

California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology



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Upcoming Updates:

- The following examinations are scheduled to be updated on April 1st
 - Barber
 - Cosmetologist
 - Esthetician
 - Nail Technician
 - Electrologist
 - Instructor
- This includes new content, revisions to existing content, and updated translations.

Upcoming Updates:

Updated content specifications for the barber & cosmetology industry examinations based on the new job analysis results.

The specifications were developed with the input of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) representing key professional stakeholder groups (licensees, regulators, and educators).

A total of 5,273 licensees responded to the survey.

| Barber & Cosmetology Industry License | Count |
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| Barber | 333 |
| Cosmetologist | 1950 |
| Educator (Instructor) | 258 |
| Electrologist | 31 |
| Esthetician | 1268 |
| Hairstylist | 705 |
| Nail Technician/Manicurist | 728 |



Barber Updates

| Barber Theory Examination Topic Area | % Comparison | |
|--|--------------|------|
| | 2020 | 2026 |
| Safety and Infection Control | 29% | 31% |
| Client Consultation and Hair and Skin Analysis (Hair, Scalp, and Skin Analysis) * | 13% | 15% |
| Hairstyling | 5% | 5% |
| Haircutting | 9% | 8% |
| Haircoloring (previously included in Chemical Services) | 0% | 7% |
| Chemical Texture Services (Chemical Services) * | 18% | 7% |
| Skin Care | 2% | 5% |
| Shaving | 24% | 22% |
| *Current topic area name is shown in parentheses if changed in the new examination. | | |

Cosmetologist Updates

| Cosmetologist Theory Examination Topic Area | % Comparison | |
|--|--------------|------|
| | 2020 | 2026 |
| Safety and Infection Control | 25% | 30% |
| Client Consultation and Hair, Skin, and Nail Analysis (Hair, Scalp, Skin, and Nail Analysis) * | 17% | 19% |
| Hairstyling | 6% | 2% |
| Haircutting | 12% | 3% |
| Haircoloring (previously included in Chemical Services) | 0% | 10% |
| Chemical Texture Services (Chemical Services) * | 15% | 12% |
| Skin Care | 6% | 4% |
| Eyelash and Eyebrow | 0% | 4% |
| Hair Removal | 4% | 8% |
| Nail Care (Nails) * | 13% | 8% |
| <i>*Current topic area name is shown in parentheses if changed in the new examination.</i> | | |

Esthetician Updates

| Esthetician Theory Examination | % Comparison | |
|--|--------------|------|
| | 2020 | 2026 |
| Topic Area | 2020 | 2026 |
| Safety and Infection Control | 34% | 40% |
| Client Consultation and Skin Analysis | 17% | 19% |
| Skin Care | 27% | 17% |
| Makeup | 4% | 3% |
| Eyelash and Eyebrow | 0% | 6% |
| Hair Removal | 13% | 15% |
| <i>*Current topic area name is shown in parentheses if changed in the new examination.</i> | | |



Nail Technician Updates

| Nail Technician Examination | % Comparison | |
|--|--------------|------|
| | 2020 | 2026 |
| Topic Area | 2020 | 2026 |
| Safety and Infection Control | 38% | 50% |
| Client Consultation and Nail Analysis | 13% | 18% |
| Skin Care | 0% | 10% |
| Nail Care (Nails) * | 49% | 22% |
| <i>*Current topic area name is shown in parentheses if changed in the new examination.</i> | | |

Electrologist Updates

| Electrologist Theory Examination | | % Comparison | |
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| Topic Area | 2020 | 2026 | |
| Safety and Infection Control | 40% | 36% | |
| Client Consultation and Hair and Skin Analysis | 20% | 30% | |
| Electrolysis Treatment and Analysis | 40% | 34% | |
| (Analysis and Treatment/Electricity and Equipment) * | | | |
| *Current topic area name is shown in parentheses if changed in the new examination. | | | |



