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**CIRCULAR LETTER #15/11**

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

**SUBJECT: NEW WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS FOR BARBER, ESTHETICIAN AND MANICURIST**

As you may be aware, the barber, esthetician and manicurist examinations were newly developed by the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). These examinations were changed effective February 2015. However, the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) delayed implementation of the new examinations and will start with the practical part of the examination first.

**UPDATE ON PRACTICAL:** The implementation date for administration of the revised barber, esthetician and manicurist practical examinations has been *delayed* by three (3) days, or **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. *Therefore, candidates taking the examination now through September 16<sup>th</sup> will be taking the current examination.*

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION:** The Board would like to announce that the revised written examinations for barber, esthetician and manicurist license types will be implemented effective **November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015**. The Candidate Information Bulletins (CIBs) for these will be on the Board's website at [barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov](mailto:barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov) no later than September 11, 2015. You can also find them at the NIC website at [www.nictesting.org](http://www.nictesting.org). The translated versions will be posted on the Board's website at a later date.

**WEBCAST:** NIC representatives will be conducting its 5<sup>th</sup> annual overview of the practical examinations for all license types on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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.

Note: The webcast will be available for viewing on our website at any time approximately 10 days after the airing of the webcast.

**REMINDER:** The cosmetology and electrology examinations have not changed.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please email the board at [barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov](mailto:barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov) and put Circular Letter #15/11 on the subject line of your email.

Sincerely,

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