

## **ALABAMA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours or 3000 hours for apprentice
- Esthetician: 1500 hours or 3000 hours for apprentice
- Nail Technician: 750 hours or 1200 hours for apprentice

### Reciprocity

- Must meet the hour's requirement of Alabama at time of licensure.
- Must present proof of 5 years of licensed experience

### Contact Information

- Alabama Board of Cosmetology  
100 N. Union St. #320  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
334-242-1918 (phone)  
334-242-1926 (fax)

## **ALASKA**

### Requirements

- Barber: 1650 hours
- Hairdresser: 1650 hours (hairdresser license includes limited esthetics, manicuring and pedicuring)
- Esthetician: 350 hours
- Manicurist: 120 hours
- Advanced Manicurist Endorsement: 250 hours
- Cosmetician: 350 hours
- Tattoo and Permanent Cosmetic Coloring: 380 hours
- Body Piercing: 1000 hours

### Reciprocity

- An applicant must have completed 1650 hours in a comparable state.
- Alaska will grant credit for work experience 500 hours for each year in the field
- A cosmetologist in Alaska may only do facial hair removal and make-up
- A hairdresser only works on hair

### License Fees

- Hairdresser \$135-Biennial renewal \$135
- Esthetician \$135-Biennial renewal \$135
- Manicurist \$135-Biennial renewal \$135
- Advanced manicurist endorsement \$50
- Instructor \$195-Bienial renewal \$195
- Shop owner license \$175-Biennial renewal \$175

### Contact Information

- P.O. Box 110806  
Juneau, AK 99811-0806  
907-465-2550 (phone)  
907-465-2974 (fax)

## **ARIZONA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1600 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours
- Nail Technician: 600 hours
- Must have at least two years of high school education or its equivalent and be at least 23 years of age

### Reciprocity

- Submit a board approved application.
- Submit all transcripts or decrees of licensure.
- Exam may or may not be require and pay the prescribed fees

### Contact Information

- Arizona Board of Cosmetology  
1721 East Broadway  
Tempe, AZ 85282-1611  
480-784-4539

## **ARKANSAS**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours
- Nail Technician: 750 clock hours or 600 credit hours
- Electrology: 600 hours or only 350 hours if a valid cosmetology license is held
- Nail Technology: 600 hours

### Reciprocity

- Granted to all those who hold a valid license buy has passed BOTH written AND practical exam

### Contact Information

- Arkansas State Board of Cosmetology  
101 F. Capital, Ste. 108  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
501-682-2168 (phone)  
501-682-5640 (fax)

## **CALIFORNIA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1600 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours
- Manicurist: 400 hours
- Barber: 1500 hours
- Electrologist: 600 hours

### Reciprocity

- No reciprocity available.
- Applicant must take written and practical exam.
- Barbers have to take both a written and practical exam.
- Barber instructors only require a written exam

### Contact Information

- California State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology  
P.O. Box 944226  
Sacramento, CA 95834-2260  
1-800-952-5210 (phone)  
916-575-7281 (fax)

## **COLORADO**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1800 (60 credits)
- Barber: 1500 (50 credits)
- Cosmetician: 600 (20 credits)
- Hairstylist: 1200 (40 credits)
- Applicants for licensure must be at least 16 years of age.
- Home salons and mobile salons allowed

### Reciprocity

- Colorado does not have reciprocity, we have endorsement and everyone who holds an active license in another state may apply for endorsement and everyone is review on an individual basis

### Contact Information

- Colorado Office of Barber and Cosmetologist Licensing  
1560 Broadway #1350  
Denver, CO 80202  
303-894-7772

## **CONNECTICUT**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours

### Reciprocity

- With all states that have the same requirements

### Contact Information

- Connecticut Dept. of Public Health-Cosmetology and Licensing  
410 Capitol Ave. MS #12 APP  
P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134  
860-509-7569

## **DELAWARE**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours, apprenticeship 3000 hours
- Nail Technologist: 125 hours, apprenticeship 250 hours
- Esthetics: 300 hours, apprenticeship 600 hours