| Barber Theory Examination | |
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| 95 Questions (85 scored, 10 non-scored) | |
| 2 hours (120 minutes) | |
| Topic Name | Weight |
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 31% |
| A. Workplace Infection Control Procedures | |
| 1. Infectious diseases, pathogens, and exposure prevention | |
| 2. Methods and procedures for cleaning and disinfection | |
| a. Contaminated tools | |
| b. Machines and equipment | |
| c. Daily workstation | |
| 3. Levels of decontamination (i.e., cleaning, disinfection, sterilization) | |
| 4. Procedures for exposure incidents (e.g., Standard/Universal Precautions, OSHA, CDC) | |
| 5. Products to be used for cleaning and disinfecting | |
| 6. Labeling and storage of cleaned and disinfected tools and equipment | |
| 7. Single- and multi-use items and materials | |
| B. Workplace Safety Precautions | |
| 1. Procedures for maintaining safe working conditions | |
| 2. Safe water temperature | |
| 3. Safe use of equipment and maintenance procedures | |
| 4. Labeling and storage of materials and chemicals | |
| 5. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and prohibited materials and substances | |
| 6. Federal safety regulations (e.g., OSHA, EPA, FDA) | |
| 7. Identifying adverse reactions to chemicals | |
| 8. Protective chemical barriers and draping for clients | |
| 9. Proper ventilation | |
| 10. Electrical safety | |
| 2. Client Consultation and Hair and Skin Analysis | 15% |
| A. Client Consultation | |
| 1. Client intake and consent form procedures to determine possible contraindications | |
| 2. Declining or altering service based on contraindications | |
| 3. Recommendation client seek a medical opinion | |
| B. Hair and Skin | |
| 1. Hair and skin structure | |
| 2. Hair and skin analysis | |
| 3. Selection of appropriate services based on condition of hair and skin | |
| C. Adverse Reactions, Diseases, Contraindications | |
| 1. Allergic reaction (patch) test procedures | |
| 2. Hair and scalp diseases and disorders | |
| 3. Skin diseases and disorders | |
| 4. Signs of adverse reactions to products during and after service | |
| 3. Hairstyling | 5% |
| A. Hairstyling Procedures | |
| 1. Procedures for textured hairstyling | |
| a. Hair extension application, maintenance, removal | |

| Barber Theory Examination | |
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| 95 Questions (85 scored, 10 non-scored) | |
| 2 hours (120 minutes) | |
| b. Locking | |
| c. Braiding | |
| 2. Procedures for hair additions, replacements, and enhancements | |
| a. Hair piece application, maintenance, removal | |
| 3. Blowdrying procedures | |
| 4. Thermal curling procedures | |
| B. Hairstyling Tools | |
| 1. Precautions for use of thermal styling tools (e.g., testing temperature, protecting scalp) | |
| 4. Haircutting | 8% |
| A. Haircutting Procedures | |
| 1. Procedures for cutting different hair types (e.g., straight, curly, over-curly, and wavy) | |
| B. Tool and Implement Safety | |
| 1. Safe use of haircutting tools and implements (e.g., shears, razors, clippers, and trimmers) | |
| 5. Haircoloring | 7% |
| A. Application | |
| 1. Application of haircoloring chemicals for all hair types | |
| 2. Purpose and procedure of strand testing | |
| 3. Hair and scalp preparation | |
| 4. Application of haircoloring chemicals to facial hair (e.g., eyebrows, mustache, beard) | |
| B. Safe Use of Chemicals and Products | |
| 1. Hair chemical mixing and safety | |
| 2. Application procedures and safe use of color (e.g., overprocessed hair, metallic or compound dyes, minerals) | |
| 3. Application procedures and safe use of lightening products | |
| 4. Color theory, formulating, and products | |
| 6. Chemical Texture Services | 7% |
| A. Virgin Hair | |
| 1. Safe application and removal for virgin hair (e.g., chemical relaxer, chemical texturing products, permanent waving products) | |
| B. Chemically Treated Hair | |
| 1. Safe application and removal for chemically treated hair (e.g., chemical relaxer, chemical texturing products, permanent waving products) | |
| C. Chemical Safety, Products, and Results | |
| 1. Assessing chemical process results | |
| 2. Safe use of chemical texturing products | |
| 3. Precautions for chemical hair texturing | |
| 7. Skin Care | 5% |
| A. Massage | |
| 1. Safe facial massage movements | |
| B. Preparation, Products, and Services | |
| 1. Preparing client for skin care services | |
| 2. Use of different skin care products | |
| 3. Scalp care treatments | |

