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

**SUBJECT: Text and Reference Books for Students**

The Board recently updated Section 961 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), concerning the text and reference materials that must be supplied to students.

As revised, Section 961 now reflects that the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC), which produces the national barbering, cosmetology and electrology examinations used by the Board to test licensing applicants, reviews the text and reference books. Previously, when the Board produced its own examination, Board staff conducted the reviews.

This update has little or no practical effect on either schools or students, who have already been using NIC-approved materials since the Board adopted the national written examination in 2011. The list of approved text and reference books can be found in the Candidate Information Bulletins (CIBs) for each of the NIC examinations. The CIBs can be found at <http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/applicants/national.shtml>

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