

Brazilian Blowout

The Board voted to lift the ban on Brazilian Blowout due to recent studies that have indicated that the product contains less than 2 parts per million of formaldehyde. The ban, which was implemented on Jan. 24th, 2011, was lifted on Feb. 23rd, 2014.

Sanitizable Buffers

There has been an increase in shops that have been using nail buffers that you can sanitize. These buffers are permitted to be used in salons under certain conditions.

The buffers must be:

- Sanitized and Disinfected after each single use.
- Sterilized, if applicable.
- Free of excessive usage marks.

Please remember, if the implement cannot be properly sanitized or disinfected it is considered a single use item and cannot be reused on another client.

Newsletter Contest

For the second year in a row, the Board has placed in the National Interstate Council of State Boards Cosmetology (NIC) Lois Wiskur Newsletter Contest. In 2012 West Virginia's newsletter received 1st place and in 2013 West Virginia finished 3rd place.

Condolence Letters

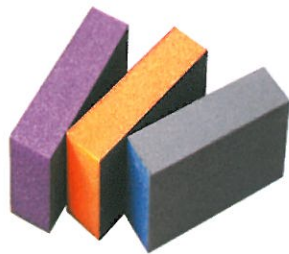
Every month the Board receives death certificates of licensees from the Bureau of Public Health. With this information, the Board sends the individual's informant a copy of the deceased's license application and file. Should you have any family member that was a licensee and you would like their file, which includes a photograph, please feel free to email Charlie Persinger at Charlie.e.persinger@wv.gov.

Booth Renter VS. Shop/Salon Employee

A booth renter, also known as an independent contractor, is an individual that works in a shop/salon and does NOT have their taxes withheld from the shop owner. Regardless of whether the booth renter rents the booth or pays through commission, if taxes are not withheld from the shop owner then the individual licensee must obtain a booth rental certificate through the Board and the individual should contact the West Virginia Secretary of State's office at 304-558-6000 for business licensure questions and requirements.

A shop/salon employee is an individual that works for a shop/salon and has their taxes withheld from the shop/salon owner and a paycheck is received by the individual licensee from the shop/salon owner.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at 304-558-2924.



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Special Interest Articles:

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Barber Apprenticeship

There is another option to become a barber. Individuals that want to become a barber can now become a barber apprentice under a West Virginia licensed barber that has owned his/her shop for at least 5 years.

Some of the requirements for a barber to offer the program are:

- Owned shop for at least 5 years
- Has consistent history of satisfactory inspections of shop

Some of the requirements to complete the program:

- Complete 2,400 clock hours of training
- 453 clock hours of theory taught by barber, online program, or licensed beauty school
- Pass state law examination

Licensed cosmetologists may complete 80 hours of an apprenticeship program to become a cross-over with both a cosmetology and barber license. For more information, please visit www.wvbbc.com; click on Laws, Rules, and Statutes, then on the barber apprenticeship rule.

Complaint Procedures



Many licensees become confused and concerned when a complaint is filed against them. The complaint process can be a little unsettling since many do not know the procedures. This chart below details what may occur if a complaint is filed against you.

The Board's main function is to ensure that the public is receiving safe and sanitary services by all licensed professionals in a licensed facility. If a complaint received by the Board indicates that a licensee (shop or individual) is performing unsanitary services or working with a lapsed license or no license the Board will send an inspector to investigate the complaint.

The majority of complaints conclude with the investigation inspection. The investigation inspection findings could result in no probable cause being found or violations being issues. If the violations issued are a first offense or second offense for that particular issue then a warning or monetary fine will be issued. Should the issue be a third offense or more, then it is likely the licensee will need to appear before the Board to face disciplinary action that could include a reprimand, probation, administrative finds, mandatory attendance to additional continuing education or other training, practicing under supervision, reporting to board for periodic interviews, revocation, or other corrective action necessary to ensure the protection of the public. All decisions of the Board will be voted on at a scheduled board meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR - Adam L. Higginbotham

I am pleased with our recent implementation of new licenses or permits available to West Virginians. Our most successful program has been the shampoo assistant program. Since its implementation in May 2012, the Board has registered 166 shampoo assistants. Our most recently implemented programs, hair styling and barber apprenticeship, have also been successful. Since the implementation of the programs in May 2013, we have registered 65 hair styling students and 12 barber apprenticeships. I hope to see continued growth in these programs as they are additional options for incoming professionals in the beauty industry.

Open Your New Shop Online

Are you interested in opening your own salon or shop? The process to obtain a new shop license has never been faster or easier! You can now visit www.wvbbc.com and click on the button on the top of the page titled NEW SHOP OPENING. Once you are at the NEW SHOP OPENING page you can enter the shop, owner, and manager information. After you have entered the shop's information you will be prompted to pay via debit/credit card. Once payment has been confirmed you can print your own shop opening letter and start your business immediately.

License Certification Online

Do you want to obtain a license in another state? Through our online LICENSE CERTIFICATION REQUEST option on the top of our website you can enter your licensing information, request the state you want your information sent, and pay for the certification in less than three minutes. Please note that there are additional applications you may need to complete in the state in which you are transferring your license.

Licensee Data

License Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Aesthetician	133	112	189	215	197
Barber	750	685	754	739	751
Cosmetologists	6,667	6,038	7,007	7,089	6,051
Nail Technicians	830	765	1,002	1,049	982
Shampoo Assistants	X	X	X	5	81
Students	817	936	960	1,429	903
Licensed Shops	2,789	2,331	2,853	2,940	3,094