| Barber Theory Examination | |
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| 95 Questions (85 scored, 10 non-scored) | |
| 2 hours (120 minutes) | |
| C. Skin Care Safety | |
| 1. Safe procedures for performing cleansing facials | |
| 2. Safe procedures for chemical and mechanical exfoliation | |
| 3. Safe use of skin care tools, machines, and devices | |
| 4. Safe application and removal of hot towels | |
| 5. Safe product use and application for all skin conditions | |
| 8. Shaving | 22% |
| A. Shaving Safety | |
| 1. Contraindications of shaving | |
| 2. Shaving different facial hair types and textures | |
| 3. Safe shaving procedures (i.e., stretching the skin and direction of the stroke) | |
| 4. Safe razor handling | |
| 5. Safe shaving around the mouth and ears | |
| B. Shaving Products and Strokes | |
| 1. Shaving products and application (e.g., lather, bracer) | |
| 2. Freehand, backhand, reverse freehand and reverse backhand shaving strokes | |
| C. Shaving Tools and Equipment | |
| 1. Safe use of shaving tools and equipment | |
| 2. Maintenance of shaving tools and equipment | |
| 3. Blade disposal | |

| Cosmetologist Theory Examination | |
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| 110 Questions (100 scored, 10 non-scored) | |
| 2 hours (120 minutes) | |
| Topic Name | Weight |
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 30% |
| A. Workplace Infection Control Procedures | |
| 1. Infectious diseases, pathogens, and exposure prevention | |
| 2. Methods and procedures for cleaning and disinfection | |
| a. Contaminated tools | |
| b. Machines and equipment | |
| c. Daily workstation | |
| 3. Levels of decontamination (i.e., cleaning, disinfection, sterilization) | |
| 4. Procedures for exposure incidents (e.g., Standard/Universal Precautions, OSHA, CDC) | |
| 5. Products to be used for cleaning and disinfecting | |
| 6. Labeling and storage of cleaned and disinfected tools and equipment | |
| 7. Single- and multi-use items and materials | |
| B. Workplace Safety Precautions | |
| 1. Procedures for maintaining safe working conditions | |
| 2. Safe water temperature | |
| 3. Safe use of equipment and maintenance procedures | |
| 4. Labeling and storage of materials and chemicals | |
| 5. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and prohibited materials and substances | |
| 6. Federal safety regulations (e.g., OSHA, EPA, FDA) | |
| 7. Identifying adverse reactions to chemicals | |
| 8. Protective chemical barriers and draping for clients | |
| 9. Proper ventilation | |
| 10. Electrical safety | |
| 2. Client Consultation and Hair, Skin, and Nail Analysis | 19% |
| A. Client Consultation | |
| 1. Client intake and consent form procedures to determine possible contraindications | |
| 2. Declining or altering service based on contraindications | |
| 3. Recommendation client seek a medical opinion | |
| B. Hair, Skin, and Nail | |
| 1. Hair, skin, and nail structure | |
| 2. Hair, skin, and nail analysis | |
| 3. Selection of appropriate services based on condition of hair, skin, and nails | |
| C. Adverse Reactions, Diseases, Contraindications | |
| 1. Allergic reaction (patch) test procedures | |
| 2. Hair and scalp diseases and disorders | |
| 3. Skin diseases and disorders | |
| 4. Nail diseases and disorders | |
| 5. Signs of adverse reactions to products during and after service | |
| 6. Contraindications to manicure and pedicure services | |
| 7. Contraindications to nail enhancement services | |
| 3. Hairstyling | 2% |

