

CHAPTER 61  
LICENSURE OF SALONS AND SCHOOLS  
OF COSMETOLOGY ARTS AND SCIENCES

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**645—61.1(157) Definitions.**

“*Clinic area*” means the area of the school where the paying customers will receive services.

“*Dispensary*” means a separate area to be used for storing and dispensing of supplies and sanitizing of all implements.

“*Inactive license*” means a salon license or a school license that has not been renewed as required or the license of a salon or school that has failed to meet stated obligations for renewal within a stated time.

“*Mentor*” means a licensee providing guidance in a mentoring program.

“*Mentoring*” means a program allowing students to experience cosmetology arts and sciences in a licensed salon under the guidance of a mentor.

“*Salon license*” means an establishment licensed to provide cosmetology services to paying customers.

“*School*” means a school of cosmetology arts and sciences.

“*School license*” means a license issued to an establishment to instruct students in cosmetology arts and sciences.

**645—61.2(157) Salon licensing.**

**61.2(1)** The owner shall complete a board-approved application form. Application forms may be obtained from the board’s Web site (<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>), or directly from the board office. All applications shall be submitted to the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences, Professional Licensure Division, Fifth Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

*a.* The application shall be completed according to the instructions contained in the application and submitted 30 days prior to the anticipated opening day. If the application is not completed according to the instructions, the application will not be reviewed by the board.

*b.* Each application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees payable by check or money order to the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences. The fees are nonrefundable.

**61.2(2)** Each salon shall meet the requirements for sanitary conditions established in 645—Chapter 63 to be eligible for licensing. The salon shall be inspected for compliance with sanitation rules within 12 months following the issuance of the salon license.

**61.2(3)** Business may commence at the salon following receipt of the license.

**61.2(4)** Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years shall be considered invalid and shall be destroyed. The records will be maintained after two years only if the applicant submits a written request to the board.

**61.2(5)** A salon license shall be issued for a specific location. A change in location or site of a salon shall require submission of an application for a new license and payment of the fee required by 645—subrule 62.1(16). A change of address without change of actual location shall not be construed as a new site.

**61.2(6)** A salon license is not transferable.

*a.* A change in ownership of a salon shall require the issuance of a new license. “Change in ownership” means any change of controlling interest in any corporation or any change of name of sole proprietorship or partnership.

*b.* A salon cannot be sold if disciplinary actions are pending.

*c.* If a salon owner sells the salon, that owner must send the license certificate and a report of the sale to the board within 10 days of the date on which the sale is final. The owner of the salon on record shall retain responsibility for the salon until the notice of sale is received in the board office.

*d.* The board may request legal proof of the ownership transfer.

*e.* The owner shall notify the board in writing of a change of name or address within 30 days after the occurrence and, in addition, shall return the current certificate and pay the reissued certificate fee as specified in rule 645—62.1(147,157).

**645—61.3(157) Salon license renewal.**

**61.3(1)** The biennial license renewal period for a salon license shall begin on January 1 of every odd-numbered year and end on December 31 two years later.

**61.3(2)** A renewal of license application shall be mailed to the owner of the salon at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. Failure to receive the renewal application shall not relieve the owner of the obligation to pay the biennial renewal fee on or before the renewal date.

**61.3(3)** A salon that is issued a license within six months of the license renewal date will not be required to renew the license until the next renewal two years later.

**61.3(4)** The salon owner shall submit the completed application with the renewal fee to the board office before the license expiration date.

**61.3(5)** A salon shall be in full compliance with this chapter and 645—Chapter 63 to be eligible for renewal. When all requirements for license renewal are met, the salon shall be sent a license renewal card by regular mail.

**61.3(6)** If the renewal fee and renewal application are postmarked after the license expiration date, but within 30 days following the expiration date, the late fee for failure to renew before expiration shall be charged.

**645—61.4(272C) Inactive salon license.**

**61.4(1)** If the renewal application and fee are not postmarked within 30 days after the license expiration date, the salon license is inactive. To reactivate a salon license, the reactivation application and fee shall be submitted to the board office.

**61.4(2)** A salon that has not renewed the salon license within the required time frame will have an inactive license and shall not provide cosmetology services until the license is reactivated.

**645—61.5(157) Display requirements for salons.**

**61.5(1)** Every salon shall have a sign visible outside the entrance designating the place of business.

**61.5(2)** A salon license and the current renewal card shall be posted and visible to the public in the reception area at eye level.

**61.5(3)** The original license certificate, duplicate certificate, or reissued certificate shall be visibly displayed in the reception area at eye level for each licensee and temporary permit holder employed by the salon.

**61.5(4)** Each licensee shall:

*a.* Display the current license card with the certificate or have the current wallet card in the licensee's possession; and

*b.* Have a valid U.S. government-issued photo ID to provide to an agent of the board upon request as proof of identity.