### Reciprocity

- Extended to all states, including DC

### Contact Information

- Delaware Board of Cosmetology and Barbering  
Canon Building #203  
P.O. Box 1401  
Dover, DE 19903  
302-739-4522

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Nail Technologist: 350 hours
- Skin Care: 125 hours

### Reciprocity

- Granted to all individuals whose current license is for a state whose requirements are equivalent to those of DC
- Credit work for experience may be credited

### Contact Information

- Washington, DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs  
941 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-442-4400

## **FLORIDA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1200 hours
- Nail Technologist: 240 hours
- Skin Care: 260 hours

### Reciprocity

- Given to those individuals holding a license from another state whose requirements are the same or more stringent than Florida's
- Hair braiding is also available in Florida (2 day, 16 hours course)
- Home salons allowed

### Contact Information

- Florida Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation  
1940 N. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
850-487-1395

## **GEORGIA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours, apprenticeship 3000 hours
- Hair design: 1325 hours, apprenticeship 2650 hours
- Esthetician: 1000 hours, apprenticeship 2000 hours
- Nail Technician: 525 hours, Apprenticeship 1050 hours

### Reciprocity

- Should an applicant have a current cosmetology, hair design, nail technician or esthetician license from another state, country or the District of Columbia. Similar reciprocity is substantially equal to an application's certificate of registration on the appropriate level.

### Contact Information

- Georgia State Board of Cosmetology  
166 Pryor St. S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
478-207-1430 (phone)  
478-207-1363 (fax)

## **HAWAII**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1800 hours, apprenticeship 3600 hours
- Barbering: 1500 hours
- Hairdresser: 1250 hours, apprenticeship 2500 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours, apprenticeship 1100 hours
- Nail Technician: 350 hours, apprenticeship 700 hours

### Reciprocity

- There is NO reciprocity. Everyone is required to take a WRITTEN (only) exam

### Contact Information

- Board of Barbering and Cosmetology  
335 Merchant Street, Room 301  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
808-586-3000

## **IDAHO**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 2000 hours, apprenticeship 4000 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours, apprenticeship 1200 hours
- Nail Technician: 400 hours, apprenticeship 800 hours
- Must be at least 16½ years of age, of good moral character and have completed two years of high school or its equivalent

### Reciprocity

- Granted to licensed applicants who provide official documentation that the requirements for license under which the license was issued are of standard, not lower standard or provides official documentation they have practiced at least 3 years prior to when the application was submitted.
- Home salons are allowed, but not mobile salons

### Contact Information

- Idaho Board of Cosmetology-Bureau of Occupational Licenses  
Owyhee Plaza  
1109 Main St. Suite 220  
Boise ID 83702  
208-334-3233 (phone)  
208-334-3945 (phone)

## **ILLINOIS**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Esthetician: 750 hours
- Nail Technician: 350 hours
- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must have a minimum 8<sup>th</sup> grade education
- If applicant doesn't have a high school diploma or its' equivalent, they must take an Ability to Benefit Test

### Reciprocity

- Based on laws in issuing stat compared to Illinois Law during the time period in which the applicant was licensed
- The state does not credit the applicant for work experience
- Home salon and mobile salon allowed

### Contact Information

- Illinois Dept. of Professional Regulation  
320 W. Washington St. 3<sup>rd</sup> FL  
Springfield, IL 62786  
217-782-8556 (phone)  
217-782-7645 (fax)

## **INDIANA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Esthetician: 700 hours
- Nail Technician: 450 hours
- Applicants for cosmetologist and esthetician must be at least 18 years of age and have at least a 10<sup>th</sup> grade education or it's equivalent
- Applicants to be a nail tech must be at least 17 1/2 years of age and have at least an 8<sup>th</sup> grade education

### Reciprocity

- Applicants licensed in another state may obtain a license in Indiana if the requirements are of the standard they are in Indiana. If training is less, the licensee can receive 100 hours for every years or practical word credit.
- All applicants regardless of work experience or current training must take a course on the rules and regulations of profession licensing in Indiana.
- If the licensing state did not require the applicant to take a practical exam, Indiana requires they take a practical exam before becoming licensed in the state.