| Cosmetologist Theory Examination | |
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| 110 Questions (100 scored, 10 non-scored) | |
| 2 hours (120 minutes) | |
| A. Hairstyling Procedures | |
| 1. Procedures for textured hairstyling | |
| a. Hair extension application, maintenance, removal | |
| b. Locking | |
| c. Braiding | |
| 2. Procedures for hair additions, replacements, and enhancements | |
| a. Hair piece application, maintenance, removal | |
| 3. Blowdrying procedures | |
| 4. Thermal curling procedures | |
| B. Hairstyling Tools | |
| 1. Precautions for use of thermal styling tools (e.g., testing temperature, protecting scalp) | |
| 4. Haircutting | 3% |
| A. Haircutting Procedures | |
| 1. Procedures for cutting different hair types (e.g., straight, curly, over-curly, and wavy) | |
| B. Tool and Implement Safety | |
| 1. Safe use of haircutting tools and implements (e.g., shears, razors, clippers, and trimmers) | |
| 5. Haircoloring | 10% |
| A. Application | |
| 1. Application of haircoloring chemicals for all hair types | |
| 2. Purpose and procedure of strand testing | |
| 3. Hair and scalp preparation | |
| 4. Application of haircoloring chemicals to facial hair (e.g., eyebrows, eyelashes) | |
| B. Safe Use of Chemicals and Products | |
| 1. Hair chemical mixing and safety | |
| 2. Application procedures and safe use of color (e.g., overprocessed hair, metallic or compound dyes, minerals) | |
| 3. Application procedures and safe use of lightening products | |
| 4. Color theory, formulating, and products | |
| 6. Chemical Texture Services | 12% |
| A. Virgin Hair | |
| 1. Safe application and removal for virgin hair (e.g., chemical relaxer, chemical texturing products, permanent waving products) | |
| B. Chemically Treated Hair | |
| 1. Safe application and removal for chemically treated hair (e.g., chemical relaxer, chemical texturing products, permanent waving products) | |
| C. Chemical Safety, Products, and Results | |
| 1. Assessing chemical process results | |
| 2. Safe use of chemical texturing products | |
| 3. Precautions for chemical hair texturing | |
| 7. Skin Care | 4% |
| A. Massage | |
| 1. Safe facial massage movements | |
| 2. Safe manicure and pedicure massage movements | |

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| 110 Questions (100 scored, 10 non-scored) | |
| 2 hours (120 minutes) | |
| B. Preparation, Products, and Services | |
| 1. Preparing client for skin care services | |
| 2. Use of different skin care products | |
| 3. Scalp care treatments | |
| C. Skin Care Safety | |
| 1. Safe procedures for performing facial services | |
| 2. Safe procedures for chemical and mechanical exfoliation | |
| 3. Safe use of skin care tools, machines, and devices | |
| 4. Safe application and removal of hot towels | |
| 5. Safe product use and application for all skin conditions | |
| 6. Safe removal of calluses | |
| 8. Eyelash and Eyebrow | 4% |
| A. Eyelash and Eyebrow Safety | |
| 1. Safe application and removal of eyelash enhancements | |
| 2. Safe application procedures for chemical eyelash services | |
| B. Products and Procedures | |
| 1. Safe use of eyebrow and eyelash tinting products | |
| 2. Safety procedures for artificial eyelash adhesive and remover products | |
| 9. Hair Removal | 8% |
| A. Hair Removal Safety | |
| 1. Safe hair removal using depilatories, waxing, and sugaring | |
| 2. Safe hair removal using tweezing and threading | |
| 3. Tools, supplies, and products for hair removal | |
| B. Infection Control (e.g., cross-contamination, wearing gloves) | |
| C. Contraindications to Hair Removal Services | |
| 10. Nail Care | 8% |
| A. Nail Safety | |
| 1. Safe use of nail products, tools, and equipment | |
| 2. Safe filing and buffing of nails | |
| 3. Safe cuticle removal | |
| 4. Safe manicure and pedicure procedures | |
| B. Nail Workstation and Environment | |
| 1. Nail station ventilation (e.g., particulate matter control) | |
| 2. Nail infection control procedures (e.g., closing multi-use containers while clipping and filing, clean files and buffers) | |
| C. Nail Enhancements | |
| 1. Natural nail products, procedures, and repair | |
| 2. Artificial nail enhancement products, application, maintenance, and repair | |
| 3. Artificial nail removal | |

