



May 28, 2015

CIRCULAR LETTER #15/06

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

SUBJECT: WEBCAST FOR NATIONAL PRACTICAL EXAMINATION (NIC)

This is to notify you that the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) will be having a webcast on **Thursday, June 18th, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** This webcast is in addition to the annual webcast that the Board does in September or October.

Representatives from NIC will be conducting the webcast to help clear up any confusion some of you may have regarding the use of tripods and the elimination of the barber models which were implemented on May 1st 2015. (Please refer to Circular Letter #15/03 or the Board's website at www.barbercosmo.ca.gov for information about these changes).

For those schools and apprentice sponsors who have any questions about the above or any other current practical exam related questions that you need clarified, please submit those questions in advance so that they can be addressed during this webcast.

Those who wish to submit a question that will be answered during the webcast should e-mail their question(s) to barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov no later than **June 12th, 2015**. Please put "**June 2015 Webcast**" on the subject line of your e-mail.

Note: Any questions that would jeopardize examination security will not be responded to.

Additionally, the national examinations for the barber, esthetician and manicurist license types have been newly developed by the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). These examinations were changed effective February 2015. However, the Board will not begin administering the revised examinations until **September 14th, 2015**. The NIC Representatives will be introducing these changes at the webcast.

Please see the enclosed attachment for lists of the current and new content areas.

IMPORTANT: During the webcast, please do not submit any questions about the new changes to exams. During the webcast, you will be instructed as to when and where to send your questions about the new exams. The Board will post Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Board's website as a result of your questions submitted after the webcast.

Prior to implementation, the Board will be making the necessary revisions to the Candidate Information Bulletins (CIBs), FAQs, and any other exam information related to the new exams. These items will be posted to the Board's website as soon as they become available. The Board will also send additional circular letters with more information during the months leading up to implementation of the new exams.

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Please check the Board's website for further information regarding the link for the webcast and the time. This information will be made available approximately 1 week prior to the webcast; however, the link will not be accessible until the actual webcast.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please email the board at barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov and put Circular Letter #15/06 on the subject line of your email.

Sincerely,

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