



Board for Barbers and Cosmetology

PROPOSED Guidance Document:

Barber Schools Previously Approved to Teach Training Equivalent to the Master Barber Curriculum

I. Background

In 2017, the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology determined that a portion of the barber training curriculum was outside of this scope of practice. Specifically, the Board identified **permanent waving with chemicals, thermal waving, styling, wig care, waxing, and lightening the hair** as outside the scope of practice of barbering. The Board stopped testing on these topics on December 11, 2017, and began assisting barber school in changing their curriculum from 1,500 hours to the proper scope of practice and an 1,100 hour program.

In 2018, the General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia to create a new type of license: master barber. The change reincorporates the above referenced practices under the scope of practice of the master barber license and granted a master barber license to anyone who was licensed as a barber by December 8, 2017. The Board's revised regulations reflecting the master barber license have added the services identified above back into the school curriculum to create a 1,500 hour dual barber/master barber training curriculum. As a result, the new dual barber/master barber curriculum is identical to the barber curriculum prior to December of 2017.

II. Issue

Most of the current barber schools were approved to teach a curriculum that is identical to the new dual barber/master barber curriculum. These schools inquired to the Board whether they would have to apply for a new program to add these courses back into their curriculum, or whether they could have their old program reinstated.

III. Board Guidance

On November 19, 2018, the Board approved guidance for schools that formerly taught the 1,500 hour barber program that to take effect when the master barber regulations become effective.

Barber schools that were previously approved by the Board to teach the 1,500 hour barber program may have their 1,500 hour program reinstated as a dual barber/master barber program upon resubmission and Board approval of their course syllabus, detailed course outline, and breakdown of hours and performances.

The Virginia Board for Barbers and Cosmetology will be taking public comment on this proposed guidance document regarding barber schools previously approved to teach the master barber subjects. A 30-day comment period will begin on April 15, 2019.

If you wish to comment on the proposed guidance document, you may do so via the Town Hall website or you may submit written comments so that they are received no later than May 15, 2019 to:

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