BARBERING AT A GLANCE

Statutes: Chapters 1601, 1603, Occupations Code
Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 82

Practice Act? Yes
Title Act? Yes
Inspections? Yes
Facilities? Yes
Equipment? Yes
Individuals? Yes

Number of licensees: 32,872 (FY19)

Overview:
To provide barbering services in Texas, you must have a TDLR Class A Barber license or specialty certificate. Barbering services include:
- treating a person’s mustache or beard by arranging, beautifying, coloring, processing, shaving, styling, or trimming;
- treating a person’s hair by arranging, beautifying, bleaching, cleansing, coloring, curling, dressing, dyeing, processing, shaping, singeing, straightening, styling, tinting, or waving; bobbing, clipping, cutting, or trimming; or cutting the person's hair as a separate and independent service for which a charge is directly or indirectly made separately from a charge for any other service;
- cleansing, stimulating, or massaging a person’s scalp, face, neck, arms, or shoulders by hand or by using a device, apparatus, or appliance; and with or without the use of any cosmetic preparation, antiseptic, tonic, lotion, or cream;
- beautifying a person's face, neck, arms, or shoulders using a cosmetic preparation, antiseptic, tonic, lotion, powder, oil, clay, cream, or appliance;
- treating a person’s nails by cutting, trimming, polishing, tinting, coloring, cleansing, manicuring, or pedicuring; or attaching false nails;
- massaging, cleansing, treating, or beautifying a person’s hands;
- administering facial treatments;
- weaving a person’s hair by using any method to attach commercial hair to a person’s hair or scalp; or
- servicing in any manner a person’s wig, toupee, or artificial hairpiece on a person’s head or on a block after the initial retail sale.

To be eligible for a Class A Barber Certificate, you must:
- be at least 16 years old;
- pass the applicable examination;
- pay the required fee; and
- have completed 1,500 hours of instruction in a licensed barber school.

License Types Fees
Class A Barber Certificate $55
Barber Instructor License $65
Specialty License: Barber Technician $30
Specialty Instructor License: Barber $65
Specialty Certificate of Registration – Hair Weaving $30
Barbershop Permit $60
Mini-Barbershop Permit $60
Specialty Shop Permit $50
Dual Shop License $130
Mini-Dual Shop Permit $60
Mobile Shop License $60
Booth Rental Permit No fee
Barber School Permit $300
Barber School Initial Permit $300
Barber School Initial Inspection $200

If you hold an active cosmetology operator license, you can obtain a Class A Barber license by completing 300 hours of instruction in barbering in a licensed barber school, pass the examination and pay the required fees.

For more information, please contact the TDLR Office of Strategic Communication: media.inquiries@tdlr.texas.gov.
Education Requirements

- Class A Barber: 1,500 hours (1,000 high school)
- Barber Instructor:
  - a course consisting of 750 hours of instruction in barber courses and methods of teaching in a barber school; or
  - at least one year of work experience as a licensed Class A barber and:
    - have completed 500 hours of instruction in barber courses and methods of teaching in a commission-approved training program;
    - have completed 15 semester hours in education courses from an accredited college or university within the 10 years preceding the date of the application; or
    - have obtained a degree in education from an accredited college or university.
- Barber Technician Specialty License: 300 hours
- Barber Manicure Specialty License: 600 hours
- Barber Hair Weaving Specialty Certificate: 300 hours
- Barber Technician/Manicurist Certificate: 900 hours
- Barber Technician/Hair Weaver Certificate: 600 hours

A web search tool is available for students (including out of state and foreign students) to search for specific course types being offered in certain areas of the state. https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/SchoolCurriculumWebSearch/Default.aspx

The Advisory Board on Barbering has 5 members serving 6-year terms, which includes:

- two members, each of whom is engaged in the practice of barbering as a Class A barber and does not hold a barbershop permit;
- two members, each of whom is a barbershop owner who holds a barbershop permit; and
- one member who holds a permit to conduct or operate a barber school.