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CIRCULAR LETTER #15/10

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

**SUBJECT: REVISED PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR BARBER, ESTHETICIAN AND
MANICURIST AND ANNUAL WEBCAST**

This is to remind you that the national examinations for the barber, esthetician, and manicurist license types have been revised by the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) and will be administered beginning **September 14, 2015**.

When Circular Letter #15/06 was sent in May 2015, it included an attachment that identified the changes to these examinations. A copy of the attachment is included again with this letter for your information. In addition, the candidate information bulletins (CIBs) in English for the 3 license types are now available on our website at www.barbercosmo.ca.gov for you use in preparing your students for their examination. The translation versions will be posted on the Board's website once they become available.

A statement has been added to the admission letters for candidates scheduled beginning September 14th, 2015, informing them they will be taking the newly developed examinations if they are testing for barber, esthetician or manicuring. Please be sure to prepare your students that are scheduled for their examination on or after September 14, 2015 for the revised examinations.

The cosmetology and electrology examinations have not changed.

Additionally, NIC representatives will be conducting its 5th annual overview of the practical examinations for all license types on Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. This overview will be webcasted live on the Board's website. The purpose of the overview is to give the schools and sponsors an opportunity to review the exam processes and get answers or clarifications to questions they may have as it relates to the examination.

Schools and apprentice committees who wish to submit a question that will be answered during the webcast should email their questions to barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov no later than **August 31st 2015**. Please put "September 2015 Webcast" on the subject line of your email.

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

We anticipate that the presentation by the NIC staff and the subsequent question and answer period will last approximately 4-5 hours. 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 #15/10 on the subject line of your email.

Sincerely,

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