive a license as a licensed
20 esthetician if that person has applied in writing or
21 electronically on forms provided by the Department, paid any
22 required fees, and:

23 a. Is at least 16 years of age; and

24 b. Has a certificate of graduation from a school providing

1 secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a
2 certificate, or a person who is beyond the age of compulsory
3 school attendance; and

4 c. Has graduated from a school of cosmetology or esthetics
5 licensed by the Department, having completed a program of 600
6 ~~750~~ hours in the study of esthetics extending over a period of
7 not less than 18 weeks. Time spent in such study under the laws
8 of another state or territory of the United States or of a
9 foreign country or province shall be credited toward the
10 period of study required by the provisions of this paragraph;
11 and

12 d. Has passed an examination authorized by the Department
13 to determine fitness to receive a license as a licensed
14 esthetician; and

15 e. Has met any other requirements of this Act and rules.

16 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

17 (225 ILCS 410/3A-3) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703A-3)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

19 Sec. 3A-3. Licensure as an esthetics teacher;
20 qualifications.

21 (a) A person is qualified to receive a license as an
22 esthetics teacher if that person has applied in writing or
23 electronically on forms supplied by the Department, paid the
24 required fees, and:

25 (1) is at least 18 years of age;

- 1 (2) has graduated from high school or its equivalent;
- 2 (3) has a current license as a licensed cosmetologist
3 or esthetician;
- 4 (4) has either: (i) completed a program of 400 ~~500~~
5 hours of teacher training in a licensed school of
6 cosmetology or a licensed esthetics school and had 2 years
7 of practical experience as a licensed cosmetologist or
8 esthetician within 5 years preceding the examination; or
9 (ii) completed a program of 600 ~~750~~ hours of teacher
10 training in a licensed school of cosmetology approved by
11 the Department to teach esthetics or a licensed esthetics
12 school;
- 13 (5) has passed an examination authorized by the
14 Department to determine eligibility to receive a license
15 as a licensed cosmetology or esthetics teacher;
- 16 (6) (blank); and
- 17 (7) has met any other requirements as required by this
18 Act and any rules.

19 (b) (Blank).

20 (c) An applicant who is issued a license as an esthetics
21 teacher is not required to maintain an esthetics license in
22 order to practice as an esthetician as defined in this Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

24 (225 ILCS 410/3A-5) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703A-5)

25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

1 Sec. 3A-5. Examination.

2 (a) The Department shall authorize examinations of
3 applicants for a license as an esthetician or teacher of
4 esthetics at such times and places as it may determine. Upon
5 request, the examinations shall be administered in Spanish and
6 any other language as may be determined by the Department to be
7 necessary pursuant to the Language Equity and Access Act. The
8 Department shall authorize no fewer than 4 examinations for a
9 license as an esthetician or a teacher of esthetics in a
10 calendar year. An applicant for licensure as an esthetician
11 who has completed 480 ~~600~~ hours in the study of esthetics may
12 take the examination.

13 If an applicant neglects, fails without an approved
14 excuse, or refuses to take the next available examination
15 offered for licensure under this Act, the fee paid by the
16 applicant shall be forfeited to the Department and the
17 application denied. If an applicant fails to pass an
18 examination for licensure under this Act within 3 years after
19 filing his or her application, the application shall be
20 denied. However, such applicant may thereafter make a new
21 application for examination, accompanied by the required fee,
22 if he or she meets the requirements in effect at the time of
23 reapplication. If an applicant for licensure as an esthetician
24 is unsuccessful at 3 examinations conducted by the Department,
25 the applicant shall, before taking a subsequent examination,
26 furnish evidence of not less than 40 ~~50~~ hours of additional

1 study of esthetics in a licensed school of cosmetology or
2 esthetics since the applicant last took the examination. If an
3 applicant for licensure as an esthetics teacher is
4 unsuccessful at 3 examinations conducted by the Department,
5 the applicant shall, before taking a subsequent examination,
6 furnish evidence of not less than 40 ~~50~~ hours of additional
7 study in teaching methodology and educational psychology in a
8 licensed school of cosmetology or esthetics since the
9 applicant last took the examination. The requirements for
10 remedial training set forth in this Section may be waived in
11 whole or in part by the Department upon proof to the Department
12 that the applicant has demonstrated competence to again sit
13 for the examination or if the Department otherwise determines
14 a waiver is appropriate. The Department shall adopt rules
15 establishing the standards by which this determination shall
16 be made.

17 (b) Each applicant shall be given a written examination
18 testing both theoretical and practical knowledge which shall
19 include, but not be limited to, questions that determine the
20 applicant's knowledge, as provided by rule.

