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LICENSURE

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645—21.1(158) Definitions. For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“Active license” means a license that is current and has not expired.

“Apprentice” means any person, other than a helper, journey person, or master, who is working under the supervision of either a master or a journey person and is progressing toward completion of a barbering apprenticeship training program registered by the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor while learning and assisting in the practice of barbering.

“Board” means the board of barbering.

“Examination” means any of the tests used by the board to determine minimum competency prior to the issuance of a barber or barber instructor license.

“Grace period” means the 30-day period following expiration of a license when the license is still considered to be active. In order to renew a license during the grace period, a licensee is required to pay a late fee.

“Inactive license” means a license that has expired because it was not renewed by the end of the grace period. The category of “inactive license” may include licenses formerly known as lapsed, inactive, delinquent, closed, or retired.

“Licensee” means any person licensed to practice as a barber in the state of Iowa.

“License expiration date” means June 30 of even-numbered years.

“Licensure by endorsement” means the issuance of an Iowa license to practice as a barber to an applicant who is or has been licensed in another state.

“NIC” means the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology, Inc.

“Reactivate” or *“reactivation”* means the process as outlined in rule 645—21.16(17A,147,272C) by which an inactive license is restored to active status.

“Reciprocal license” means the issuance of an Iowa license to practice barbering to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state and which state has a mutual agreement to license persons who have the same or similar qualifications to those required in Iowa.

“Reinstatement” means the process as outlined in 645—11.31(272C) by which a licensee who has had a license suspended or revoked or who has voluntarily surrendered a license may apply to have the license reinstated, with or without conditions. Once the license is reinstated, the licensee may apply for active status.

“Testing service” means a national testing service selected by the board.

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645—21.2(158) Requirements for licensure.

21.2(1) The following criteria shall apply to licensure:

a. Applicants shall complete a board-approved application form. Application forms may be obtained from the board’s website (www.idph.iowa.gov/licensure) or directly from the board office. The application and licensure fees shall be sent to the Board of Barbering, Professional Licensure Division, Fifth Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

b. Applicants shall present proof of completion of the tenth grade or equivalent education. In the event the applicant is a refugee or immigrant from a country where high school records no longer exist, the applicant shall be considered to have met this requirement when the applicant submits an affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant has met the tenth-grade requirement.

c. Applicants shall provide an official copy of the transcript or diploma sent directly from the school to the board showing proof of completion of training at a barber school licensed by the board. If the applicant graduated from a school that is not licensed by the board, the applicant shall direct the school to provide an official transcript showing completion of a course of study that meets the requirements of rule 645—23.8(158). If the applicant completed a barbering apprenticeship training program registered by the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor while committed to the custody of the director of the department of corrections, the applicant shall request the department of corrections to provide an official transcript showing completion of the apprentice program.

d. Applicants shall pass both the NIC theory examination and the NIC practical examination with a score of 70 percent or better on each examination.

e. An applicant shall provide verification of license(s) from every state in which the applicant has been licensed as a barber, sent directly from the state(s) to the Iowa board of barbering office.

f. Applications for a barber license must be received in the board office a minimum of five business days prior to the NIC practical examination.

g. Licensees who were issued their licenses within six months prior to renewal shall not be required to renew their licenses until the renewal month two years later.

h. Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years shall be:

- (1) Considered invalid and shall be destroyed; or
- (2) Maintained upon written request of the applicant. The applicant is responsible for requesting that the file be maintained.

21.2(2) Foreign-trained barbers shall:

a. Provide an equivalency evaluation of their educational credentials by one of the following: International Educational Research Foundation, Inc., Credentials Evaluation Service, P.O. Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231-3665, telephone (310)258-9451, website www.ierf.org or email at info@ierf.org; or World Education Services (WES) at (212)966-6311, electronically at www.wes.org or by writing to WES, P.O. Box 745, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113-0745. The professional curriculum must be equivalent to that stated in these rules. An applicant shall bear the expense of the curriculum evaluation.

b. Provide a notarized copy of the certificate or diploma awarded to the applicant from a barber school in the country in which the applicant was educated.

c. Receive a final determination from the board regarding the application for licensure.

