

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 2-7, 3-6, 3A-5, and 3C-7 as follows:

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

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

9 Sec. 2-7. Examination of applicants. The Department shall
10 hold examinations of applicants for licensure as barbers and
11 teachers of barbering at such times and places as it may
12 determine. Upon request, the examinations shall be
13 administered in Spanish.

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

23 The examination of applicants for licensure as a barber

1 teacher shall include: (a) practice of barbering and styling,
2 (b) theory of barbering, (c) methods of teaching, and (d)
3 school management.

4 An applicant for licensure as a barber who has completed
5 1,200 hours in the study of barbering may take the examination.

6 If an applicant for licensure as a barber fails to pass 3
7 examinations conducted by the Department, the applicant shall,
8 before taking a subsequent examination, furnish evidence of not
9 less than 250 hours of additional study of barbering in an
10 approved school of barbering or cosmetology since the applicant
11 last took the examination. If an applicant for licensure as a
12 barber teacher fails to pass 3 examinations conducted by the
13 Department, the applicant shall, before taking a subsequent
14 examination, furnish evidence of not less than 80 hours of
15 additional study in teaching methodology and educational
16 psychology in an approved school of barbering or cosmetology
17 since the applicant last took the examination. An applicant who
18 fails to pass the fourth examination shall not again be
19 admitted to an examination unless: (i) in the case of an
20 applicant for licensure as a barber, the applicant again takes
21 and completes a program of 1,500 hours in the study of
22 barbering in an approved school of barbering or cosmetology
23 extending over a period that commences after the applicant
24 fails to pass the fourth examination and that is not less than
25 8 months nor more than 7 consecutive years in duration; or (ii)
26 in the case of an applicant for licensure as a barber teacher,

1 the applicant again takes and completes a program of 1,000
2 hours of teacher training in an approved school of barbering or
3 cosmetology, except that if the applicant had 2 years of
4 practical experience as a licensed barber within the 5 years
5 preceding the initial examination taken by the applicant, the
6 applicant must again take and complete a program of 500 hours
7 of teacher training in an approved school of barbering or
8 cosmetology. The requirements for remedial training set forth
9 in this Section may be waived in whole or in part by the
10 Department upon proof to the Department that the applicant has
11 demonstrated competence to again sit for the examination. The
12 Department shall adopt rules establishing standards by which
13 this determination shall be made.

14 This Act does not prohibit the practice as a barber or
15 barber teacher by one who has applied in writing to the
16 Department, in form and substance satisfactory to the
17 Department, for a license and has complied with all the
18 provisions of this Act in order to qualify for a license except
19 the passing of an examination, until: (a) the expiration of 6
20 months after the filing of such written application, or (b) the
21 decision of the Department that the applicant has failed to
22 pass an examination within 6 months or failed without an
23 approved excuse to take an examination conducted within 6
24 months by the Department, or (c) the withdrawal of the
25 application.

26 (Source: P.A. 99-427, eff. 8-21-15.)

1 (225 ILCS 410/3-6) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703-6)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

3 Sec. 3-6. Examination. The Department shall authorize
4 examinations of applicants for licensure as cosmetologists and
5 teachers of cosmetology at the times and places it may
6 determine. The Department may provide by rule for the
7 administration of the examination prior to the completion of
8 the applicant's program of training as required in Section 3-2,
9 3-3, or 3-4. Notwithstanding Section 3-2, 3-3, or 3-4, an
10 applicant for licensure as a cosmetologist who has completed
11 1,200 hours in the study of cosmetology may take the
12 examination. If an applicant for licensure as a cosmetologist
13 fails to pass 3 examinations conducted by the Department, the
14 applicant shall, before taking a subsequent examination,
15 furnish evidence of not less than 250 hours of additional study
16 of cosmetology in an approved school of cosmetology since the
17 applicant last took the examination. If an applicant for
18 licensure as a cosmetology teacher fails to pass 3 examinations
19 conducted by the Department, the applicant shall, before taking
20 a subsequent examination, furnish evidence of not less than 80
21 hours of additional study in teaching methodology and
22 educational psychology in an approved school of cosmetology
23 since the applicant last took the examination. An applicant who
24 fails to pass the fourth examination shall not again be
25 admitted to an examination unless: (i) in the case of an