21 (c) The examination of applicants for licensure as an
22 esthetics teacher may include:

23 (1) teaching methodology;

24 (2) classroom management; and

25 (3) record keeping and any other subjects that the
26 Department may deem necessary to ensure competent

1 performance.

2 (d) (Blank).

3 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

4 (225 ILCS 410/3C-2) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703C-2)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

6 Sec. 3C-2. License; qualifications. A person is qualified
7 to receive a license as a nail technician if that person
8 applies in writing or electronically on forms provided by the
9 Department, pays the required fee, and:

10 (a) Is at least 16 years of age;

11 (b) Is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance
12 or has a certificate of graduation from a school providing
13 secondary education or the recognized equivalent of that
14 certificate;

15 (c) Has graduated from a licensed school of
16 cosmetology or school of nail technology, having completed
17 a program of 280 ~~350~~ hours in the study of nail technology
18 extending over a period of not less than 8 weeks;

19 (d) Has passed an examination authorized by the
20 Department to determine eligibility to receive a license
21 as a nail technician; and

22 (e) Has met any other requirements of this Act or any
23 applicable rules.

24 Time spent in the study of nail technology under the laws
25 of another state or territory of the United States, or of a

1 foreign country or province, shall be credited toward the
2 period of study required by the provisions of subsection (c).

3 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

4 (225 ILCS 410/3C-3) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703C-3)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

6 Sec. 3C-3. Licensure as a nail technology teacher;
7 qualifications.

8 (a) A person is qualified to receive a license as a nail
9 technology teacher if that person has filed an application on
10 forms provided by the Department, paid the required fee, and:

11 (1) is at least 18 years of age;

12 (2) has graduated from high school or its equivalent;

13 (3) has a current license as a cosmetologist or nail
14 technician;

15 (4) has either: (1) completed a program of 400 ~~500~~
16 hours of teacher training in a licensed school of nail
17 technology or cosmetology, and had 2 years of practical
18 experience as a nail technician; or (2) has completed a
19 program of 600 ~~625~~ hours of teacher training in a licensed
20 school of cosmetology approved to teach nail technology or
21 school of nail technology;

22 (5) who has passed an examination authorized by the
23 Department to determine eligibility to receive a license
24 as a cosmetology or nail technology teacher; and

25 (6) has met any other requirements of this Act and any

1 applicable rules.

2 (b) An applicant who receives a license as a nail
3 technology teacher shall not be required to maintain a license
4 as a nail technician.

5 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

6 (225 ILCS 410/3C-7) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703C-7)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

8 Sec. 3C-7. Examinations; failure or refusal to take
9 examination. The Department shall authorize examinations of
10 applicants for licenses as nail technicians and teachers of
11 nail technology at the times and places as it may determine.
12 Upon request, the examinations shall be administered in
13 Spanish and any other language as may be determined by the
14 Department to be necessary pursuant to the Language Equity and
15 Access Act. An applicant for licensure as a nail technician
16 who has completed 224 ~~200~~ hours in the study of nail technology
17 may take the examination.

18 The Department shall authorize not less than 4
19 examinations for licenses as nail technicians, and nail
20 technology teachers in a calendar year.

21 If an applicant neglects, fails without an approved
22 excuse, or refuses to take the next available examination
23 offered for licensure under this Act, the fee paid by the
24 applicant shall be forfeited to the Department and the
25 application denied. If an applicant fails to pass an

1 examination for licensure under this Act within 3 years after
2 filing an application, the application shall be denied.
3 Nevertheless, the applicant may thereafter make a new
4 application for examination, accompanied by the required fee,
5 if he or she meets the requirements in effect at the time of
6 reapplication. If an applicant for licensure as a nail
7 technician or nail technology teacher is unsuccessful at 3
8 examinations conducted by the Department, the applicant shall,
9 before taking a subsequent examination, furnish evidence of
10 successfully completing (i) for a nail technician, not less
11 than 24 hours of additional study of nail technology in a
12 licensed school of cosmetology approved to teach nail
13 technology or nail technology and (ii) for a nail technology
14 teacher, not less than 64 ~~80~~ hours of additional study in
15 teaching methodology and educational psychology in a licensed
16 school of cosmetology or nail technology since the applicant
17 last took the examination. The requirements for remedial
18 training set forth in this Section may be waived in whole or in
19 part by the Department upon proof to the Department that the
20 applicant has demonstrated competence to sit for the
21 examination again or if the Department otherwise determines a
22 waiver is appropriate. The Department shall adopt rules
23 establishing the standards by which this determination shall
24 be made.

