

# NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

## PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION BROCHURE

#### **THE COSMETOLOGY PRACTICAL EXAMINATION**

The North Dakota Practical Examination is the licensure examination for cosmetologists, which is developed by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) and administered by the N.D. State Board of Cosmetology. **This Information Bulletin only includes State Guidelines regarding this practical examination. For the NIC Candidate Information Bulletin, please go to [www.ndcosmetology.com](http://www.ndcosmetology.com) under the "Exams" tab to download.**

#### **PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY.**

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The North Dakota Board of Cosmetology sets eligibility requirements for the cosmetology licensing examinations. To apply for this examination you must submit a completed application and the appropriate fee. For applications, contact your school or the Board Office at 701-224-9800. The application may also be found at [www.ndcosmetology.com](http://www.ndcosmetology.com), under the "Exams" tab.

#### **ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION**

Upon approval of your application you will be sent an admission notice. This notice will confirm the category and type of practical examination you will be taking, as well as the date, time and location of the examination you have been scheduled for. Report to the test center on the date and time indicated on your notice. **Persons arriving after the examination has begun will not be admitted.**

You must present the admission notice and a photo ID for admittance to the examination. No candidate will be admitted without the required documents. No walk-in candidates will be admitted.

If your name has changed since you received your examination notice, you must bring legal documentation showing your previous name and current name. The name submitted on the application must match the ID presented for admittance to the examination.

#### **EXAMINATION CONTENT AREAS**

The Cosmetology examination consists of three (3) sections:

1. National Cosmetology Theory Examination. This examination is offered via computer through PSI Services, LLC.
2. North Dakota Cosmetology Laws, Rules & Regulations Law. This examination is offered via computer through PSI Services, LLC.
3. Cosmetology Practical Examination. This examination will consist of the ten (10) NIC core domain services:
  - Work area and client preparation, and set up of supplies (15 minutes)
  - Thermal curling (10 minutes)
  - Haircutting (30 minutes)
  - Work area and **new client** preparation, and set up of supplies (15 minutes)
  - Chemical waving (20 minutes)
  - Predisposition test and strand test (10 minutes)
  - Highlighting with foil, virgin application (15 minutes)
  - Hair color retouch (10 minutes)
  - Virgin hair relaxer application (untimed)
  - Blood exposure procedure (10 minutes)

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- All work will be done on mannequins, no live models will be allowed.
- Cosmetology candidates are required to provide their own tripod stand for the examination. No table clamps will be allowed.
- Candidates will demonstrate curling iron techniques using a cold iron. They must perform curling iron techniques as if the iron is hot.
- Mannequins may be previously cut, but the candidate must cut at least one inch of hair throughout the haircut.
- Cosmetology candidates should have small labeled containers of white protective cream for each service as needed. Candidates should also have small labeled containers of colored cream to simulate chemicals for each service as needed.

## SCORING

Your score report will identify the results of your practical examination as pass or fail.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

Examination results will be mailed to you. No results will be given over the phone.

If you have passed your examination you will receive a score report and a license.

**An applicant who fails the practical examination shall be required to retake the entire practical examination over.**

The practical re-examination fee is \$25.00. You will receive an application for re-examination and must submit it to:

**North Dakota Board of Cosmetology  
4719 Shelburne St.; Suite #1  
Bismarck, ND 58503**

## WRITTEN EXAMINATION INFORMATION

PSI Services LLC (PSI) will be offering computer based testing for the North Dakota State Board of Cosmetology. You will receive results immediately following the examination. You may pay and schedule for your examination without prior approval from the Board.

Follow the instructions in the Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) from [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com) to register and pay for your examination. IMPORTANT NOTE: You will not be able to schedule an examination date until payment has been received.

Applicants may schedule for an examination using one of the following methods:

- Via the internet 24 hours a day at [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com)
- With a PSI registrar at (855)746-8173, available Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Central Time.

A passing score of at least 75% is required on the written portions of the examination.

If you fail an examination, you may reschedule as soon as the next day. To retake a written examination, contact PSI Services.

## **BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE FOR EXAM PURPOSES**

### **A. For Injury on the Candidate:**

1. Stop the service
2. Sanitize hand or puts on glove (over minor cut)
3. Remove supplies from the First Aid Kit
4. Remove gloves and dispose
5. Wipe minor cut with antiseptic
6. Apply adhesive bandage
7. Place all single use items in trash
8. Apply finger guard or glove
9. Return to service

### **B. For Injury on the Client:**

1. Stop the service
2. Sanitize hands or puts on gloves
3. Remove supplies from First Aid Kit
4. Wipe minor cut with antiseptic
5. Apply adhesive bandage
6. Place all single use items in trash
7. Return to service

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