



CIRCULAR LETTER #16/06

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

FROM: NANCY HARLOW, BOARD ANALYST

SUBJECT: ANNUAL WEBCAST AND NEW COSMETOLOGY NATIONAL (NIC) EXAMINATION

This is to remind you that the national examination for *cosmetology* (written and practical) has been revised by the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) and will be administered beginning [September 19, 2016](#).

The new candidate information bulletin (CIB) for cosmetology has been added to the Board's website. You can find it under the Applicants tab, then under Examination Information, click on Candidate Information Bulletins (CIB). Only the English version is available at this time. Once the translated versions are complete, they will be added to the website. These should be available in early September.

Additionally, NIC representatives will be conducting its 6th annual overview of the practical examinations for all license types on Wednesday, [September 14th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.](#) This overview will be webcasted live on the Board's website. The purpose of the webcast is to give the schools and sponsors an opportunity to review the exam processes and get answers or clarifications to questions they may have regarding the examination.

Schools and apprentice sponsors who wish to submit any questions related to the practical examination that will be answered during the webcast should email their questions to barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov no later than [September 2, 2016](#). Please put "[September 2016 Webcast](#)" on the subject line of your email.

We anticipate that the webcast will last approximately 4-5 hours. Prior to the webcast, please check the Board's website for further information regarding the time and link for the webcast. 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: Currently, both Board examination facilities are equipped with shelves at each work station where candidates have been able to store their kit supplies during the examination. Effective September 19, 2016, the shelves will no longer be available for the candidates to use while testing. Supplies will need to be removed from the kit for each section of the examination.

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