COSMETOLOGY AT A GLANCE

Statutes: Chapter 1602, Occupations Code, and Chapter 1603, Occupations Code
Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 83

Practice Act? Yes
Title Act? No

License Types

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Number of Licensees in FY 2018: 315,088 (FY19)

Inspections? Yes
Facilities? Yes
Equipment? Yes
Individuals? Yes

Overview:
TDLR cosmetology rules and regulations address health, safety, and sanitation concerns towards the prevention of cuts, burns, infections, and the transmission of contagious diseases. An operator license or specialty certificate from TDLR is required before providing cosmetology services. Someone with an operator license can provide any type of cosmetology service, otherwise a specific specialty certificate is required. Eligibility requirements for an operator license:

- be at least 17 years of age;
- have obtained a high school diploma or GED, or have passed an exam administered by a certified testing agency; and
- have completed 1,500 hours of instruction in a licensed beauty culture school; or 1,000 hours of instruction in beauty culture courses and 500 hours of related high school courses in a vocational cosmetology program in a public school;
- pass the examination; and
- pay the required fee.

Someone with an active Class A Barber certificate can obtain a cosmetology license by completing 300 hours of instruction in cosmetology, passing the examination, and paying the required fee.

HB 2847, passed during the 86th Legislature, made several changes to the Cosmetology program:

- Cosmetologists will be able to provide digitally prearranged remote services once the Cosmetology Advisory Board and the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation adopts rules.
- Cosmetology and barbering establishments will be inspected every 4 years (instead of every 2). Specialty shops will be inspected every 2 years. Barbering and cosmetology schools will be inspected twice a year.
- The education requirement for a cosmetology operator license was reduced from 1500 to 1000 hours, effective only for applications submitted after Sept. 1, 2020.

In order to administer these changes, in some cases TDLR must first develop rules for implementation. Some bills include specific direction on the rules the agency must adopt and the deadline for adoption.

The rulemaking process gives the public an opportunity to provide comment and feedback at TDLR advisory board meetings. The public can also participate in the process when proposed rules are published in the Texas Register and at meetings of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation when the rules are discussed and brought up for a vote. The rulemaking process can take several months to complete.
High Schools:
Students can enroll in a high school cosmetology program as early as the 9th grade, starting with an Introduction to Cosmetology course. The course can be completed normally in 2 years (typically junior and senior years) with the student completing 500 hours each year for a total of 1,000 hours. A student in high school receives 500 hours for academic hours completed.

- When a student completes 900 hours, they are eligible to take the written exam.
- Once the student passes the written exam, they can schedule to take the practical exam.
- Once the student passes the practical exam, they can apply for the license. Students must be 17 to get licensed.

If a high school student starts the program but doesn’t complete it before graduation, they can transfer those hours to a private school, but they will be required to complete the full hours of instruction.

Students in private cosmetology schools and at community colleges must complete 1,500 hours of training. No academic hours are given.

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

School statistic reports are available showing student exam pass/fail results for comparison. [https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/CosmoDataSearch/](https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/CosmoDataSearch/)

For information on exam content, fees, requirements, and procedures, please review the Candidate Information Bulletin linked to the TDLR Cosmetology Exam Information Webpage: [https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cosmet/cosmetexam.htm](https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cosmet/cosmetexam.htm)

The Advisory Board on Cosmetology has 9 members, serving 6-year terms, which include:

- Beauty shop licensee (part of a chain)
- Beauty shop licensee (not part of a chain)
- Private beauty culture school licensee
- Licensed public secondary or postsecondary beauty culture school representative
- Licensed public secondary beauty culture school representative
- Two operator licensees
- Two public members
- Texas Education Agency (non-voting, ex officio)

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