21.2(3) Requirements for an instructor's license. Applicants shall:

- a.* Complete all requirements stated in subrule 21.2(1), paragraphs "*a*" and "*d*";
- b.* Present proof of graduation from an accredited high school or the equivalent thereof;
- c.* Be licensed in the state of Iowa as a barber for not less than two years; and
- d.* Pass both the NIC instructor theory examination and the NIC instructor practical examination with a score of 70 percent or better on each examination.

21.2(4) Instructors who were issued their licenses within six months prior to renewal shall not be required to renew their licenses until the renewal month two years later.

21.2(5) Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years shall be:

- a.* Considered invalid and shall be destroyed; or
- b.* Maintained upon written request of the applicant. The applicant is responsible for requesting that the file be maintained.

21.2(6) An applicant who meets the requirements for an instructor's license except for the instructor examinations may apply for a temporary permit to be an instructor. The temporary permit shall be valid for a maximum of six months from the issue date of the permit and shall not be renewable.

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645—21.3(158) Examination requirements for barbers and barber instructors.

21.3(1) *Theory examination.* Applicants shall contact the testing service directly to schedule the computer-based NIC theory examination. The fee for scheduling the written theory examination shall be paid directly to the testing service. This fee is not included in the licensure fee and practical examination fee identified in 645—subrules 5.2(1) and 5.2(4).

21.3(2) *Practical examination.* Applicants who have completed the application process and passed the NIC theory examination with a score of 70 percent or better shall be eligible to sit for the NIC practical examination administered by the board.

a. Application, supporting documentation, and licensure and practical examination fees required by the board shall be received in the board office at least five days prior to the scheduled NIC practical examination date.

b. The board shall send a notice of the date and time of the practical examination to the address on record.

c. Applicants are required to receive a passing score of 70 percent on the practical examination to be eligible for licensure.

d. Applicants shall be notified in writing of the result of the practical examination.

e. Applicants who fail to appear for the practical examination must request in writing or by telephone to reschedule the examination. Examination fees are not refundable, but the rescheduled examination fee may be waived upon the applicant's showing of good cause for missing the previously scheduled examination. Proof of good cause shall be submitted to the board office with the request to reschedule the examination. The applicant shall be required to pay the reexamination fee if the applicant does not appear for the subsequent examination.

f. Persons who do not attain the passing score may reapply to take the practical examination. The examination fee cannot be refunded, and the applicant shall be required to pay the reexamination fee.

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645—21.4(158) Educational qualifications. Rescinded IAB 2/25/09, effective 4/1/09.

645—21.5(158) Licensure by endorsement. The board may issue a license by endorsement to any applicant from the District of Columbia or another state, territory, province or foreign country who has held an active license under the laws of another jurisdiction for at least 12 months during the past 24 months and who:

21.5(1) Submits to the board a completed application and pays the licensure fee specified in 645—subrule 5.2(1).

21.5(2) Provides verification of license(s) from every state in which the applicant has been licensed as a barber, sent directly from the state(s) to the Iowa board of barbering office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification direct from the jurisdiction's board office if the verification provides:

a. Licensee's name;

b. Date of initial licensure;

c. Current licensure status; and

d. Any disciplinary action taken against the license.

21.5(3) Beginning August 1, 2010, completes one hour of Iowa barbering laws and administrative rules and sanitation.

21.5(4) Passes a national written and practical examination.

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645—21.6(158) Licensure by reciprocal agreement. Rescinded IAB 2/25/09, effective 4/1/09.

645—21.7(158) Temporary permits to practice barbering. An applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant is applying for initial licensure and is not licensed in another state.
2. The applicant has met the requirements for licensure except for passing the examinations required by the board. The temporary permit is valid from the date the application is approved for a maximum of six months and shall not be renewable.

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645—21.8(158) Demonstrator's permit. The board may issue a demonstrator's permit to a licensed barber for the purpose of demonstrating barbering to the public. The following criteria apply to the demonstrator's permit:

1. A demonstrator's permit shall be valid for a barbershop, person or an event. The location, purpose and duration shall be stated on the permit.
2. A demonstrator's permit shall be valid for no more than 10 days.
3. A completed application shall be submitted on a form provided by the board at least 30 days in advance of the intended use dates.
4. An application fee shall be submitted as set forth in these rules.
5. No more than four permits shall be issued to any applicant during a calendar year.

645—21.9(158) License renewal.

