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News, Updates & Reminders

Information for Oklahoma's Cosmetology & Barbering Community

Testing & Examination Reminders

Examination Eligibility

Schools are encouraged to pay close attention to the age requirements when submitting examination applications for students. Pursuant to **Section 199.7(L)(4)**, a person must be at least seventeen (17) years of age or a high school graduate to be eligible to take the Board-issued examination for licensure.

Examination Notices & Results

Please be advised that examination notices and examination results will be sent from test@cosmo.ok.gov. Students should watch for communications from this email

address and are encouraged to check their spam or junk folders if an expected communication has not been received.

Electronic & Smart Devices

A friendly reminder to examination candidates: electronic and smart devices are not permitted in the examination room. This includes cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, and other electronic or smart devices. Candidates should make arrangements for these items before entering the examination room.

Personal Belongings

The Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering is not responsible for personal belongings left in the examination room or outside of the testing center. Students should make arrangements for their personal belongings prior to testing. Candidates should refer to their examination notice for additional testing requirements and instructions.

Thinking About Opening a School?

Whether you are considering opening a privately owned or public cosmetology or barbering school, it is important to understand the Board's requirements before beginning the licensing process. Prospective schools are encouraged to review the initial school licensing requirements carefully before moving forward.

Application Requirements — OAC 175:10-3-1

Privately Owned Schools: Review the requirements regarding the letter of intent, school license application, proposed location and ownership information, instructors and management, applicable fees, surety bond, financial statement, and proof of an acceptable building lease or ownership.

Public Schools: Public schools must follow the applicable application procedures in OAC 175:10-3-1(1), along with the specific requirements in subsection (2), including information regarding the public-school administrator and supervisory personnel, proposed instructors, bond coverage, public ownership of the building, and information concerning the school facility and training areas.

DID YOU KNOW?

Both public and privately owned schools are subject to a **\$400 initial school license fee** and a **\$125 annual renewal fee**.

See OAC 175:10-3-1(1)(C).

Initial Inspection — OAC 175:10-3-2

The initial inspection addresses approval of the proposed **location and physical facility**, including building and parking considerations, electrical and plumbing facilities, applicable construction, fire and safety requirements, required certifications, minimum space and student work areas, classrooms, facial/skin-care space, break and locker areas, restrooms, dispensary, drinking water, reception area, and appropriate flooring and wall surfaces.

Second Inspection — OAC 175:10-3-3

Once the school's name, location, and space have been approved, the second inspection occurs after the Board is notified that the school is ready. Required equipment and minimum training tools must be in place, required textbooks and educational materials obtained, equipment installed and operable, and the applicant prepared to begin classes in compliance with Board requirements.

Issuance of Initial School License — OAC 175:10-3-4

Following a satisfactory second inspection and submission of the required school bond in a form approved by the Office of the Attorney General, an initial school license may be issued. Once issued, the school is approved to conduct courses in accordance with applicable Board rules, regulations, and cosmetology and barber law.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Prospective **public and privately owned schools** should review **OAC 175:10-3-1 through 175:10-3-4 in their entirety** before beginning the school licensing process.

[View the OSBCB Rules and Regulations](#)

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Upcoming Board Meetings**Special Board Meeting**

October 5, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Regular Board Meeting

November 9, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Professional Wellness Corner**Monthly Affirmation**

"I remain committed to growth, professionalism, and excellence. Each step I take to learn, improve, and stay informed strengthens the professional I am becoming."