



STATE OF DELAWARE
AESTHETICIAN, COSMETOLOGY, BARBER,
ELECTROLOGY, INSTRUCTOR, and
NAIL TECHNICIAN EXAMINATIONS



CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

This *Candidate Information Bulletin* ("CIB") is intended for your use in preparing for and understanding the processes and procedures for applying for licensure and scheduling to test. The Delaware Board of Cosmetology and Barbering (the "Board") is responsible for licensing and regulating the cosmetology related professions in the State of Delaware. The Board has contracted with Professional Credential Services ("PCS") to provide administrative examination services. The Board, through PCS, will exclusively use the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology ("NIC") examinations.

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Eligibility Requirements: A candidate who wishes to obtain a license must pass a **theory** and a **practical** examination within a year. To qualify to take these examinations, a candidate **must**:

1. Be at least 16 years old;
2. Have a 10th grade education or equivalent;
3. AOD (Area of Discipline), requirements.

- **Aesthetician** – 600 classroom or 1200 apprenticeship hours
- **Cosmetology or Barber** – 1500 classroom or 3000 apprenticeship hours
- **Electrology** – 300 classroom or 600 apprenticeship hours
- **Nail Technician** – 300 classroom or 600 apprenticeship hours

Eligibility Requirements: A candidate who wishes to obtain an instructor license must pass a **theory** and a **practical** examination within a year. To qualify to take these examinations, a candidate **must**:

1. Be at least 16 years old;
2. Have a 12th grade education or equivalent;
3. Have a current Delaware aesthetician, barber, cosmetology, electrology, or nail technician license.
4. AOD (Area of Discipline), requirements.

- **Aesthetician Instructor** – 500 classroom hours OR 2 years experience as an active practicing aesthetician and 250 class hours in aesthetics instruction
- **Cosmetology or Barber Instructor** – 500 classroom hours OR 2 years experience as an active practicing cosmetologist or barber and 250 class hours in instruction of cosmetology or barbering
- **Electrology Instructor** – 500 classroom hours OR 2 years experience as an active practicing electrologist and 250 classroom hours in electrology instruction
- **Nail Technician Instructor** – 500 classroom hours OR 2 years experience as an active practicing nail technician and 250 class hours in nail technology instruction

Required Documentation: Must submit to PCS via mail.

1. **Proof of High School Education:** An official English-language high school transcript, GED, or an official evaluation by International Educational Research Foundation if education obtained outside of the U.S. or a U.S. Territory. **This information must come to PCS in a sealed envelope.**
2. **Proof of Training:** An official school transcript which includes the school name, instructor name & license number, school official's signature.

Reciprocity: If you hold a license in a state other than Delaware, then contact the board at (302) 744-4500.

Reinstatement: If you hold a license within the state of Delaware, then contact the board at (302) 744-4500.

How to Register with Professional Credential Services:

You can register for examinations with Professional Credential Services online if you have met the registration eligibility requirements while awaiting approval from Professional Credential Services.

1. Go online to www.PCSHQ.com.
2. Select the words **APPLICANT INFORMATION** (left side of the screen).
3. Directly below Delaware click **COSMETOLOGY & BARBER RELATED PROFESSIONS**.
4. Click **APPLICATION PROCESS**.
5. Click **APPLY ONLINE**.
6. **Candidate must register with the full legal name as it appears on their government issued identification.**

How to Register with Professional Credential Services (continued):

7. **Special Accommodations:** If you need special accommodations under the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, you must submit an ADA request form along with supporting documentation.
8. If the name differs from any supporting eligibility documentation that is submitted to PCS, you **must** provide legal documentation connecting the former name to the current name (i.e. marriage certificate or divorce decree).

You **must** provide a reliable e-mail address. A school e-mail address is acceptable. All fees will be collected (Visa or MasterCard only) during pre-registration. If you experience technical difficulties online, please call PCS at (888) 822-3272 to pre-register.

Temporary Permit: Candidates who wish to obtain a temporary permit may download a Temporary Permit Application online at www.pcshq.com. This will be sent directly to the Delaware State Board of Cosmetology & Barbering and the State Board will issue the temporary permit once the candidate has been approved to test.