21.9(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice barbering shall begin on July 1 of each even-numbered year and end on June 30 of each even-numbered year. All licensees shall renew on a biennial basis. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive notice from the board does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

21.9(2) A licensee seeking renewal shall:

- a. Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 645—24.2(158). A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education credit earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation; and
- b. Submit the completed renewal application and renewal fee before the license expiration date.
- c. Persons licensed to practice as barbers shall keep their renewal licenses displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.
- d. Individuals who were issued a license within six months of the license renewal date will not be required to renew their licenses until the next renewal two years later.

21.9(3) Late renewal. The license shall become late when the license has not been renewed by the expiration date on the wallet card. The licensee shall be assessed a late fee as specified in 645—subrule 5.2(10). To renew a late license, the licensee shall complete the renewal requirements and submit the late fee within the grace period.

21.9(4) Upon receiving the information required by this rule and the required fee, board staff shall administratively issue a two-year license and shall send the licensee a wallet card by regular mail. In the event the board receives adverse information on the renewal application, the board shall issue the renewal license but may refer the adverse information for further consideration or disciplinary investigation.

21.9(5) Inactive license. A licensee who fails to renew the license by the end of the grace period has an inactive license. A licensee whose license is inactive continues to hold the privilege of licensure in Iowa, but may not practice as a barber in Iowa until the license is reactivated. A licensee who practices as a barber in the state of Iowa with an inactive license may be subject to disciplinary action by the board, injunctive action pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.83, criminal sanctions pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.86, and other available legal remedies.

[ARC 7578B, IAB 2/25/09, effective 4/1/09; ARC 1680C, IAB 10/15/14, effective 11/19/14]

645—21.10(272C) Exemptions for inactive practitioners. Rescinded IAB 8/17/05, effective 9/21/05.

645—21.11(158) Requirements for a barbershop license.

21.11(1) A barbershop shall not operate unless the owner of the barbershop possesses a current barbershop license issued by the board. The following criteria shall apply to licensure:

a. The owner shall complete a board-approved application form. Application forms may be obtained from the board's website (www.idph.iowa.gov/licensure), or directly from the board office. The application and fee shall be submitted to the Board of Barbering, Professional Licensure Division, Fifth Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

b. The barbershop shall meet the requirements for sanitary conditions established in 645—Chapter 22.

c. A barbershop license may be for a stationary barbershop or a mobile barbershop.

(1) Stationary barbershop. A stationary barbershop license shall be issued for a specific location. A change in location or site of a stationary barbershop shall result in the cancellation of the existing license and necessitate application for a new license and payment of the fee required by 645—subrule 5.2(8). A change of address without change of actual location shall not be construed as a new site.

(2) Mobile barbershop. A mobile barbershop license shall be issued for a permanent physical address. The licensee is required to provide a permanent physical address for board correspondence. A mobile barbershop may operate in a legal parking spot or on private property, with the permission of the owner or the owner's designee, anywhere in the state of Iowa provided the mobile barbershop is operating in compliance with applicable federal and state transportation, environmental, and sanitary regulations, including those herein.

(3) Barbershop owner's contact information. The listed owner of either a stationary or mobile barbershop must update the board within 30 days of a change in contact information, which includes telephone number, email address, and mailing address.

d. A barbershop license is not transferable. A change in ownership of a barbershop shall result in the cancellation of the existing license and necessitate application for a new license and payment of the fee required by 645—subrule 5.2(8).

e. A change in the name of a barbershop shall be reported to the board within 30 days of the name change.

f. Upon closure of a barbershop, the barbershop license shall be submitted to the board office within 30 days.

g. A barbershop that was issued a license within six months prior to renewal shall not be required to renew the license until the renewal month two years later.

21.11(2) Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years shall be:

a. Considered invalid and shall be destroyed; or

b. Maintained upon written request of the candidate. The candidate is responsible for requesting that the file be maintained.

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645—21.12(158) Barbershop license renewal.

21.12(1) The biennial license renewal period for a barbershop license shall begin on July 1 of each even-numbered year and end on June 30 of the next even-numbered year.

21.12(2) Failure to receive the renewal application from the board shall not relieve the barbershop of the obligation to pay the biennial renewal fee on or before the renewal date.

21.12(3) The completed application and renewal fee shall be submitted to the board office before the license expiration date.

21.12(4) The barbershop shall be in full compliance with this chapter and 645—Chapter 22 to be eligible for license renewal.

21.12(5) When all requirements for license renewal are met, a license wallet card will be sent by regular mail.

