

**TITLE 175. STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING  
CHAPTER 10. LICENSURE OF COSMETOLOGISTS, BARBERS, SCHOOLS AND  
RELATED ESTABLISHMENTS**

*Rule Impact Statement*

**I. A brief description of the proposed rules:**

The proposed rule changes modernize and enhance the educational and operational standards for Eyelash Extension Specialist and Master Instructor courses, ensuring alignment with 2024 statutory updates. By revising entrance criteria, curriculum requirements, and training protocols, these updates standardize instruction, promote flexibility, and streamline administrative processes. Notable changes include an increase in hybrid learning credits from 10% to 25%, a shift from monthly to quarterly student hour reporting, and adjustments to facility standards, such as the removal of vented towel bins. These rules prioritize professional and sanitary excellence, adapt to evolving educational needs, and improve access to quality training while reducing regulatory burdens.

**II. A description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities:**

The persons most likely to be affected by the proposed rule change include: 1) individuals interested in enrolling in a State licensed school; 2) current licensees; 3) students enrolled in any cosmetology or barbering school; and 4) the general public.

**III. A description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule:**

Oklahomans who are pursuing a professional license through attending a State licensed school, allowing them to obtain more hours through hybrid or distance learning; operators and administrators will experience reduced operational burdens through streamlined processes like quarterly student hour reporting and revised facility standards Overall, the rule aims to elevate the standards of cosmetology and barbering education and practice, fostering professional growth and client satisfaction.

**IV. A description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing of all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification for each fee change:**

There is no anticipated economic impact of these proposed rule changes.

**V. The probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, and any anticipated**

**effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency:**

The Board does not anticipate any additional cost will be required to enforce these rules. Board staff currently examines and ensures schools are following the prescribed curriculum.

**VI. A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule:**

The Board does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivisions or that their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule change would be required.

**VII. A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act:**

The Board does not anticipate any adverse effect on small business as a result of the proposed rule changes.

**VIII. An explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule:**

The Board finds that there are no less costly or nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule changes.

**IX. A determination of the effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety, and environment and, if the proposed rule is designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk:**

The proposed rules will ensure that public health and safety is protected while updating the rules to comply with recent statutory changes.

**X. A determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety, and environment if the proposed rule is not implemented:**

The public health, safety, or welfare will be detrimentally affected by failure to implement these revised rules. Failure to approve the rules would result in outdated rules remaining in place that would be inconsistent with current State law. Failure to approve the rules will result in untrained individuals performing cosmetology and barbering services, resulting in significant and lasting harm to the consumer.

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