Fees: Fees will be paid to PCS. **Do not send examination fees to the Board.**

First-time Fees (includes practical, theory, and licensure fee):

Aesthetician \$190 Barber \$211 Cosmetology \$218 Electrology \$192 Nail Technician \$192 Instructor \$256

Re-examination Fees (for all professions): Please register on-line at www.pcshq.com.

Practical \$65 Theory \$80

How to Check Application Status with Professional Credential Services:

Once you register with PCS, you can track your status 24/7. A candidate ID number will be sent via e-mail within 1 business day. If you do not receive an e-mail within 1 business day, please call PCS at (888) 822-3272. Once you receive the candidate ID number, you will be able to view your current status online. You may view your status as many times as you like.

1. Go online to www.PCSHQ.com.
2. Select the words **COSMETOLOGY APP STATUS** (left side of the screen).
3. Enter your candidate ID number.
4. Enter your date of birth.
5. Click **login**.

Eligibility Approval Process:

All documentation must be sent to PCS for review and approval. **If approved, PCS will notify you via e-mail.**

Scheduling Approval Process:

You will receive an **Authorization to Test (ATT)** for the theory examination via e-mail once you have been approved to test. If you do not receive your ATT within 2 days, please call PCS at (888) 822-3272.

Instructor Assignment

Once PCS approves you for testing, assigned topics will be mailed to you.

Once you have been approved by PCS, you will be scheduled for the practical examination date selected during registration (**must adhere to practical examination deadline dates**). You will be notified via e-mail of your practical examination date, time, and location approximately 10 days prior to the actual practical test date. If you do not receive your Admission Notice via e-mail on the Monday prior to the examination date, please call PCS at (888) 822-3272 for further instructions. An official Admission Notice for the practical examination will be provided to the eligible candidates during the time of registration at the examination site.

How To Schedule For and Take the Theory Examinations: Upon receipt of your ATT, you may request to take the theory examination by contacting PSI Testing Center at (800) 211-2754. An ATT **cannot be faxed** to you or to the PSI site.

Theory examinations are offered on a daily basis using a computer-based testing platform. Since PSI tests for many different professions, please allow three business days between the time you call to schedule your examination and the time you wish to sit for the examination. A "seat" may not be available at the time you wish to test if there is not sufficient lead-time in placing your scheduling call. There are several PSI Testing Centers throughout Delaware, however, you can examine at any PSI test center located throughout the United States. You may access test center information at www.psixams.com. Maps and test center hours are available from this web site as well.

You will take your theory examination on a personal computer. You select answers either by using a mouse or the keyboard. Please visit www.psixams.com for additional information on computer-based testing. If you encounter any problems with the computer, you should notify the test administrator. You will be given 90 minutes to complete the entire examination. Examination questions are multiple-choice with one correct answer and three incorrect responses. There is no penalty for guessing. You must attain a score of 75 or higher to achieve a passing score on the theory examination. PSI personnel have no knowledge of, are not responsible for, and cannot answer questions about the content of the examinations, references, passing scores, etc.

Theory and Practical Examination Admission Requirements:

You must register for your examination with your LEGAL first and last name as it appears on your government issued identification. All required identification below must match the first and last name under which you registered. Candidates are required to bring **a recent 2"x2" passport type photo** and **two (2) forms of valid (non-expired) identification** to the test site. One of the identifications presented must be Government issued identification with photograph and signature. Photocopies of identification will **NOT** be accepted. Candidates must present two forms of ID: One Primary and One Secondary.

PRIMARY IDENTIFICATION – Choose One

- State issued driver's license
- State issued identification card
- US Government issued Passport
- US Government issued Military Identification Card

Theory and Practical Examination Admission Requirements (continued):

PRIMARY IDENTIFICATION - continued

- US Government issued Alien Registration Card

SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION – Choose One

- Credit card (must be signed)
- Social Security Card
- US issued Birth Certificate

*NOTE: Student ID and employment ID are **NOT** acceptable forms of identification.

Candidates must register with the full legal name as it appears on their government issued identification. The name on the identification must be the same as the name used to register for the examination. If the candidate fails to bring proper identification or the candidate names do not match, the candidates will not be allowed to test and their examination fee will not be refunded.

