

TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS
Division 9
Article 4

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY

Final Statement of Reasons

Hearing Date: No hearing was scheduled or requested.

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Interpreters for Licensing Exams.

Sections Affected: Amend Section 931 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons are included in the rulemaking file and incorporated as though set forth herein. The information contained therein accurately reflects the position of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) regarding the amendment of the above section. The Initial Statement of Reasons (ISR) is updated as follows:

After notice and publication of the proposed regulatory language in the Notice Register on July 25, 2025, the 45-day public comment period began on July 25, 2025, and ended on September 8, 2025. The Board received no public comments during the 45-day public comment period.

At the Board's February 10, 2025, meeting, the Board approved proposed language to amend Section 931 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. The Board directed staff to take all steps necessary to initiate the formal rulemaking process, including noticing the proposed language for a 45-day public comment period, setting the proposed language for a public hearing if requested, and authorizing the Executive Officer to make any non-substantive changes to the rulemaking package and, if no adverse comments were received, to adopt the proposed text as noticed.

The Board did not receive a request to hold a hearing on this rulemaking or any public comments. As a result, the text has been adopted as originally noticed and directed by the Board at its February 10, 2025, Board meeting.

Local Mandate

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Small Business Impact

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect small businesses. This proposal does not require any significant new expense or reporting, recordkeeping, or compliance measures on the part of businesses, including Board approved schools.

Applicants are currently required to complete and submit the existing versions of the interpreter form, as specified, and are not anticipated to incur additional workload or costs to complete and submit the updated version. As a result, the regulations do not result in business impacts to the State.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposal

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. This regulation would provide greater notice and transparency in how the Board will administer interpreters' requirements for licensing exams and corresponding applications. Allowing interpreters to interpret more frequently would reduce barriers to entry and enable individuals who need an interpreter to apply for re-examination sooner, while adopting a new "once per year" standard that would help prevent fraud in the examinations process.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Board as part of public comments received or at the Board's meetings would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulations, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The Board received no public comments related to this rulemaking. Therefore, no reasonable alternatives were presented or considered by the Board.

Incorporation by Reference

Application to Use an Interpreter (Form 03A-126 (Rev. 02/2025))

The incorporation by reference method was used for this form because it would be cumbersome, unduly expensive, and otherwise impractical to publish it in the California Code of Regulations (CCR). The Application to Use an Interpreter (Form 03A-126 (Rev. 02/2025)) was developed to ensure consistency in standards and easier comprehension of the Board's requirements for those seeking to use an interpreter in the examination process. If the form were incorporated into the CCR, it would increase the size of Division 9 and may cause confusion to the users. The form was made available to the public upon request and was posted on the Board's website.