**645—61.6(147) Duplicate certificate or wallet card for salons.**

**61.6(1)** A duplicate wallet card or duplicate certificate shall be required if the current wallet card or certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed. A duplicate wallet card or duplicate certificate shall only be issued under such circumstances.

**61.6(2)** A duplicate salon wallet card or certificate shall be issued upon receipt of a completed application and receipt of the fee as specified in 645—subrule 62.1(5).

**61.6(3)** If the board receives a completed application stating that the owner of the salon has not received the wallet card or certificate within 60 days after the card or certificate is mailed by the board, no fee shall be required for issuing the duplicate wallet card or certificate.

**645—61.7(157) Licensure for schools of cosmetology arts and sciences.** The board shall grant approval for the issuance of an original school of cosmetology arts and sciences license to be issued by the department when the following conditions have been met:

**61.7(1)** An application shall be submitted to the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. The following information shall be submitted with the application:

*a.* A complete plan of the physical facilities and an explanation detailing how the facilities will be utilized relative to classroom, clinic space and mentoring program; and

*b.* A list of the names of licensed instructors for the proposed school. The number of instructors must meet the requirement outlined in Iowa Code section 157.8, with the exception of instructors for the mentoring program.

**61.7(2)** The application shall be completed according to the instructions contained in the application and submitted 30 days prior to the anticipated opening day. If the application is not completed according to the instructions, the application will not be reviewed by the board.

**61.7(3)** The school owner may be interviewed by the board before an original license is issued.

**61.7(4)** The school shall not accept students until the school is licensed.

**61.7(5)** The original license shall be granted for the location(s) identified in the school's application.

*a.* A change of location shall require submission of an application for a new school license and payment of the license fee.

*b.* A change of address without change of actual location shall not be construed as a new site.

**61.7(6)** A school license is not transferable. A change in ownership of a school shall require the issuance of a new license. "Change in ownership" means any change of controlling interest in any corporation or any change of name of sole proprietorship or partnership.

*a.* A school cannot be sold if disciplinary actions are pending.

*b.* The board may request legal proof of the ownership transfer.

*c.* If a school owner sells the school, that owner must send the license certificate and a report of the sale to the board within 10 days of the date on which the sale is final. The owner of the school on record shall retain responsibility for the school until the notice of sale is received in the board office.

*d.* The owner shall notify the board in writing of a change of name or address within 30 days after the occurrence and, in addition, shall return the current certificate and pay the reissued certificate fee as specified in rule 645—62.1(147,157).

**61.7(7)** The school shall be inspected prior to the issuance of the school license and shall meet the requirements of this chapter and 645—Chapter 63.

**61.7(8)** Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years shall be considered invalid and shall be destroyed. The records will be maintained after two years only if the applicant submits a written request to the board.

**645—61.8(157) School license renewal.**

**61.8(1)** The annual license renewal period for a school license shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 one year later.

**61.8(2)** A renewal of license application shall be mailed to the school at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. Failure to receive the renewal application shall not relieve the school of the obligation to pay the annual renewal fee on or before the renewal date.

*a.* The renewal application and renewal fee shall be submitted to the board office before the license expiration date.

*b.* Schools shall be in full compliance with this chapter and 645—Chapter 63 to be eligible for renewal. When all requirements for license renewal are met, the school shall be sent a license renewal card by regular mail.

**61.8(3)** A school that is issued a license within six months of the license renewal date will not be required to renew the license until the next renewal one year later.

**61.8(4)** If the renewal fee and renewal application are postmarked after the license expiration date, but within 30 days following the expiration date, the late fee for failure to renew before expiration shall be charged.

**645—61.9(272C) Inactive school license.**

**61.9(1)** If the renewal application and fee are not postmarked within 30 days after the license expiration date, the school license is inactive. To reactivate the school license, the reactivation application and fee shall be submitted to the board.

**61.9(2)** A school that has not renewed the school license within the required time frame will have an inactive license and shall not provide schooling or services until the license is reactivated.

**645—61.10(157) Display requirements for schools.**

**61.10(1)** Every school shall have a sign visible outside the entrance designating the place of business.

**61.10(2)** A school license and the current renewal card shall be posted and visible to the public in the reception area at eye level.

**61.10(3)** The original license certificate, duplicate certificate, or reissued certificate shall be visibly displayed for each instructor employed by the school.

**645—61.11(147) Duplicate certificate or wallet card for schools.**

**61.11(1)** A duplicate wallet card or a duplicate certificate shall be required if the current wallet card or certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed. A duplicate wallet card or a duplicate certificate shall only be issued under such circumstances.

**61.11(2)** A duplicate school wallet card or duplicate certificate shall be issued upon receipt of the completed application and receipt of the fee as specified in 645—subrule 62.1(5).