It is your responsibility to arrive at the test center on time. Candidates will not be permitted into the examination room after your scheduled testing time. It is strongly suggested that you visit the site before the day of the examination in order to become familiar with the route and the travel time. Candidates are not permitted to bring anyone into the examination room. Candidates are not permitted to talk to one another once inside the examination room.

General Policies and Procedures for Theory and Practical Examinations:

Security Policies: Suspected security breaches during either the theory or practical test administrations, such as an act of impersonation, creating a disturbance, giving or receiving unauthorized information or aiding other candidates, attempting to remove test information by any means, possessing prohibited materials or sharing supplies may be sufficient cause to dismiss you from the examination site or to invalidate or cancel your scores. Suspected breaches may be identified by observation or suspicion by the test center staff, or may be evidenced by subsequent statistical analysis of examination materials. PCS reserves the right to investigate each incident of misconduct and will report such incidents directly to the Board. The Board will make all final decisions on examination score invalidations or cancellations. **No visitors, guests or children are allowed in the test center.**

Copyrighted Exam Questions: All test questions are the express copyrighted property of NIC. It is forbidden under federal copyright law to copy, reproduce, record, distribute or display these test questions by any means, in whole or in part. Doing so may subject you to severe civil and criminal penalties, including prison incarceration and/or fined up to \$250,000 for criminal violations.

Prohibited Items: No food, beverages, purses, notebooks, magazines, backpacks, briefcases, hats, caps, reference books or electronic devices such as cameras, computers or computerized devices, walkmans, ipods, radios, recording devices, portable fax machines, cellular telephones, calculator watches, reproduction equipment, beepers or pagers are permitted in the examination room. If any of the aforementioned items are found in a candidate's possession, the Test Center Administrator will collect the item until the end of the examination and provide an incident report of the incident to the Board and PCS. Smoking or the use of tobacco is strictly prohibited in the examination room. PCS is not responsible for **any** personal items brought into the examination site.

Environmental Distracters: Although every attempt is made to provide a quiet and comfortable test environment, noise and room temperature may be an unforeseen and unavoidable distracter. It is suggested that you wear the type of clothing that would allow you to adapt to a cooler or warmer climate at the testing site.

Emergency Policy: In the event of inclement weather or similar emergency, a scheduled examination may be canceled or delayed. However, this decision is made only in rare instances and at the discretion of PCS and/or PSI. If a test center is open for testing, and you choose not to appear for your scheduled examination, your fee will be forfeited. You will have to reschedule your appointment and resubmit the appropriate fee to PCS. If you have reason to question whether or not a center will be closed due to an emergency, please call PCS to make inquiries regarding the practical examination and PSI for inquiries regarding the theory examination.

Refunds and Rescheduling Policies: You may reschedule for the theory examination without losing your fee **if** you contact PSI within three working days **prior** to your scheduled examination date. If you reschedule **after** the three-day window, you will forfeit your fee. Rescheduling is **not** permitted for the practical examination unless you are hospitalized or are involved in a traffic accident on the way to the test center that prevents you from arriving on time. Refunds are **not** issued nor are fees transferable for either the theory or practical examinations. Documentation of the above-noted exceptions is required.

Score information: When you complete the theory examination, the computer will print out an unofficial "Pass" or "Fail" Score Report. For failing candidates, this will include a strength and weakness report by major content areas. For the theory examination, a score of 75 is required in order to pass. If your score report does not print out because of technical problems, a score report will be provided to you within 24 hours after you test.

The official pass or fail results of the theory and practical examination will be mailed to you by first-class mail 10 business days after you take the examination. Failing candidates will receive a strength and weakness report, as well as information on how to retest. For the practical examination, an overall score of 75 must be achieved.

Confidentiality: Test results are confidential and are not provided over the telephone.

Passing Candidates: Pursuant to Delaware Law, you must successfully pass the theory and practical examination within one calendar year of your initial application date or you must begin the application process over as a first-time candidate. When you have passed both the theory and the practical examinations, the Board will automatically send you your license. It is not necessary to notify the Board that you have passed an examination; the Board is provided candidate scores on a daily basis.

Failing Candidates: If you fail or are absent, you must contact PCS in order to reschedule. Please call PCS at 1-888-822-3272. You must successfully pass the theory and practical examinations in order to acquire a license.