### Contact Information

- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency  
State Board of Cosmetology Examiners  
302 W. Washington St. Rm. EO-34  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
317-232-2980 (phone)  
317-232-2312 (fax)

## **IOWA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 2100 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours
- Nail Technician: 325 hours
- Must show proof of high school diploma or GED
- Must have a cosmetology school education and show proof of diploma from that school

### Reciprocity

- There is no reciprocity with any state.
- People from certain states can apply for licensure by endorsement only if they have taken a national exam, however not all states use a national exam. Some states only have state exams, which are not endorsed

### Contact Information

- Iowa Dept. of Public Health  
Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences  
Lucas Bldg. 5<sup>th</sup> floor  
321 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0075  
515-281-4416

## **KANSAS**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Esthetician: 650 hours
- Nail Technician: 350 hours
- Electrology: 500 hours

### Reciprocity

- Provided you have 1500 hours and have been working in the field for at least one year and hold a current license.
- If you have less than 1500 hours you will have to take a "practical" exam.
- You may, however, obtain a temporary permit which allows you to work, pending examination.

### Contact Information

- Kansas State Board of Cosmetology  
714 S.W. Jackson  
Topeka, KS 66617-1139  
785-296-3155 (phone)  
785-296-3002 (fax)

## **KENTUCKY**

### Requirements

- Cosmetologist: 1,800 hours, 10th grade education
- Nail Technician: 600 hours, 10th grade education
- Esthetician: 1,000 hours, 12th grade education
- Instructor: 1,000 hours, 12th grade education
- In addition, applicants are required to pass an examination prescribed by the board to determine fitness to practice and paid the appropriate fees.

### Reciprocity

- Any applicant from another state who holds a valid cosmetologist or esthetician license and can show proof of 2 years' current experience, may come before the state board for examination (practical only).
- Applicants must pay the out-of-state examination fee and the license fee.

### Contact Information

- Kentucky State Board of Hairdressers & Cosmetologists  
111 St. James Court  
Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601  
502- 564-4262(phone)  
502-564-0481 (fax)

## **LOUISIANA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours  
Esthetician: 750 hours  
Manicurist: 500 hours
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Satisfactorily complete 10th grade at an approved high school
- Completed required hours in an approved cosmetology school curriculum
- Passage of the required State Board examinations
- Payment of proper fees

### Reciprocity:

- Louisiana recognizes the cosmetologist, esthetician and manicurist licenses of all other states.
- Please complete a reciprocity application along with the required information and fees.

### Contact Information

- Louisiana Board of Cosmetology  
11622 Sunbelt Ct.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
866-257-7901 (toll free)  
225-756-3404 (phone)  
225-756-3410 (fax)

## **MAINE**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: Completed a course of 1500 hours in not less than 9 months or has experience as a trainee of 2,500 hours distributed over a period of at least 18 months.
- Barber: Completed a course of 1,500 hours in not less than 9 months or has experience as a trainee of 2,500 hours distributed over a period of at least 18 months.
- Esthetician: Completed a course of instruction of 600 hours in not less than 3 months or has experience as a trainee of up to 1,000 hours distributed over a period of at least 6 months.
- Manicurist: Completed a course of 200 hours in not less than 5 weeks or has experience as a trainee of 400 hours distributed over a period of at least 10 weeks.
- Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, have satisfactorily completed the 10th grade in a secondary school or its equivalent, and have satisfactorily passed an examination in subjects the board considers necessary to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice.

### Reciprocity

- The board shall waive the examination and grant a license to any applicant who presents proof of being authorized to practice by another state or other jurisdiction of the United States or another country that maintains professional standards considered by the board to be equivalent to or higher than those set.

