

CALIFORNIA LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

License Type	Requirements
Cosmetologist	Completion of the 10 th Grade, 1600 hours in an approved School and passing of a California State or National Interstate Council (NIC) Written* and Practical** examinations.
Manicurist	Completion of the 10 th Grade, 400 hours in an approved School and passing of a California State or National Interstate Council (NIC) Written* and Practical** examinations.
Esthetician	Completion of the 10 th Grade, 600 hours in an approved School and passing of a California State or National Interstate Council (NIC) Written* and Practical** examinations.
Electrologist	Completion of the 12 th Grade, 600 hours in an approved School and passing of a California State or National Interstate Council (NIC) Written* and Practical** examinations.
Barber	Completion of the 10 th Grade, 1500 hours in an approved School and passing of a California State or National Interstate Council (NIC) Written* and Practical** examinations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

National Exam

* Effective May 1, 2009, the California State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology implemented the National Written Examination.

** Effective October 2, 2011, the California State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology implemented the National Practical Examination.

Scoring

A minimum score of 75 (out of 100) for both the written and practical is required in order to pass the examinations for licensure.

Language

Examinations are given in English, Korean, Vietnamese, and Spanish. Applicants can bring an interpreter if they cannot read, speak, or write in English at a 10th grade level and the examination is not given in their native language.

Reciprocity

Effective July 1, 2007 the Board started granting a license without examination to licensees from other states that meet the following requirements; a current license in good standing from any state that has been active for three of the last five years with no disciplinary action or a criminal conviction.