IT IS THE CANDIDATES RESPONSIBILITY TO FAX, MAIL, OR EMAIL ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE DELAWARE COSMETOLOGY COORDINATOR AT PCS AND THE DELAWARE BOARD FOR BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGY.

National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC):

Please visit www.nictesting.org/cand_info.htm for the most current theory and practical content outline of the examination.

Practical Examination:

The Delaware State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering requires candidates to be examined in the following services:

<p><u>Aesthetician (NIC Esthetics)</u> <u>Core Domain Services</u> Set Up and Client Protection Cleansing and Steaming the Face Massaging the Face Manual Extraction of the Forehead Hair Removal of the Eyebrows Facial Mask Facial Makeup</p> <p><u>Mannequins:</u> A mannequin is required for all services. The candidate must provide the necessary clamp to properly secure a mannequin head to a table during the examination.</p> <p><u>Hair Removal of the Eyebrows</u> Simulated soft wax products such as honey or thick lotion are acceptable.</p>	<p><u>Cosmetology</u> <u>Core Domain Services – Beginning July 1, 2011</u> Set Up and Client Protection Thermal Curling Haircutting Chemical Waving Virgin Hair Lightening Application and Hair Color Retouch Virgin Relaxer Application and Relaxer Retouch Basic Facial Manicure</p> <p><u>Mannequins:</u> A mannequin is required for all services. The candidate must provide the necessary clamp to properly secure a mannequin head to a table during the examination. A suitable substitute for a commercial mannequin hand is a medical quality glove filled to its entirety with sand or cornmeal and sealed.</p> <p><u>Thermal Curling Irons:</u> Candidates will use a hot curling iron for the Thermal Curling section of the practical examination.</p>
<p><u>Barber 1 (no chemical)</u> <u>Core Domain Services</u> Set Up and Client Protection Shaving with a Straight Razor Haircutting</p> <p><u>Model or Mannequin:</u> A mannequin is required for most services within the barber examination. The candidate must provide the necessary clamp to properly secure a mannequin head to a table during the examination. A model is only permitted during the shaving portion of the practical examination. Models must be at least 15 years of age and cannot be licensed or a student studying in this field. Models must be present with the candidate at the beginning of the practical examination. The model must present a valid driver's license or State ID card for admittance to the examination. The model must be appropriate for examination purposes. The model must agree to submit to all services in the practical examination. Models may not participate in any way during the examination. Models are not permitted to talk to the candidate or examiners at any time during the examination.</p>	<p><u>Master Barber (NIC Barber Styling)</u> Coming Soon</p>

<p><u>Electrology</u> <u>Core Domain Services</u> - Beginning July 1, 2011 Set Up and Client Protection Galvanic Method Thermolysis Method Blend Method Conclusion of Service</p> <p><u>Models:</u> A live model is required for all services. Models must be at least 15 years of age and cannot be licensed or a student studying in this field. Models must be present with the candidate at the beginning of the practical examination. The model must present a valid driver's license or State ID card for admittance to the examination. The model must be appropriate for examination purposes. The model must agree to submit to all areas of the practical examination. Models may not participate in any way during the examination. Models are not permitted to talk to the candidate or examiners at any time during the examination.</p>	<p><u>Instructor</u> <u>Core Domain Services</u> Theory Lesson Plan Theory Lecture Demonstration Lesson Plan Demonstration Lecture</p> <p><u>Mannequins:</u> A mannequin is required for all services. The candidate must provide the necessary clamp to properly secure a mannequin head or hand to a table during the examination. A suitable substitute for a commercial mannequin hand is a medical quality glove filled to its entirety with sand or cornmeal and sealed.</p>
<p><u>Nail Technology (NIC Manicuring)</u> <u>Core Domain Services</u> Set Up and Client Protection Manicure Nail Tip Nail Wrap Sculptured Nail Polish</p> <p><u>Mannequins:</u> Mannequin hand is required for all services. The candidate must provide the necessary clamp to properly secure a mannequin hand to a table during the examination. A suitable substitute for a commercial mannequin hand is a medical quality glove filled to its entirety with sand or cornmeal and sealed.</p>	

Aerosol Products:

Candidates are not permitted to use aerosol products at anytime during the examination.

Kit Size:

Recommended kit size is no larger than 30"x30". For safety reason all kits must be able to fit completely under the table area.