### Contact Information

- Office of Licensing and Registration Board of Barbering and Cosmetology  
35 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Telephone: (207) 624-8625  
TTY/HEARING-IMPAIRED: (888) 577-6690  
FAX: (207) 624-8637  
E-mail: geraldine.l.betts@maine.gov

## **MARYLAND**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours of training in a cosmetology school or 24 months as a registered apprentice in a licensed beauty salon.
- Esthetician: 600 hours of training in a cosmetology school or 12 months as a registered apprentice in a licensed beauty salon.
- Nail Technician: 250 hours of training in a cosmetology school or 8 months as a registered apprentice in a licensed beauty salon.
- Makeup Artist: must have completed a course accredited by a board
- Master Cosmetologists: 24 months as a licensed cosmetologist in a licensed cosmetology salon or barber shop and qualify by examination given by the Board.
- Applicants must be at least 17 years of age and have completed the 9th grade or G.E.D. Applicants for cosmetologist, esthetician, nail technician and senior cosmetologist must pass an examination in order to qualify for a license.

### Reciprocity

- Individuals are eligible for a license by endorsement (reciprocity) if they possess a current license in another state, can provide certification that their license was obtained under the same standards as required in Maryland, has a license that is in good standing and current.

### Contact Information

- State Board of Cosmetologists  
500 N. Calvert Street  
Room 201  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3651  
Telephone: (410) 230-6320  
TTY/HEARING-IMPAIRED: Call via the Maryland Relay Service  
E-mail: [cos@dllr.state.md.us](mailto:cos@dllr.state.md.us)

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1000 hours
- Esthetics: 300 hours
- Nail Technician: 100 hours
- Electrology: 1100 hours (Exam given twice a year)

### Contact Information:

- Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure  
239 Causeway St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-727-9940 (phone)  
617-737-1627 (fax)

## **MICHIGAN**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Esthetics: 400 hours
- Nail Technician: 400 hours
- Electrology: 300 hours
- Barbering: 1750 hours
- Applicants must be at least 17 years of age and have a minimum level of education to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### Reciprocity:

- No exam required, the applicant who has state requirements lower than that of Michigan will be given 100 hours for every 6 month period of work experience

### Contact Information:

- Michigan Bureau of Commercial Services-Board of Cosmetology  
P.O. Box 30018  
Lansing, MI 48909  
517-241-9201 (phone)  
517-241-9280

## **MINNESOTA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1550 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Nail Technician: 350 hours
- Must have 12<sup>th</sup> grade level education or a GED

### Reciprocity:

- Electrolysis is not licensed by the state but a municipality. 1800 hours in the last 3 years and a satisfactory passed MN State Board exam will grant reciprocity

### Contact Information:

- Barber/Cosmetology Exam Board  
2829 University Ave. SE Suite 710  
Minneapolis, MN 55414  
651-201-2742

## **MISSISSIPPI**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1550 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Nail Technician: 350 hours

### Reciprocity:

- Permitted with Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nevada, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont and West Virginia

### Contact Information:

- Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology  
P.O. Box 55689  
Jackson Mississippi 39296  
601-687-6840 (fax)  
601-987-6837 (phone)

## **MISSOURI**

### Requirements:

- Apprentices (who have served under the supervision of a licensed cosmetologist) must have no less than:
  - Cosmetologists: 3000 hours
  - Estheticians: 1500 hours
  - Manicurists: 800 hours
- Students (of a licensed school) must have no less than:
  - Cosmetologists: 1500 hours' training (1220 hours training from a public vocational technical school)
  - Estheticians: 750 hours' training
  - Manicurists: 400 hours' training

### Reciprocity

- The Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners will grant without examination reciprocal licenses to practice cosmetology.
- Applicant must hold a current license issued by another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia whose requirements for licensure are substantially equal to the licensing requirements in Missouri.
- Applicants are also eligible if they have practiced cosmetology for at least 2 consecutive years in another state, territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.

### Contact Information

- Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners  
3605 Missouri Boulevard  
P.O. Box 1062  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1062  
573.751.1052 Telephone  
866.762.9432 Toll Free  
573.751.8167 Fax  
800.735.2966 TTY  
800.735.2466 Voice Relay  
[cosbar@pr.mo.gov](mailto:cosbar@pr.mo.gov)  
<http://pr.mo.gov/cosbar.asp>

## **MONTANA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 2000 hours
- Esthetics: 650 hours
- Electrology: 600 hours
- Nail Technician: 350 hours
- Must be 18 years of age
- Must pass the Montana Board approved Cosmetology exam at 75% proficiency or higher.
- Verification of license history from each state in which the applicant holds or has held a license in.

### Reciprocity

- An applicant with less than the hours required by Montana must take the National Practical and Written exams.
- An applicant may take the additional hours from an approved school.

### License Fees (annual or biennial):

- Cosmetologist: \$45
- Electrologist: \$45
- Esthetician: \$45
- Manicurist: \$45
- Salon Owner: \$50

### Contact Information:

- Montana State Board of Cosmetology  
301 South Park  
P.O. Box 200513  
Helena, MT 59620-0513  
406-841-2335 (phone)  
406-841-2305 (fax)

## **NEBRASKA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 2100 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Electrology: 600 hours
- Nail Technician: 300 hours

### Contact Information:

- Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services  
Regulation and Licensure Credentialing Division  
P.O. Bos 94986  
Lincoln, NE 68509  
402-471-2117 (phone)  
402-471-3577 (fax)

## **NEVADA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1800 hours
- Hair designer: 1200 hours
- Aesthetician: 600 hours
- Manicurist: 500 hours
- Electrologists: 500 hours (under the immediate supervision of an approved electrologist)
- Applicants must be persons of good moral character, have an education equivalent to the successful completion of the 10th grade and be at least 18 years of age, except electrologists must have 12th grade education or its equivalent

### Reciprocity:

- In order to transfer a license to Nevada, the candidate must have a current license in another state. This license must be in good standing and the applicant must prove they have passed a national written exam.
- If the candidate has not taken a national written exam they must take the exam prior to obtaining a license in Nevada.

### Contact Information:

- Nevada State Board of Cosmetology  
1785 E. Sahara Avenue  
Suite 255  
Las Vegas, NV 89104  
Phone: (702) 486-6542  
FAX: (702) 369-8064  
[nvcosmbd@govmail.state.nv.us](mailto:nvcosmbd@govmail.state.nv.us)  
<http://cosmetology.nv.gov/index.htm>

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### Requirements:

- Barber: 800 hours or 1600 hours apprentice
- Cosmetology: 1500 hours or 3000 hours apprentice
- Manicurist: 300 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours

### Reciprocity:

- 1500 hours of Barbering or Cosmetology schooling or notarized letter stating you have 3000 hours of work experience.
- Estheticians must have 600 hours of schooling or notarized letter stating you have 1200 hours of work experience.
- Manicurist needs 300 hours or a notarized letter with 600 hours work experience

### Contact Information:

- New Hampshire State Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics  
2 Industrial Park Dr.  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-271-3608 (phone)  
603-271-6703 (fax)

## **NEW JERSEY**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology and Hairstyling: 1200 hours
- Manicurist: 300 hours
- Skin Care: 600 hours
- Teacher Trainer: 500 hours

### Reciprocity:

- High school diploma or GED plus 200 school hours

### Contact Information:

- New Jersey Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling  
P.O. Box 45003  
Newark, NJ 07101  
973-504-6400 (phone)  
973-504-6400 (fax)

## **NEW MEXICO**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1,600 hours  
Barber: 1,200 hours  
Manicurist/Pedicurist: 350 hours  
Esthetician: 600 hours  
Electrologist: 600 hours  
Manicurist/Esthetician: 600 hours  
Instructor: 1,000 hours  
All applicants must be at least 17 years of age and have a minimum of 2 years in high school or its equivalent.

### Reciprocity

- Applicants who have not completed a course of study equal to the requirements of this state may receive credit for work experience.
- For every 6 full months of work completed, the applicant will be credited with 150 hours of training.
- Any applicants that HAVE completed a course with requirements equal to this state must furnish a transcript of hours and a copy of a valid license.

### Contact Information

- New Mexico Board of Barbers & Cosmetologists  
P.O. Box 25101  
Santa Fe, NM 87504  
505-476-7110 (phone)  
505-476-7118 (fax)

## **NEW YORK**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist (hairdresser): 1,000 hours  
Esthetician: 600 hours  
Nail Specialist: 250 hours  
Natural Hairstylist: 300 hours  
Waxer: 75 hours

### Reciprocity

- Having the equivalent level of schooling from another state or country

### Contact Information

- New York Dept. of State Division of Licensing Services  
84 Holland Ave.  
Albany, NY 12208-3490  
518-474-4429 (phone)  
518-473-6648 (fax)

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours
- Nail Technology: 3000 hours
- Instructor: 800 hours (Cosmetologist), 320 hours (Manicurist) or 650 hours (Esthetician) in an approved cosmetic art school teacher program or proof of 5 years (Cosmetologist), 2 years (Manicurist) or 3 years (Esthetician) full-time work in a cosmetic art shop immediately prior to application.

### Reciprocity

- North Carolina will recognize a license from another state if you have the following: current license from one state, passed a state board approved or national exam and no disciplinary actions against your license.
- North Carolina will recognize a license from another country if you have: original documents that show school training and evaluation of the school documents

### Contact Information

- North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners  
1201 Front St #110  
Raleigh, NC 27609-7533  
919-733-4117 (phone)  
919-733-4127 (fax)  
[www.nccosmeticarts.com](http://www.nccosmeticarts.com)

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 1800 hours  
Esthetics: 600 hours  
Manicure: 350 hours
- Each person who desires to secure an operator's license shall file a written application under oath. This North Dakota Board of Cosmetology supplies the applications, and you may file them with the secretary of the board. The application must be accompanied by:
- Satisfactory proof of the educational qualifications required of a student
- An examination fee as may be fixed by the board
- Satisfactory proof that the applicant has completed the required training in a school of cosmetology
- A fee for original licensure

### Reciprocity

- A person who is licensed or registered as a cosmetologist under the laws of any other state (or country, or territory of the United States, or District of Columbia) may be granted reciprocity and a license to practice cosmetology without requirement of examination.
- The applicant's license must be from a state with substantially equal or greater licensing requirements than those required in the state of North Dakota.
- Additional requirements may also apply.

### Contact Information

- North Dakota Board of Cosmetology  
PO Box 2177  
Bismarck, ND 58502-2177  
Phone: 701-224-9800  
Fax: 701-222-8756  
Email: [cosmo@gcentral.com](mailto:cosmo@gcentral.com)

## **OKLAHOMA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Cosmetician: 600 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours
- Instructor: 1000 hours

### Reciprocity:

- All states with equal or better requirements

### Contact Information:

- State of Oklahoma Board of Cosmetology  
2401 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Door 62  
Shepherd Mall  
Oklahoma City, OK 73107  
405-521-2441 (phone)  
405-528-8310

## **OHIO**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
- Esthetician: 600 hours
- Hair designer: 1200 hours
- Manicurist: 200 hours
- Applicants are required to complete at least the minimum number of board-approved cosmetology training hours in a school of cosmetology licensed in this state:
- Applicants for an initial natural hair stylist license must complete at least 450 of instruction in subjects relating to sanitation, scalp care, anatomy, hair styling, communication skills, and laws and rules governing the practice of cosmetology.
- Is at least 16 years of age
- Is of good moral character
- Has the equivalent of an Ohio public school 10th grade education
- Passes an examination for the branch of cosmetology the applicant seeks to practice
- Pays to the board the applicable fee

### Reciprocity

- A person who is licensed or registered as a cosmetologist under the laws of any other state (or country, or territory of the United States, or District of Columbia) may be granted reciprocity and a license to practice cosmetology without requirement of examination.
- The applicant's license must be from a state with substantially equal or greater licensing requirements than those required in the state of Ohio.
- Additional requirements may also apply.

### Contact Information

- 1929 Gateway Circle  
Grove City, OH 43123  
Phone: 614-466-3834  
Fax: 614-644-6880

## **OREGON**

### Requirements:

- Hair Design: 1450 hours
- Barbering: 1100 hours
- Esthetics: 250 hours
- Nail Technology: 350 hours
- In addition to the hour requirements specific to each field of practice, students must also complete 150 hours in Safety/Infection Control and 100 hours of Career Development.

### Reciprocity

- Current license qualifies for examination.
- If an applicant from out-of-state is currently licensed they do not need to take the Oregon examination.

### Contact Information

- The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA)  
700 Summer Street NE Suite 320  
Salem, Oregon 97301-1287  
503-378-8667 (phone)  
503-585-9114 (fax)

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetologist: 1250 hours
- Esthetician: 300 hours
- Nail Technician: 200 hours
- Instructor: 500 hours

### Reciprocity:

- With all states except: AL, CA, CT, CO, GA, HI, NJ, NM, RI, UT.

### Contact Information

- Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, PA 17105  
717-783-7130 (phone)

## **RHODE ISLAND**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 1500 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Nail Technology: 300 hours
- Electrology: 650 hours

### Requirements for Applicants Licensed in Another State

- Any person licensed to practice barbering, hairdressing/cosmetic therapy, manicuring or esthetics in another state where the requirements are the equivalent of those of this state shall be entitled to a license for barbering, cosmetician, manicurist or esthetician, upon the acceptance of his or her credentials by the Department.

### Reciprocity:

- This is considered on an individual basis: be at least 18 years of age, be a citizen of the United States of America or be lawfully eligible to work, be of good moral character, be a high school graduate or hold the equivalent thereof, have satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in an approved school, have satisfactorily passed a written and practical examination approved by the department

The applicant must have satisfactorily passed a written and practical examination administered by the Rhode Island Department or from another state board

### Contact Information:

- Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Hairdressing & Barbering  
3 Capitol Hill - Room 104  
Providence, RI 02908-5097  
401-222-2511 (phone)  
401-222-1272 (fax)

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 1500 hours
- Esthetics: 450 hours
- Nail Technology: 300 hours
- Take and pass a written and practical exam
- Be at least 16 years old
- Have at least a 10th grade education or equivalency
- Submit an application
- Pay the prescribed fee

### Requirements for Applicants Licensed in another State

- Any person licensed to practice barbering, hairdressing/cosmetic therapy, manicuring or esthetics in another state where the requirements are the equivalent of those of this state, shall be entitled to a license for barbering, cosmetician, manicurist or esthetician, upon the acceptance of his or her credentials by the Department. The applicant must have satisfactorily passed a written and practical examination administered by the South Carolina Department or from another state board.

### Reciprocity

- This is granted to applicants who have completed the same requirements as South Carolina. You may have to pass the national exam.

### Contact Information

- South Carolina Board of Cosmetology  
PO Box 11329  
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329  
803-896-4568 (phone)  
803-896-4484 (fax)

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

- Requirements:
- Cosmetology: 2100 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Nail Technology: 400 hours
- 18 years or older
- Evidence of completion of high school or GED
- Submission of application to Cosmetology Commission
- Pay examination fee, which includes the first license
- Passage of 3 examinations – NIC national written, NIC national practical, and South Dakota state laws

### Reciprocity

- You may become a licensed cosmetologist, esthetician or nail technician in South Dakota through reciprocity if your current state license has equal or greater requirements than South Dakota. (If you do not have a current license, then you should apply as an out-of-state student.)

### Contact Information

- South Dakota Cosmetology Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
Phone: 605-773-6193  
Fax: 605-773-7175  
E-mail Address: [cosmetology@state.sd.us](mailto:cosmetology@state.sd.us)

## **TENNESSEE**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 1500 hours
- Esthetics: 750 hours
- Nail Technology: 600 hours
- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Pass a written and practical examination is required
- Complete the required course hours in the practice and theory at a school of cosmetology

### Reciprocity

- The Tennessee State Board of Cosmetology requires applicants with out-of-state licenses to meet the minimum required classroom training hours.
- If you are licensed but do not meet the required classroom hours and cannot provide a 5-year work history, you will need to submit your application for reciprocity to the board office.