**61.11(3)** If the board receives a completed application stating that the owner of the school has not received the wallet card or certificate within 60 days after being mailed by the board, no fee shall be required for issuing the duplicate wallet card or duplicate certificate.

**645—61.12(157) Physical requirements for schools of cosmetology arts and sciences.** The school shall meet the following physical requirements:

**61.12(1)** The school premises shall have a minimum floor space of 3000 square feet and, when the enrollment in a school exceeds 30 students, additional floor space of 30 square feet shall be required for each additional student enrolled in the school.

**61.12(2)** Each licensed school shall provide at least one clinic area where the paying public will receive services. The clinic area shall be confined to the premises occupied by the school.

**61.12(3)** A school shall provide a theory classroom(s) separate from the clinic area.

**61.12(4)** Each school shall maintain a library for students consisting of textbooks, current trade publications and business management materials.

**61.12(5)** The school shall have a separate area to be used as a dispensary. The dispensary shall be equipped with lavatory, shelves or drawers for storing chemicals and sanitized articles, a wet sterilizer and any other sanitation items required in 645—Chapter 63.

**61.12(6)** Two restrooms shall be equipped with toilets, lavatories, soap and towel dispensers.

**61.12(7)** A laundry room shall be separated from the clinic area by a full wall or partition.

**61.12(8)** A separate room shall be equipped for the practice of esthetics and electrology.

**61.12(9)** Each licensed school shall have an administrative office.

**645—61.13(157) Minimum equipment requirements.** Each school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall have the following minimum equipment:

1. Workstations equipped with chair, dresserette, closed drawer or container for sanitized articles, and mirror (maximum of two students per unit);
2. One set of textbooks for each student and instructor;
3. Shampoo bowls located in the clinic area and readily accessible for students and clients if the school offers a curriculum course in cosmetology;

4. Audiovisual equipment available for each classroom;
5. Chair and table area for each student in the classroom; and
6. Labeled bottles and containers showing intended use of the contents.

**645—61.14(157) Course of study requirements.** A school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall not be approved by the board of cosmetology arts and sciences unless it complies with the course of study requirements as provided below.

**61.14(1)** Requirements for hours.

**COSMETOLOGY CURRICULUM**

Core life sciences	150 hours	
Cosmetology theory (Including business and management related to the practice of cosmetology.)	615 hours	
Total core life sciences and cosmetology theory is 765 hours.		
Applied practical instruction	1335 hours	
Total course of study		2100 hours (70 semester credit hours)

**ELECTROLOGY CURRICULUM**

Core life sciences	150 hours	
Electrology theory	50 hours	
Applied practical instruction	225 hours	
Total course of study		425 hours (14 semester credit hours)

**ESTHETICS CURRICULUM**

Core life sciences	150 hours	
Esthetics theory	115 hours	
Applied practical instruction	335 hours	
Total course of study		600 hours (20 semester credit hours)

**NAIL TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM**

Core life sciences	150 hours	
Nail technology theory	50 hours	
Applied practical instruction	125 hours	
Total course of study		325 hours (11 semester credit hours)

Proof of curriculum requirements may be submitted to the board by either the clock hour or semester credit hour standard. Semester credit hours or the equivalent thereof shall be determined pursuant to administrative rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Education.

**61.14(2)** Curriculum requirements.

- a.* Theory instruction shall be taught from a standard approved textbook, but may be supplemented by other related textbooks.
- b.* Course subjects taught in the school curriculum, including skills and business management, shall relate to the specific practice discipline.
- c.* Required hours for theory and applied practical hours do not have to be obtained from one school.
- d.* Core life sciences curriculum hours shall be transferable in their entirety from one practice discipline to another practice discipline.
- e.* Only hours from accredited or board-approved school programs will be accepted.

**61.14(3)** Core life sciences curriculum. The core life sciences curriculum shall contain the following instruction:

- a.* Human anatomy and physiology:  
Cell, metabolism and body systems,  
Human anatomy;
- b.* Bacteriology;
- c.* Infection control practices:  
Universal precautions,  
Sanitation,  
Sterilization,  
Disinfection;
- d.* Basic chemistry;
- e.* Matter;
- f.* Elements:  
Compounds and mixtures;
- g.* Basic electricity;
- h.* Electrical measurements:  
Reproduction of light rays,  
Infrared rays,  
Ultraviolet rays,  
Visible rays/spectrum;
- i.* Safety;
- j.* Hygiene and grooming:  
Personal and professional health;
- k.* Professional ethics;
- l.* Public relations; and
- m.* State and federal law, administrative rules and standards.

Clock hours may be converted to credit hours using a standard, recognized method of conversion.

**61.14(4)** The school shall maintain a copy of the curriculum plan for two years after the curriculum plan was taught by the school.

**645—61.15(157) