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CIRCULAR LETTER #14/08

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

SUBJECT: REMINDER—NEW SCORING METHODOLOGY—OCTOBER 1, 2014

This circular letter is just to remind you that the new scoring methodology will be implemented for those candidates taking the examination beginning October 1, 2014.

In June 2012, the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) amended Business and Professions Code Section 932 changing the scoring methodology from raw scores to scaled scores for all license types.

The examinations remain the same, only the way that the examinations are being scored is changing.

The passing scores for the national examinations for all license types will be determined whenever a new examination is developed and will be reported as a scaled score. The scale ranges from 0 to 100, and the minimum passing scale score for all examinations will be **75**. A candidate must achieve a scaled score of **75** on each part (written and practical) of the examination for licensure, including barber candidates. If the candidate earns a scaled score of 74 or less on one or both parts of their examination, they will receive a score report (just like they do now), and will need to re-apply for the part(s) of the examination they failed. The passing score will still be good for one year. Please refer to Circular Letter #14/04 for more information regarding this change. If you would like a more detailed explanation of the scoring methodology, please go to our webpage under the schools tab.

Barbers: Effective October 1st, 2014, if barbers pass one part of the examination, they will no longer need to re-take both parts of the examination; barbers will only need to take the part that they failed (written or practical).

If you have any questions, please email the Board at barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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