



Industry Bulletin 4/4/2014 – Transfer of Credits and Qualifications for Examination

Transfer of Credits

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) would like to clarify training hours/operations that can be transferred from one course of instruction to another.

Business and Professions Code section 7367 states:

“For students who change from one program of instruction to another, the board shall grant credit for training obtained in one course that is identical to training required in another course.”

Therefore, a school can accept any hours/operations that are identical to the training completed in another course within the Board’s jurisdiction. However, it is at the discretion of the school as to whether or not they will accept transfer hours/operations.

It should be noted that a student should complete the Board’s minimum hours of technical instruction and minimum practical operations that are required for the course they are transferring to pursuant to California Code of Regulations sections 950.1, 950.2, 950.3, 950.4, and 950.5.

Qualifications for Examination

Also, as a reminder of the qualifications to take the State Board examination see Business and Professions code sections 7321, 7321.5, 7324, 7326, and 7330 below:

“7321. The board shall admit to examination for a license as a cosmetologist to practice cosmetology any person who has made application to the board in proper form, paid the fee required by this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

- (a) Is not less than 17 years of age.
- (b) Has completed the 10th grade in the public schools of this state or its equivalent.
- (c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.
- (d) Has done any of the following:
 - (1) Completed a course in cosmetology from a school approved by the board.
 - (2) Practiced cosmetology as defined in this chapter outside of this state for a period of time equivalent to the study and training of a qualified person who has completed a course in cosmetology from a school the curriculum of which complied with requirements adopted by the board. Each three months of practice shall be deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training for qualification under paragraph (1) of this subdivision.
 - (3) Holds a license as a barber in this state and has completed a cosmetology crossover course in a school approved by the board.

(4) Completed a barbering course in a school approved by the board and has completed a cosmetology crossover course in a school approved by the board.

(5) Completed the apprenticeship program in cosmetology specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 7332).

7321.5. The board shall admit to examination for a license as a barber to practice barbering, any person who has made application to the board in proper form, paid the fee required by this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

(a) Is not less than 17 years of age.

(b) Has completed the 10th grade in the public schools of this state or its equivalent.

(c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.

(d) Has done any of the following:

(1) Completed a course in barbering from a school approved by the board.

(2) Completed an apprenticeship program in barbering approved by the board as conducted under the provisions of the Shelley-Maloney Apprentice Labor Standards Act of 1939, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 3070) of Division 3 of the Labor Code.

(3) Practiced barbering as defined in this chapter outside of this state for a period of time equivalent to the study and training of a qualified person who has completed a course in barbering from a school the curriculum of which complied with requirements adopted by the board. Each three months of practice shall be deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training for qualification under paragraph (1).

(4) Holds a license as a cosmetologist in this state and has completed a barber crossover course in a school approved by the board.

(5) Completed a cosmetology course in a school approved by the board and has completed a barber crossover course in a school approved by the board.

(6) Completed comparable military training as documented by submission of Verification of Military Experience and Training (V-MET) records.

7324. The board shall admit to examination for a license as an esthetician to practice skin care, any person who has made application to the board in proper form, paid the fee required by this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

(a) Is not less than 17 years of age.

(b) Has completed the 10th grade in the public schools of this state or its equivalent.

(c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.

(d) Has done any of the following:

(1) Completed a course in skin care from a school approved by the board.

(2) Practiced skin care, as defined in this chapter, outside of this state for a period of time equivalent to the study and training of a qualified person who has completed a course in skin care from a school the curriculum of which complied with requirements adopted by the board. Each three months of practice shall be deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training for qualification under paragraph (1).

(3) Completed the apprenticeship program in skin care specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 7332).

7326. The board shall admit to examination for a license as a manicurist to practice nail care, any person who has made application to the board in proper form, paid the fee required by this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

- (a) Is not less than 17 years of age.
- (b) Has completed the 10th grade in the public schools of this state or its equivalent.
- (c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.
- (d) Has done any of the following:
 - (1) Completed a course in nail care from a school approved by the board.
 - (2) Practiced nail care, as defined in this chapter, outside of this state for a period of time equivalent to the study and training of a qualified person who has completed a course in nail care from a school the curriculum of which complied with requirements adopted by the board. Each three months of practice shall be deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training for qualification under paragraph (1).
 - (3) Completed the apprenticeship program in nail care specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 7332).

7330. The board shall admit to examination for a license as an electrologist to practice electrolysis, any person who has made application to the board in proper form, paid the fee required by this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

- (a) Is not less than 17 years of age.
- (b) Has completed the 12th grade or an accredited senior high school course of study in public schools of this state or its equivalent.
- (c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.
- (d) Has done any of the following:
 - (1) Completed a course of training in electrolysis from a school approved by the board.
 - (2) Practiced electrolysis, as defined in this chapter, for a period of 18 months outside of this state within the time equivalent to the study and training of a qualified person who has completed a course in electrolysis from a school the curriculum of which complied with requirements adopted by the board. Each three months of practice shall be deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training for qualification under paragraph (1).
 - (3) Completed the apprenticeship program in electrology specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 7332)."