1 applicant for licensure as a cosmetologist, the applicant again
2 takes and completes a program of 1500 hours in the study of
3 cosmetology in an approved school of cosmetology extending over
4 a period that commences after the applicant fails to pass the
5 fourth examination and that is not less than 8 months nor more
6 than 7 consecutive years in duration; (ii) in the case of an
7 applicant for licensure as a cosmetology teacher, the applicant
8 again takes and completes a program of 1000 hours of teacher
9 training in an approved school of cosmetology, except that if
10 the applicant had 2 years of practical experience as a licensed
11 cosmetologist within the 5 years preceding the initial
12 examination taken by the applicant, the applicant must again
13 take and complete a program of 500 hours of teacher training in
14 an approved school of cosmetology, esthetics, or nail
15 technology; or (iii) in the case of an applicant for licensure
16 as a cosmetology clinic teacher, the applicant again takes and
17 completes a program of 250 hours of clinic teacher training in
18 a licensed school of cosmetology or an instructor's institute
19 of 20 hours. The requirements for remedial training set forth
20 in this Section may be waived in whole or in part by the
21 Department upon proof to the Department that the applicant has
22 demonstrated competence to again sit for the examination. The
23 Department shall adopt rules establishing the standards by
24 which this determination shall be made. Each cosmetology
25 applicant shall be given a written examination testing both
26 theoretical and practical knowledge, which shall include, but

1 not be limited to, questions that determine the applicant's
2 knowledge of product chemistry, sanitary rules, sanitary
3 procedures, chemical service procedures, hazardous chemicals
4 and exposure minimization, knowledge of the anatomy of the
5 skin, scalp, hair, and nails as they relate to applicable
6 services under this Act and labor and compensation laws.

7 The examination of applicants for licensure as a
8 cosmetology, esthetics, or nail technology teacher may include
9 all of the elements of the exam for licensure as a
10 cosmetologist, esthetician, or nail technician and also
11 include teaching methodology, classroom management, record
12 keeping, and any other related subjects that the Department in
13 its discretion may deem necessary to insure competent
14 performance.

15 This Act does not prohibit the practice of cosmetology by
16 one who has applied in writing to the Department, in form and
17 substance satisfactory to the Department, for a license as a
18 cosmetologist, or the teaching of cosmetology by one who has
19 applied in writing to the Department, in form and substance
20 satisfactory to the Department, for a license as a cosmetology
21 teacher or cosmetology clinic teacher, if the person has
22 complied with all the provisions of this Act in order to
23 qualify for a license, except the passing of an examination to
24 be eligible to receive a license, until: (a) the expiration of
25 6 months after the filing of the written application, (b) the
26 decision of the Department that the applicant has failed to

1 pass an examination within 6 months or failed without an
2 approved excuse to take an examination conducted within 6
3 months by the Department, or (c) the withdrawal of the
4 application.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-427, eff. 8-21-15.)

6 (225 ILCS 410/3A-5) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703A-5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

8 Sec. 3A-5. Examination.

9 (a) The Department shall authorize examinations of
10 applicants for a license as an esthetician or teacher of
11 esthetics at such times and places as it may determine. The
12 Department shall authorize no fewer than 4 examinations for a
13 license as an esthetician or a teacher of esthetics in a
14 calendar year. An applicant for licensure as an esthetician who
15 has completed 600 hours in the study of esthetics may take the
16 examination.

17 If an applicant neglects, fails without an approved excuse,
18 or refuses to take the next available examination offered for
19 licensure under this Act, the fee paid by the applicant shall
20 be forfeited to the Department and the application denied. If
21 an applicant fails to pass an examination for licensure under
22 this Act within 3 years after filing his or her application,
23 the application shall be denied. However, such applicant may
24 thereafter make a new application for examination, accompanied
25 by the required fee, if he or she meets the requirements in

1 effect at the time of reapplication. If an applicant for
2 licensure as an esthetician is unsuccessful at 3 examinations
3 conducted by the Department, the applicant shall, before taking
4 a subsequent examination, furnish evidence of not less than 125
5 hours of additional study of esthetics in an approved school of
6 cosmetology or esthetics since the applicant last took the
7 examination. If an applicant for licensure as an esthetics
8 teacher is unsuccessful at 3 examinations conducted by the
9 Department, the applicant shall, before taking a subsequent
10 examination, furnish evidence of not less than 80 hours of
11 additional study in teaching methodology and educational
12 psychology in a licensed school of cosmetology or esthetics
13 since the applicant last took the examination. An applicant who
14 fails to pass a fourth examination shall not again be admitted
15 to an examination unless (i) in the case of an applicant for
16 licensure as an esthetician, the applicant shall again take and
17 complete a program of 750 hours in the study of esthetics in a
18 licensed school of cosmetology approved to teach esthetics or a
19 school of esthetics, extending over a period that commences
20 after the applicant fails to pass the fourth examination and
21 that is not less than 18 weeks nor more than 4 consecutive
22 years in duration; or (ii) in the case of an applicant for a
23 license as an esthetics teacher, the applicant shall again take
24 and complete a program of 750 hours of teacher training in a
25 school of cosmetology approved to teach esthetics or a school
26 of esthetics, except that if the applicant had 2 years of

1 practical experience as a licensed cosmetologist or
2 esthetician within 5 years preceding the initial examination
3 taken by the applicant, the applicant must again take and
4 complete a program of 500 hours of teacher training in licensed
5 cosmetology or a licensed esthetics school.