21.12(6) A barbershop that is issued an initial license within six months prior to the renewal date will not be required to renew the license until the next renewal two years later.

21.12(7) Barbershop license late renewal. If the renewal fee and renewal application are received within 30 days after the license renewal expiration date, the late fee for failure to renew before expiration shall be charged.

21.12(8) Inactive barbershop license. If the renewal application and fee are not postmarked within 30 days after the license expiration date, the barbershop license is inactive. To reactivate a barbershop license, the reactivation application and fee shall be submitted to the board office.

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645—21.13(147) Duplicate certificate or wallet card. Rescinded IAB 2/25/09, effective 4/1/09.

645—21.14(147) Reissued certificate or wallet card. Rescinded IAB 2/25/09, effective 4/1/09.

645—21.15(272C) License denial. Rescinded IAB 2/25/09, effective 4/1/09.

645—21.16(17A,147,272C) License reactivation. To apply for reactivation of an inactive license, a licensee shall:

21.16(1) Submit a reactivation application on a form provided by the board.

21.16(2) Pay the reactivation fee that is due as specified in 645—subrule 5.2(11).

21.16(3) Provide verification of current competence to practice as a barber by satisfying one of the following criteria:

a. If the license has been on inactive status for five years or less, an applicant must provide the following:

(1) Verification of the license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has been licensed and is or has been practicing during the time period the Iowa license was inactive, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification from a jurisdiction's board office if the verification includes:

1. Licensee's name;
2. Date of initial licensure;
3. Current licensure status; and
4. Any disciplinary action taken against the license; and

(2) Verification of completion of three hours of continuing education that meet the continuing education standards defined in rule 645—24.3(158,272C) within two years of application for reactivation.

b. If the license has been on inactive status for more than five years, an applicant must provide the following:

(1) Verification of the license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has been licensed and is or has been practicing during the time period the Iowa license was inactive, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification from a jurisdiction's board office if the verification includes:

1. Licensee's name;
2. Date of initial licensure;
3. Current licensure status; and
4. Any disciplinary action taken against the license; and

(2) Verification of completion of three hours of continuing education that meet the continuing education standards defined in rule 645—24.3(158,272C) within two years of application for reactivation; and

(3) Verification of passing the examinations required by the board within one year immediately prior to reactivation if the applicant does not have a current license and has not been in active practice in the United States during the past five years.

21.16(4) Licensees who are barber instructors shall obtain an additional four hours of continuing education in teaching methodology.

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645—21.17(17A,147,272C) Reactivation of a barbershop license. To apply for reactivation of an inactive license, a licensee shall:

21.17(1) Submit a reactivation application on a form provided by the board.

21.17(2) Pay the reactivation fee that is due as specified in 645—subrule 5.2(12).

21.17(3) Meet the requirements for sanitary conditions established in 645—Chapter 22.

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645—21.18(17A,147,272C) License reinstatement. A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended, or voluntarily surrendered must apply for and receive reinstatement of the license in accordance with 645—11.31(272C) and must apply for and be granted reactivation of the license in accordance with 645—21.16(17A,147,272C) prior to practicing as a barber in this state.

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645—21.19(158) Mobile barbershops. A mobile home, motor home, trailer, or other recreational vehicle may be used as a mobile barbershop if it complies with the following:

21.19(1) The owner shall possess a current mobile barbershop license issued by the board.

21.19(2) The owner shall complete a board-approved application.

21.19(3) The mobile barbershop's owner's telephone number, email address, and permanent address must be included on the mobile barbershop's application for licensure and must be updated and accurate.

21.19(4) No service may be performed on a client in a moving vehicle. Services shall be performed in a mobile barbershop that is parked in a legal parking spot.

21.19(5) Mobile barbershops must provide:

a. A supply of hot and cold water;

b. Adequate lighting;

c. A floor surface in the service area that is nonabsorbent and easily cleanable;

d. Work surfaces that are easily cleaned;

e. Cabinets secured with safety catches wherein all chemicals shall be stored when the vehicle is moving;

f. A first-aid kit that includes adhesive dressing, gauze and antiseptic, tape, triple antibiotics, eyewash, and gloves.

21.19(6) Mobile barbershops must comply with all rules in 645—Chapter 22, Infection Control for Barbershops and Barber Schools, except rules 645—22.5(158) through 645—22.7(158).

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