### Contact Information

- Tennessee State Board of Cosmetology  
500 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-1147  
615-741-2515 (phone)  
800-480-9285 (Toll Free)  
615-741-1310 (fax)

## **TEXAS**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 1500 hours
- Esthetics: 750 hours
- Nail Technology: 600 hours
- Hair Braiding: 35 hours
- Hair Weaving: 300 hours
- Instructor: 750 hours

### Reciprocity:

- Granted to applicants with licenses from another state whose requirements are the same as or greater than Texas

### Contact Information:

- Texas Department of Licensing and regulations  
920 Colorado  
Austin, TX 78701  
512-463-6599 (phone)  
512-475-2871 (fax)

## **UTAH**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 2000 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Electrology: 600 hours
- Nail Technology: 300 hours

### Reciprocity:

- Granted to applicants from states with requirements which are substantially equal to those of Utah

### Contact Information:

- Utah Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing  
Board of Cosmetology  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114  
801-530-6628 (phone)  
801-530-6511 (fax)

## **VERMONT**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 1500 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Nail Technology: 400 hours

### Reciprocity:

- Granted to applicants who hold a license in any state whose requirements the board considers to substantially equal to those of Vermont

### Contact Information:

- Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists  
National Life Building, North, FL 2  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3402  
Phone: (802) 828-1134

## **VIRGINIA**

### Requirements:

- Cosmetology: 1500 hours
- Barbering: 1500 hours
- Nail Technology: 400 hours

### Reciprocity:

- Granted to applicants who hold a license in any state whose requirements the board considers to be substantially equal to that of Virginia. Exams may be required

### Contact Information:

- Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
Board for Barbers and Cosmetology  
Perimeter Center, Suite 400 9960 Mayland Drive  
Richmond, VA 23233  
804-367-8509 (phone)

## **WASHINGTON**

### Requirements

- Cosmetology: 1600 hours
- Barbering: 1000 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Nail Technology: 600 hours

### Reciprocity

- If you are currently licensed in another state or country and you have passed the state-approved national written and performance examinations, you are not required to re-take the exams to get a license in Washington State.

### Contact Information

- State of Washington Department of Licensing  
Cosmetology Licensing Program  
PO Box 9026  
Olympia, WA 98507-9026  
Richmond, VA 23230-4917  
360-664-6626 (phone)  
360-664-2550 (fax)

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

### Requirements

- Cosmetology: 2,000 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Nail Technology: 400 hours

### Reciprocity

- Reciprocity will be granted if training equals or exceeds the requirements for a West Virginia license. The West Virginia Board will accept actual licensed work experience in lieu of part of the required training. Work experience is awarded at 25 hours per month of salon work, or 300 hours per year. Total work experience that may be accepted cannot exceed 50% of the required hours, and must have been acquired within the past 5 years.

### Contact Information

- West Virginia State Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists  
1716 Pennsylvania Ave., #7  
Charleston, WV 25302  
304-558-3450 (phone)  
304-558-3450 (fax)

## **WISCONSIN**

### Requirements

- Barbering and Cosmetology: 1800 hours
- Esthetics: 450 hours
- Electrology: 450 hours
- Nail Technology: 300 hours

### Reciprocity

- All applicants must have at least 4000 hours of experience in licensed practice, have never been disciplined by the licensing authority in their state of licensure.
- Anyone who doesn't meet these requirements must attend a school in Wisconsin and after graduation will get licensed.

### Contact Information

- Wisconsin Dept. of Regulations & Licensing  
Barbering & Cosmetology Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708  
608-266-5511 (phone)  
608-267-3816 (fax)

## **WYOMING**

### Requirements

- Cosmetology: 2000 hours
- Esthetics: 600 hours
- Nail Technology: 400 hours

### Reciprocity

- All states with equal or better requirements; written and practical exam or at least 1 year work history.

### Contact Information

- Wyoming Board of Cosmetology  
Peter Hansen Building - East Entrance  
2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 302  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
307-777-3534 (phone)  
307-777-3681 (fax)