



CIRCULAR LETTER #16/07

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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 EXAMINATION CHANGES

This is to remind you about the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology's (Board) annual webcast on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:00 a.m. Representatives from the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) will be conducting an overview of the practical examinations. The overview will be webcasted live on the Board's website at www.barbercosmo.ca.gov. 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. You may email your questions during the webcast for a live response.

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.

Important Note: Effective September 19, 2016, the shelves at each work station where candidates are currently able to store their kit supplies during their examination will no longer be available for use on or after September 19, 2016. Supplies will need to be removed from the kit for each section of the examination. However, candidates are still assigned a work station, manicure table and stool. This change is for ALL examinations.

The new Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) for cosmetology is not California specific. You may have noticed that this new CIB (now on our website) lists all of the domains/sections that NIC offers; when NIC revised the cosmetology CIB, it was not created for all states. Although it does list all of the services that NIC offers, it only shows the tasks and verbal instructions for the twelve (12) domains/sections that California will include on the cosmetology examination. And because it is not California specific, the cosmetology CIB will now include a Supplemental Page. The Supplemental Page outlines those areas of the examination as it relates to California only. Therefore, it is important to use the supplemental page in conjunction with the CIB.

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.