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News, Updates & Reminders

Information for Oklahoma's Cosmetology & Barbering Community

Establishment Opening Update

At this time, once your establishment has been approved for licensure, you may open and begin operating without waiting for an initial inspection.

Mobile establishments are excluded from this provision and must receive an initial inspection before opening.

All establishments remain subject to inspection and must comply with applicable licensing, sanitation, and safety requirements.

Reminder: Inspections and Inspector Access

Establishments are required to be inspected a minimum of **twice per year**, and schools are required to be inspected **every 10 to 12 weeks**.

OSBCB agency inspectors and authorized representatives have the right to enter establishments and schools during reasonable business hours to conduct inspections and investigations. **Refusing to permit or interfering with an inspection is grounds for disciplinary action and may result in suspension or revocation of a license.**

Reference: OAC 175:10-15-2(a), (d), and (e).

On-Site Salons in Nursing Homes and Similar Facilities

Nursing homes and similar care facilities with an on-site salon must have an establishment license for the salon. This requirement is separate from the individual licenses held by professionals providing services.

Please ensure your on-site salon has the required establishment license. Contact the OSBCB if you need assistance with the application process.

Approval of Beauty and Barbering Training Programs

Colleges, trade schools, and other educational institutions must obtain any required OSBCB agency approval before offering training in cosmetology, barbering, or related beauty services. This includes short courses, micro classes, online courses, and programs described as assistant training. Programs that require OSBCB agency approval cannot be offered without that approval, even if they do not lead to a license.

A certificate of completion is different from a professional license. Completing an assistant training course does not authorize a student to perform services that require licensure.

We encourage schools to contact the OSBCB agency before advertising or offering a new program so we can help clarify approval requirements and the path to licensure.

MASSAGE THERAPISTS: REINSTATEMENT CLARIFICATION

The license reinstatement changes under **House Bill 3000**, effective July 1, 2026, **do not apply to massage therapy licenses**.

The provision allowing reinstatement of cosmetology and barbering licenses expired for five years or longer does not extend to massage therapists. Massage therapy licenses remain subject to separate licensing and renewal requirements.

If your massage therapy license has expired, please contact the OSBCB agency for guidance on the requirements applicable to your license.

Stay Connected—Sign Up for Newsletters and Bulletins

We encourage all licensees, including massage therapists, instructors, establishment owners, school representatives, and students, to subscribe to the OSBCB agency newsletters and bulletins.

Visit oklahoma.gov/cosmo, scroll to the bottom of the website, and enter your email address to sign up. Receive agency news, important updates, and reminders directly in your inbox!

Schools and establishments are encouraged to share this information with their students and staff.

[View the OSBCB Rules and Regulations](#)

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Regular Board Meeting

November 9, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Professional Wellness Corner

Monthly Affirmation

“I approach my work with purpose, care, and professionalism. Each day is an opportunity to strengthen my skills and make a positive difference.”

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