



BARBERING & COSMETOLOGY AT A GLANCE

Barbering and Cosmetology Statute: Chapter 1603, Occupations Code

Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 83

Inspections? Yes

Facilities? Yes

Equipment? Yes

Individuals? Yes

Number of licensees: 405,940 (FY 24)

Barbers: 29,190

Cosmetologists: 376,750

Webpage:

www.tdlr.texas.gov/barbering-and-cosmetology

Overview:

House Bill 1560 combined the Barbering and Cosmetology programs starting Sept. 1, 2021, and created a new advisory board to oversee the new, combined program. TDLR has developed new rules for the combined program.

TDLR barbering and cosmetology rules and regulations focus on health, safety, and sanitation with the aim of preventing cuts, burns, infections, and the transmission of contagious diseases. TDLR conducts unannounced risk-based inspections of establishments and schools, as well as investigations when a health or safety complaint is received. Barbering and cosmetology schools are also inspected prior to operation.

As of Sept. 1, 2021, any barber or cosmetology license holder can provide instruction, within the scope of their license, at a licensed school.

Licensing

Barbering and Cosmetology students must complete a course of instruction at a licensed school, and pass the written and practical examinations, for the specific license type. Additional licenses are available for those wishing to specialize in offering specific services. The required hours of instruction for each license type are as follows:

- Class A Barber: 1,000 hours
- Cosmetology Operator: 1,000 hours
- Esthetician: 750 hours
- Manicurist: 600 hours
- Manicurist/Esthetician: 800 hours
- Eyelash Extension Specialist: 320 hours
- Hair Weaving Specialist: 300 hours
- Hair Weaving Specialist/Esthetician: 800 hours

Applicants must be at least 17 years old to be licensed.

What Can a Class A Barber Do?

Class A Barbering services include:

- Arranging, coloring, shaping or cutting a person's hair
- Treating a person's mustache or beard by coloring, styling, trimming, or shaving with a razor of any type
- Cleansing, stimulating, or massaging a person's scalp, face, neck, shoulders, or arms
- Administering facial treatments

- Massaging, cleansing, treating, or beautifying a person's hands or feet
- Treating a person's fingernails or toenails
- Weaving a person's hair
- Removing superfluous hair from a person's body using depilatories, preparations, or chemicals, tweezers, or other devices or appliances

What Can a Cosmetology Operator Do?

Cosmetology Operator services include:

- Arranging, coloring, shaping, or cutting a person's hair
- Treating a person's moustache or beard by coloring, styling, trimming, or shaving with a safety razor
- Cleansing, stimulating, or massaging a person's scalp, face, neck, shoulders, or arms
- Administering facial treatments
- Massaging, cleansing, treating, or beautifying a person's hands or feet
- Treating a person's fingernails or toenails
- Weaving a person's hair
- Removing superfluous hair from a person's body using depilatories, preparations, chemicals, tweezers, or other devices or appliances of any kind or description
- Applying semi-permanent, thread-like extensions composed of single fibers to a person's eyelashes

Crossover Licenses

A student can receive up to 700 hours of dual credit for hours of instruction completed in a Class A Barber or Cosmetology Operator course. The credit is applied towards a Class A Barber and/or Cosmetology Operator educational hour requirements. The student is also required to complete the 300 specialty hours for the course as defined in Section 83.202.

Advisory Board

The Barbering and Cosmetology Advisory Board has nine members serving staggered, six-year terms. The advisory board provides input, advice and recommendations to TDLR about barbering and cosmetology issues. The board includes members representing the following groups:

- Cosmetology Operator
- Class A Barber
- Establishments
- Schools
- Public member

Digitally Prearranged Remote Services

Both licensed Barbers and Cosmetologists may provide certain digitally prearranged remote services that fall within the scope of the license they hold. Licensees can provide a limited range of services that meet the following criteria:

- The services are provided at a location other than a licensed establishment or school.
- Customers must use a website, an app or other online-enabled system such as social media or message apps to prearrange their appointments.
- Licensees must notify TDLR that they intend to operate a remote service business
- Remote services businesses must provide customers with pre-appointment notifications, deliver receipts after services have been provided, and perform records management.

License holders and remote services businesses are responsible for ensuring that all implements and supplies have been cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized or sterilized in accordance with applicable laws and rules.

Only specific cosmetology and barbering services are authorized as part of a digitally prearranged remote service provided by someone with the appropriate license:

- Haircutting/hairstyling
- Weaving a person's hair by thread and needle or attaching by clamps or glue
- Arranging, beautifying, shaving, styling, or trimming a person's mustache or beard
- Beautifying a person's face, neck, or arms using, antiseptic, tonic, lotion, powder, oil, clay, or cream
- Removing superfluous hair on the face using tweezers
- Massaging, cleansing and treating person's hands or feet for polish change manicures and pedicures, and non-whirlpool foot basin pedicures only
- Applying semi-permanent, thread-like extensions composed of single fibers to a person's eyelashes

These services cannot be performed as part of a digitally prearranged remote service:

- Hair coloring or processing
- Bleaching, dyeing or tinting the hair
- Treating or removing hair using cosmetic preparations, including sugaring, waxing, and using depilatories
- Portable whirlpool foot spa pedicures

License Types	Fees
Class A Barber or Cosmetology Operator License	\$50
Specialty Practitioner License: Manicurist Esthetician, Manicurist/Esthetician, Hair Weaving Specialist, Hair Weaving Specialist/Esthetician, Eyelash Extension Specialist	\$50
Full-Service Establishment License	\$78
Specialty Establishment License	\$78
Mini-Establishment License	\$70
Mobile Establishment License	\$78
Student Permit	\$25
School License	\$380
School Initial Inspection	\$200

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