| Esthetician Theory Examination | |
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| 85 Questions (75 scored, 10 non-scored) | |
| 1.5 hours (90 minutes) | |
| Topic Name | Weight |
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 40% |
| A. Workplace Infection Control Procedures | |
| 1. Infectious diseases, pathogens, and exposure prevention | |
| 2. Methods and procedures for cleaning and disinfection | |
| a. Contaminated tools | |
| b. Machines and equipment | |
| c. Daily workstation | |
| 3. Levels of decontamination (i.e., cleaning, disinfection, sterilization) | |
| 4. Procedures for exposure incidents (e.g., Standard/Universal Precautions, OSHA, CDC) | |
| 5. Products to be used for cleaning and disinfecting | |
| 6. Labeling and storage of cleaned and disinfected tools and equipment | |
| 7. Single- and multi-use items and materials | |
| B. Workplace Safety Precautions | |
| 1. Procedures for maintaining safe working conditions | |
| 2. Safe water temperature | |
| 3. Safe use of equipment and maintenance procedures | |
| 4. Labeling and storage of materials and chemicals | |
| 5. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and prohibited materials and substances | |
| 6. Federal safety regulations (e.g., OSHA, EPA, FDA) | |
| 7. Identifying adverse reactions to chemicals | |
| 8. Protective chemical barriers and draping for clients | |
| 9. Proper ventilation | |
| 10. Electrical safety | |
| 2. Client Consultation and Skin Analysis | 19% |
| A. Client Consultation | |
| 1. Client intake and consent form procedures to determine possible contraindications | |
| 2. Declining or altering service based on contraindications | |
| 3. Recommendation client seek a medical opinion | |
| B. Skin | |
| 1. Skin structure | |
| 2. Skin analysis | |
| 3. Selection of appropriate services based on condition of skin | |
| C. Adverse Reactions, Diseases, Contraindications | |
| 1. Allergic reaction (patch) test procedures | |
| 2. Skin diseases and disorders | |
| 3. Signs of adverse reactions to products during and after service | |
| 3. Skin Care | 17% |
| A. Massage | |
| 1. Safe facial massage movements | |
| B. Preparation, Products, and Services | |
| 1. Preparing client for skin care services | |

| Esthetician Theory Examination | |
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| 85 Questions (75 scored, 10 non-scored) | |
| 1.5 hours (90 minutes) | |
| 2. Use of different skin care products | |
| C. Skin Care Safety | |
| 1. Safe procedures for performing facial services | |
| 2. Safe procedures for chemical and mechanical exfoliation | |
| 3. Safe use of skin care tools, machines, and devices | |
| 4. Safe application and removal of hot towels | |
| 5. Safe product use and application for all skin conditions | |
| 4. Makeup | 3% |
| A. Makeup Safety and Hygiene | |
| 1. Safe makeup application and removal procedures (e.g., bracing techniques) | |
| 2. Hygienic makeup application and removal procedures (e.g., disposable applicators, artist palette) | |
| 5. Eyelash and Eyebrow | 6% |
| A. Eyelash and Eyebrow Safety | |
| 1. Safe application and removal of eyelash enhancements | |
| 2. Safe application procedures for chemical eyelash services | |
| B. Products and Procedures | |
| 1. Safe use of eyebrow and eyelash tinting products | |
| 2. Safety procedures for artificial eyelash adhesive and remover products | |
| 6. Hair Removal | 15% |
| A. Hair Removal Safety | |
| 1. Safe hair removal using waxing and sugaring | |
| 2. Safe hair removal using tweezing and threading | |
| 3. Tools, supplies, and products for hair removal | |
| B. Infection Control (e.g., cross-contamination, wearing gloves) | |
| C. Contraindications to Hair Removal Services | |