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

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

12 (1) teaching methodology;

13 (2) classroom management; and

14 (3) record keeping and any other subjects that the
15 Department may deem necessary to insure competent
16 performance.

17 (d) This Act does not prohibit the practice of esthetics by
18 one who has applied in writing to the Department, in form and
19 substance satisfactory to the Department, for a license as an
20 esthetician or an esthetics teacher and has complied with all
21 the provisions of this Act in order to qualify for a license,
22 except the passing of an examination to be eligible to receive
23 such license certificate, until: (i) the expiration of 6 months
24 after the filing of such written application, or (ii) the
25 decision of the Department that the applicant has failed to
26 pass an examination within 6 months or failed without an

1 approved excuse to take an examination conducted within 6
2 months by the Department, or (iii) the withdrawal of the
3 application.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-911, eff. 1-1-15.)

5 (225 ILCS 410/3C-7) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703C-7)

6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

7 Sec. 3C-7. Examinations; failure or refusal to take
8 examination. The Department shall authorize examinations of
9 applicants for licenses as nail technicians and teachers of
10 nail technology at the times and places as it may determine. An
11 applicant for licensure as a nail technician who has completed
12 280 hours in the study of nail technology may take the
13 examination.

14 The Department shall authorize not less than 4 examinations
15 for licenses as nail technicians, and nail technology teachers
16 in a calendar year.

17 If an applicant neglects, fails without an approved excuse,
18 or refuses to take the next available examination offered for
19 licensure under this Act, the fee paid by the applicant shall
20 be forfeited to the Department and the application denied. If
21 an applicant fails to pass an examination for licensure under
22 this Act within 3 years after filing an application, the
23 application shall be denied. Nevertheless, the applicant may
24 thereafter make a new application for examination, accompanied
25 by the required fee, if he or she meets the requirements in

1 effect at the time of reapplication. If an applicant for
2 licensure as a nail technician or nail technology teacher is
3 unsuccessful at 3 examinations conducted by the Department, the
4 applicant shall, before taking a subsequent examination,
5 furnish evidence of successfully completing (i) for a nail
6 technician, not less than 60 hours of additional study of nail
7 technology in a licensed school of cosmetology approved to
8 teach nail technology or nail technology and (ii) for a nail
9 technology teacher, not less than 80 hours of additional study
10 in teaching methodology and educational psychology in an
11 approved school of cosmetology or nail technology since the
12 applicant last took the examination.

13 An applicant who fails the fourth examination shall not
14 again be admitted to an examination unless: (i) in the case of
15 an applicant for a license as a nail technician, the applicant
16 again takes and completes a total of 350 hours in the study of
17 nail technology in an approved school of cosmetology or nail
18 technology extending over a period that commences after the
19 applicant fails to pass the fourth examination and that is not
20 less than 8 weeks nor more than 2 consecutive years in
21 duration; or (ii) in the case of an applicant for licensure as
22 a nail technology teacher, the applicant again takes and
23 completes a program of 625 hours of teacher training in a
24 licensed school of cosmetology, or nail technology, except that
25 if the applicant had 2 years of practical experience as a
26 licensed nail technician within 5 years preceding the initial

1 examination taken by the applicant, the applicant must again
2 take and complete a program of 500 hours of teacher training in
3 a licensed school of cosmetology approved to teach nail
4 technology, or a licensed school of nail technology.

5 Each applicant for licensure as a nail technician shall be
6 given a written examination testing both theoretical and
7 practical knowledge, which shall include, but not be limited
8 to, questions that determine the applicant's knowledge of
9 product chemistry, sanitary rules, sanitary procedures,
10 hazardous chemicals and exposure minimization, this Act, and
11 labor and compensation laws.

12 The examination for licensure as a nail technology teacher
13 may include knowledge of the subject matter, teaching
14 methodology, classroom management, record keeping, and any
15 other subjects that the Department in its discretion may deem
16 necessary to insure competent performance.

17 This Act does not prohibit the practice of nail technology
18 by a person who has applied in writing to the Department, in
19 form and substance satisfactory to the Department, for a
20 license as a nail technician, or the teaching of nail
21 technology by one who has applied in writing to the Department,
22 in form and substance satisfactory to the Department, for a
23 license as a nail technology teacher, if the person has
24 complied with all the provisions of this Act in order to
25 qualify for a license, except the passing of an examination to
26 be eligible to receive a license, until: (a) the expiration of

1 6 months after the filing of the written application, or (b)
2 the decision of the Department that the applicant has failed to
3 pass an examination within 6 months or failed without an
4 approved excuse to take an examination conducted within 6
5 months by the Department, or (c) the withdrawal of the
6 application.

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