25 Each applicant for licensure as a nail technician shall be
26 given an examination testing both theoretical and practical

1 knowledge, which shall include, but not be limited to,
2 questions that determine the applicant's knowledge of product
3 chemistry, sanitary rules, sanitary procedures, hazardous
4 chemicals and exposure minimization, this Act, and labor and
5 compensation laws.

6 The examination for licensure as a nail technology teacher
7 may include knowledge of the subject matter, teaching
8 methodology, classroom management, record keeping, and any
9 other subjects that the Department in its discretion may deem
10 necessary to ensure competent performance.

11 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

12 (225 ILCS 410/3E-2)

13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

14 Sec. 3E-2. Hair braider licensure; qualifications.

15 (a) A person is qualified to receive a license as a hair
16 braider if he or she has filed an application in writing or
17 electronically on forms provided by the Department, paid the
18 required fees, and meets the following qualifications:

19 (1) Is at least 16 years of age;

20 (2) Is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance
21 or has received a certificate of graduation from a school
22 providing secondary education, or the recognized
23 equivalent of that certificate;

24 (3) Has completed a program consisting of a minimum of
25 240 ~~300~~ clock hours or an 8 ~~a 10~~ credit hour equivalency of

1 instruction, as defined by rule, in a licensed cosmetology
2 school teaching a hair braiding curriculum or in a
3 licensed hair braiding school as follows:

4 (A) Basic training consisting of 28 ~~35~~ hours of
5 classroom instruction in general theory, practical
6 application, and technical application in the
7 following subject areas: history of hair braiding,
8 personal hygiene and public health, professional
9 ethics, disinfection and sanitation, bacteriology,
10 disorders and diseases of the hair and scalp, OSHA
11 standards relating to material safety data sheets
12 (MSDS) on chemicals, hair analysis and scalp care, and
13 technical procedures;

14 (B) Related concepts consisting of 28 ~~35~~ hours of
15 classroom instruction in the following subject areas:
16 Braid removal and scalp care; basic styling knowledge;
17 tools and equipment; growth patterns, styles and
18 sectioning; client consultation and face shapes; and
19 client education, pre-care, post-care, home care and
20 follow-up services;

21 (C) Practices and procedures consisting of 160 ~~200~~
22 hours of instruction, which shall be a combination of
23 classroom instruction and clinical practical
24 application, in the following subject areas: single
25 braids with and without extensions; cornrows with and
26 without extensions; twists and knots; multiple

1 strands; hair locking; weaving/sewn-in; other
2 procedures as they relate to hair-braiding; and
3 product knowledge as it relates to hair braiding; and

4 (D) Business practices consisting of 24 ~~30~~ hours
5 of classroom instruction in the following subject
6 areas: Illinois Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair
7 Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985 and Rules;
8 salon management; human relations and salesmanship;
9 and Workers' Compensation Act; and

10 (4) Has met any other requirements of this Act and any
11 applicable rules.

12 (b) The expiration date and renewal period for each
13 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule.

14 (c) Within 2 years after the effective date of this
15 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, the Department
16 may issue a hair braider license to any applicant who does not
17 meet the requirements of items (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of
18 this Section if the applicant: (1) files an application in
19 accordance with subsection (a), (2) pays the required fee, (3)
20 has not committed an offense that would be grounds for
21 discipline under this Act, and (4) is able to demonstrate to
22 the Department through tax records or affidavits that he or
23 she has practiced hair braiding for at least 2 consecutive
24 years immediately prior to the date of his or her application.

25 A hair braider who obtains his or her license under this
26 subsection (c) may renew his or her license if he or she

1 applies to the Department for renewal and has completed at
2 least 52 ~~65~~ hours of relevant training in health, safety,
3 hygiene, and business management in accordance with the
4 requirements of this Section or any rule adopted pursuant to
5 this Section. A hair braider who renews his or her license
6 under this subsection (c) may thereafter only renew his or her
7 license if he or she meets the requirements of Section 3E-5 of
8 this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 104-153, eff. 1-1-26.)

10 (225 ILCS 410/3E-3)

11 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2031)

12 Sec. 3E-3. Hair braiding teacher licensure. A hair
13 braiding teacher license shall be made available by the
14 Department. The qualifications for a hair braiding teacher
15 license shall be provided by rule, and shall include at least
16 600 clock hours or a 16 ~~20~~ credit hour equivalency in relevant
17 teaching methods and curriculum content, or at least 400 ~~500~~
18 clock hours of hair braiding teacher training for an
19 individual who is able to establish that he or she has had at
20 least 2 years of practical experience.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-1246, eff. 1-1-11.)