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MEMORANDUM

TO: Barber, Cosmetology, Nail, Wax and Esthetics schools

FROM: Kelley Smith
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DATE: October 9, 2025

SUBJECT: General Review Regulations changes for licensed schools

The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is amending its **Barbers and Cosmetology Regulations, 18VAC41-20** and **Esthetics Regulations, 18 VAC 41-70**. Several changes will take effect on December 1, 2025.

1. Barber, Cosmetology, Nail, and Waxing schools must update their curricula to comply with the new curriculum requirements. Please refer to the enclosed memorandum for a detailed outline of these changes.
2. Barber, Cosmetology, Nail, Wax, and Esthetics schools are no longer authorized to offer instructor programs for students seeking an instructor license. This program has been phased out and is no longer recognized as a board-approved course. Furthermore, the State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) will no longer classify the instructor course as an acceptable post-secondary course.
3. Any change in instructors must be reported to the board within 30 days of the change, using the Change of Instructor form.
4. Theory and practical training must be conducted in the same building, unless the school has board approval to offer the theory training online.
5. The cosmetology scope of practice has been revised, prohibiting cosmetologists from performing straight razor shaving, body treatments, and machine facials.

You may contact the Board office by telephone at (804) 367-8509, or by email at rr-bchopschoolroster@dpor.virginia.gov, with any questions that you may have pertaining to the information provided in this memo or any of the Board's programs. Thank you for your continued commitment to training the future beauty professionals of Virginia.

Sincerely,
Board for Barbers and Cosmetology