



Home Salons

To provide barbering or cosmetology services (hair, skin, and nail care) within your home, you must have a Board-issued establishment license. Mail a completed Establishment Application with the required attachments and fee to the Board: https://barbercosmo.ca.gov/forms_pubs/forms/estab_app.pdf. Please review the application carefully to ensure you meet all requirements.

Below are common questions and answers received regarding home salons.

Q Do home salons have special building requirements?

A The home salon must have a direct entrance separate and distinct from any entrance in connection with the private quarters.

Q Do I need any other permits or licenses from my city?

A Please contact your local government entity to verify if they have additional requirements. Every city or county has different requirements. The Board recommends you also check with your homeowners association (HOA), if applicable.

Q Do I need to submit my lease agreement?

A Only include the first and last page of your lease agreement. If you do not lease your home, you may send one of the following instead: (a) the first and last page of the deed, (b) the first and last page of the purchase documents, or (c) a utility bill that shows the complete home address.

Q Am I still subject to Board inspections?

A Yes, the Board shall inspect any establishment during business hours or at any time in which Board services are being performed to ensure compliance with the laws and regulations.

Q Who is responsible for the salon when an inspector conducts an inspection?

A The owner(s) of an establishment is responsible for their salon and will be issued a citation for violations that exist in the salon.

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Q When an inspector comes into my establishment, what should they have access to?

A To conduct a thorough inspection of the establishment, the inspector shall have access to all areas of the establishment.

Q Are there special building rules that apply to barbering and cosmetology establishments?

A Yes, before a barbering and cosmetology establishment may open, it must meet certain requirements regarding toilets, hot and cold running water, hand-washing facilities, and potable drinking water. Review the requirements listed on the establishment application.

Q What do I do if I want to provide services in a client's home, not my home?

A That would be considered in-home services, not a home salon. Please review the In-home Services Consumer Fact Sheet for more information:

https://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/consumers/inhome_srv_factsheet.pdf.

