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CIRCULAR LETTER #12/03

**TO: BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY, ELECTROLOGY SCHOOLS,
AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSORS**

**SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF MODELS FOR COSMETOLOGIST, ESTHETICIAN AND
MANICURIST PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS**

As you are aware, the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) began administering the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology, Inc., (NIC) practical examination in October 2011. Other States that use the NIC examination use mannequin heads and hands instead of models when taking the examination. Therefore, effective March 1, 2012, candidates taking the cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist examination will be required to bring a mannequin head and/or hand with them to the testing site. **Models will no longer be permitted for the cosmetology, manicure or esthetician practical exam on or after March 1, 2012.**

The use of mannequins instead of models will simplify the examination process by eliminating model-related disqualifications such as:

- Model Identification issues
- Coaching Models
- Models with cell phones in the examination room
- Models who arrive late
- Candidates, unable to find a suitable model
- Models attempting to serve more than once in a 30-day period

The Board and NIC are in the process of revising the Candidate Information Bulletins (CIB) to reflect these changes. They are not available at this time. As soon as the revisions are completed, the revised copies of the CIBs will be posted and available on the Board’s website.

In the meantime, in addition to the list of supplies and equipment currently listed on the CIBs, the following items will need to be included for the examination:

Cosmetologist Candidates

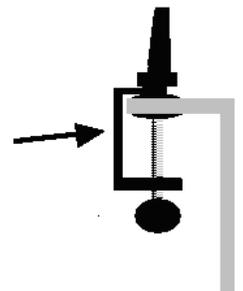
General Supplies:

- Mannequin head(s) and table clamp

- *Candidate supplies the head and clamp.*

Sculptured Nail and Manicure Supplies:

- Mannequin hand(s) with artificial nails attached

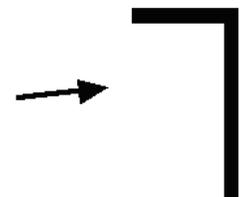


Esthetician Candidates

General Supplies

- Mannequin head(s) and table clamp

- *Board will supply the support that slips into headrest slot on styling chair.*



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Manicurist Candidates

General Supplies

- Mannequin hand(s) with artificial nails attached

Barber Candidates

General Supplies

- Mannequin head(s) and table clamp

Note: Candidates must bring a mannequin that is adequate to perform all required services; a second head or hand is allowed if needed.

Additionally, barber candidates will only be allowed to bring one model, suitable for both the shave and the haircut. All other services will be completed on a mannequin head.

The electrology candidates will continue to perform all services on a model.

Board approved interpreters for barber and electrology candidates may only be admitted to the practical examination as interpreter/models, (i.e., the model and interpreter must be the same person).

Board approved interpreters for cosmetologist, esthetician and manicurist candidates will be admitted into the examination for translating purposes only.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Board directly at (916) 575-7100.

Sincerely,

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