



## **CIRCULAR LETTER # 15/08**

**DATE:** June 1, 2015

**TO:** ALL BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY and ELECTROLOGY SCHOOLS and APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

**SUBJECT:** New Regulations

The Board recently made a number of revisions to its regulations that concern Board-approved schools and their students, and apprenticeship sponsors and their apprentices. The revised regulations, **which go into effect on July 1, 2015**, are as follows:

- **Health and Safety:** Most of the sections that comprise the Board's health and safety regulations (Article 12 of Division 9, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, or CCR) have been revised in some way. Two entirely new sections have been added (§977 and §980.4 CCR).
- **Crossover Course Curriculums:** §950.8 and §950.9 CCR, which detail 400-hour curriculums necessary for barbers to become cosmetologists and vice versa, have been repealed. The elimination of these sections means that all crossover candidates need to qualify to take the examination is to fulfill whatever part of the cosmetology or barber curriculum they haven't already completed as part of their original program. This means that a cosmetologist who wishes to become a barber will only need 200 hours in shaving – shaving being the only aspect of the regular barber curriculum (§950.1, CCR) not already covered by the regular cosmetology curriculum (§950.2 CCR). Barbers who wish to become cosmetologists will need to complete the 200-hour esthetics component and 100-hour manicuring component of the regular cosmetology curriculum to sit for the examination.
- **Apprenticeships:** The Board has made several revisions or clarifications to its regulations concerning apprenticeships (Article 3 of Division 9, Title 16 CCR). The changes include two new sections, §914.1 and §914.2 CCR, that set limits on who can enroll as an apprentice and the number of re-enrollments. §918 CCR has been amended to limit to two the number of apprentices a trainer may supervise at any one time. The apprenticeship curriculums detailed in §921, §921.1 and §921.2 CCR have also been amended to conform to the format adopted by the Board for brick-and-mortar school curriculums.

Because of the large number of changes, the Board is not including copies of the revised regulations in this letter. However, they may be obtained in several languages from the Board's Web site at [www.barbercosmo.ca.gov](http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov). Just click on the "New Regulations Effective July 1" link. You'll have the option of either downloading the revised health and safety regulations alone (as well as a chart explaining the changes), or a supplement to the Board's *2013 Barbering & Cosmetology Act and Regulations* booklet that includes all of the regulatory changes made by the Board since the booklet's publication, including those discussed in this letter.

Bear in mind that under §961 CCR, students must possess "the Barbering and Cosmetology Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology" as part of their text and reference books. Typically, to satisfy this requirement, schools have provided students with either a hard copy or downloaded copy of the Board's act and regulations booklet. **Schools should be sure students possess the supplement as well as a copy of the booklet for the most up-to-date regulatory picture.**

The revisions are the result of nearly two years of Board discussions with industry representatives, licensees, health and safety professionals and others. Please review these new rules carefully. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Board at [barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov](mailto:barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

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