| Nail Technician Theory Examination | |
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| 65 Questions (60 scored, 5 non-scored) | |
| 1.5 hours (90 minutes) | |
| Topic Name | Weight |
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 50% |
| A. Workplace Infection Control Procedures | |
| 1. Infectious diseases, pathogens, and exposure prevention | |
| 2. Methods and procedures for cleaning and disinfection | |
| a. Contaminated tools | |
| b. Machines and equipment | |
| c. Daily workstation | |
| 3. Levels of decontamination (i.e., cleaning, disinfection, sterilization) | |
| 4. Procedures for exposure incidents (e.g., Standard/Universal Precautions, OSHA, CDC) | |
| 5. Products to be used for cleaning and disinfecting | |
| 6. Labeling and storage of cleaned and disinfected tools and equipment | |
| 7. Single- and multi-use items and materials | |
| B. Workplace Safety Precautions | |
| 1. Procedures for maintaining safe working conditions | |
| 2. Safe water temperature | |
| 3. Safe use of equipment and maintenance procedures | |
| 4. Labeling and storage of materials and chemicals | |
| 5. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and prohibited materials and substances | |
| 6. Federal safety regulations (e.g., OSHA, EPA, FDA) | |
| 7. Identifying adverse reactions to chemicals | |
| 8. Protective chemical barriers and draping for clients | |
| 9. Proper ventilation | |
| 10. Electrical safety | |
| 2. Client Consultation and Nail Analysis | 18% |
| A. Client Consultation | |
| 1. Client intake and consent form procedures to determine possible contraindications | |
| 2. Declining or altering service based on contraindications | |
| 3. Recommendation client seek a medical opinion | |
| B. Skin and Nail | |
| 1. Skin and nail structure | |
| 2. Skin and nail analysis | |
| 3. Selection of appropriate services based on condition of skin and nails | |
| C. Adverse Reactions, Diseases, Contraindications | |
| 1. Allergic reaction (patch) test procedures | |
| 2. Skin diseases and disorders | |
| 3. Nail diseases and disorders | |
| 4. Signs of adverse reactions to products during and after service | |
| 5. Contraindications to manicure and pedicure services | |
| 6. Contraindications to nail enhancement services | |
| 3. Skin Care | 10% |
| A. Massage | |

| Nail Technician Theory Examination | |
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| 65 Questions (60 scored, 5 non-scored) | |
| 1.5 hours (90 minutes) | |
| 1. Safe manicure and pedicure massage movements | |
| B. Skin Care Safety | |
| 1. Safe use of skin care tools, machines, and devices | |
| 2. Safe application and removal of hot towels | |
| 3. Safe product use and application for all skin conditions | |
| 4. Safe removal of calluses | |
| 4. Nail Care | 22% |
| A. Nail Safety | |
| 1. Safe use of nail products, tools, and equipment | |
| 2. Safe filing and buffing of nails | |
| 3. Safe cuticle removal | |
| 4. Safe manicure and pedicure procedures | |
| B. Nail Workstation and Environment | |
| 1. Nail station ventilation (e.g., particulate matter control) | |
| 2. Nail infection control procedures (e.g., closing multi-use containers while clipping and filing, clean files and buffers) | |
| C. Nail Enhancement | |
| 1. Natural nail products, procedures, and repair | |
| 2. Artificial nail enhancement products, application, maintenance, and repair | |
| 3. Artificial nail removal | |

| Electrologist Theory Examination | |
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| 55 Questions (50 scored, 5 non-scored) | |
| 1.5 hours (90 minutes) | |
| Topic Name | Weight |
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 36% |
| A. Workplace Infection Control Procedures | |
| 1. Infectious diseases, pathogens, and exposure prevention | |
| 2. Methods and procedures for cleaning and disinfection | |
| a. Contaminated tools | |
| b. Machines and equipment | |
| c. Daily workstation | |
| 3. Levels of decontamination (i.e., cleaning, disinfection, sterilization) | |
| 4. Procedures for exposure incidents (e.g., Standard/Universal Precautions, OSHA, CDC) | |
| 5. Products to be used for cleaning and disinfecting | |
| 6. Labeling and storage of cleaned and disinfected tools and equipment | |
| 7. Single- and multi-use items and materials | |
| B. Workplace Safety Precautions | |
| 1. Procedures for maintaining safe working conditions | |
| 2. Safe use of equipment and maintenance procedures | |
| 3. Labeling and storage of materials and chemicals | |
| 4. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and prohibited materials and substances | |
| 5. Federal safety regulations (e.g., OSHA, EPA, FDA) | |
| 6. Identifying adverse reactions to chemicals | |
| 7. Protective barriers and draping for clients | |
| 8. Proper ventilation | |
| 9. Electrical safety | |
| 2. Client Consultation and Hair and Skin Analysis | 30% |
| A. Client Consultation | |
| 1. Client intake and consent form procedures to determine possible contraindications | |
| 2. Declining or altering service based on contraindications | |
| 3. Recommendation client seek a medical opinion | |
| B. Hair and Skin | |
| 1. Hair and skin structure | |
| 2. Hair and skin analysis | |
| 3. Selection of appropriate services based on condition of hair and skin | |
| C. Adverse Reactions, Diseases, Contraindications | |
| 1. Allergic reaction (patch) test procedures | |
| 2. Hair diseases and disorders | |
| 3. Skin diseases and disorders | |
| 4. Signs of adverse reactions to products during and after service | |
| 3. Electrolysis Treatment and Analysis | 34% |
| A. Pre-treatment Analysis | |
| 1. Basic principles of electrology | |
| 2. Probe selection | |
| 3. Sharps container | |

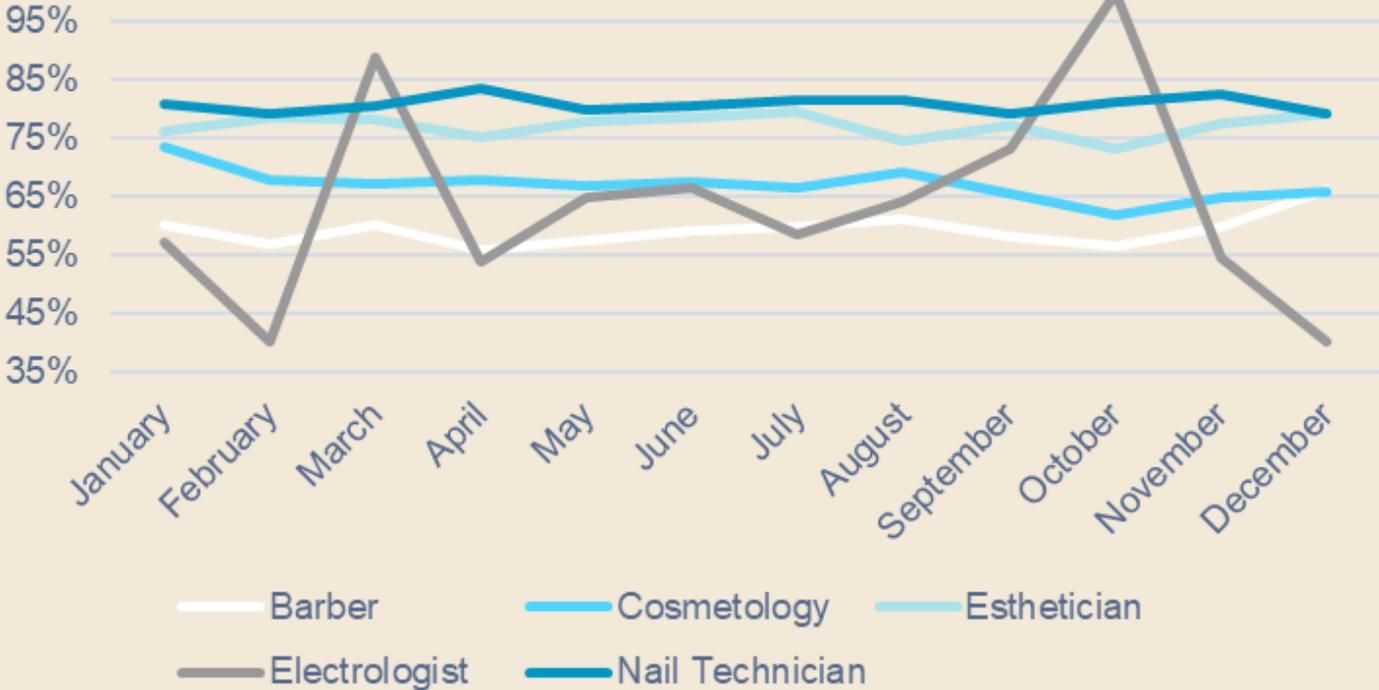
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| Electrologist Theory Examination | |
| 55 Questions (50 scored, 5 non-scored) | |
| 1.5 hours (90 minutes) | |
| B. Treatment Procedures | |
| 1. Skin preparation pre-treatment | |
| 2. Post-treatment products and procedures | |
| C. Adverse Reactions to Treatment | |
| D. Hair Removal Methods | |
| 1. Galvanic | |
| 2. High Frequency | |
| 3. Blend | |

2025 Pass Rates

2025 Average Monthly Pass Rates

- Barber – 59%
- Cosmetology – 67%
- Esthetician – 77%
- Electrologist – 63%
- Nail Technician – 81%

2025 Pass Rates by Month



Recommendations to Guide Instructional Support

- Using topic-level performance the following topics were identified as needing additional instructional support:
 - Barber (Chemical Services, Haircutting)
 - Cosmetology (Haircutting, Chemical Services, Nails)
 - Esthetician (No recommendations)
 - Electrologist (No recommendations)
 - Nail Technician (No recommendations)

Barber: Topic Weight and Difficulty

| Topic | Topic Weight | Average Difficulty English |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 29% | 73% |
| 2. Client Consultation | 2% | 83% |
| 3. Hair, Scalp, and Skin Analysis | 11% | 74% |
| 4. Hairstyling | 5% | 69% |
| 5. Haircutting | 9% | 69% |
| 6. Chemical Services | 18% | 63% |
| 7. Shaving | 24% | 73% |
| 8. Skin Care | 2% | 54% |

Cosmetology: Topic Weight and Difficulty

| Topic | Topic Weight | Average Difficulty English |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 25% | 78% |
| 2. Client Consultation | 2% | 85% |
| 3. Hair, Scalp, Skin and Nail Analysis | 15% | 76% |
| 4. Hairstyling | 6% | 83% |
| 5. Haircutting | 12% | 72% |
| 6. Chemical Services | 15% | 73% |
| 7. Skin Care | 6% | 72% |
| 8. Makeup | 2% | 90% |
| 9. Hair Removal | 4% | 83% |
| 10. Nails | 13% | 74% |

Esthetician: Topic Weight and Difficulty

| Topic | Topic Weight | Average Difficulty English |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 34% | 83% |
| 2. Client Consultation | 4% | 83% |
| 3. Skin Analysis | 13% | 79% |
| 4. Skin Care | 27% | 77% |
| 5. Makeup | 4% | 78% |
| 6. Hair Removal | 13% | 85% |
| 7. Advanced Treatments | 5% | 75% |

Electrologist: Topic Weight and Difficulty

| Topic | Topic Weight | Average Difficulty English |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 40% | 85% |
| 2. Client Consultation | 10% | 84% |
| 3. Hair and Skin Analysis | 10% | 71% |
| 4. Analysis and Treatment | 24% | 72% |
| 5. Electricity and Equipment | 16% | 68% |

Nail Technician: Topic Weight and Difficulty

| Topic | Topic Weight | Average Difficulty English |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Safety and Infection Control | 38% | 84% |
| 2. Client Consultation | 3% | 82% |
| 3. Nail Analysis | 10% | 85% |
| 4. Nails | 49% | 82% |

Recommendations for Supporting Spanish-Speaking Test-Takers

- Using topic-level performance comparisons (e.g., p-value differences by language group), the following content areas were identified as needing additional instructional emphasis for Spanish-speaking test-takers:
 - Barber (Shaving)
 - Cosmetology (Safety and Infection Control, Haircutting, Chemical Services, Nails)
 - Esthetician (Skin Care)
 - Nail Technician (Safety and Infection Control, Nails)

Recommendations for Supporting Spanish-Speaking Test-Takers

| Exam | Topic | Topic Weight | Average Difficulty English | Average Difficulty Spanish | Δ (Change in Difficulty) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Barber | 7. Shaving | 24% | 0.73 | 0.62 | 0.11 |
| Cosmetologist | 1. Safety and Infection Control | 25% | 0.78 | 0.68 | 0.10 |
| Cosmetologist | 5. Haircutting | 12% | 0.72 | 0.58 | 0.14 |
| Cosmetologist | 6. Chemical Services | 15% | 0.73 | 0.60 | 0.13 |
| Cosmetologist | 10. Nails | 13% | 0.74 | 0.64 | 0.10 |
| Esthetician | 4. Skin Care | 27% | 0.77 | 0.67 | 0.10 |
| Nail Technician | 1. Safety and Infection Control | 38% | 0.84 | 0.74 | 0.10 |
| Nail Technician | 4. Nails | 49% | 0.82 | 0.70 | 0.12 |

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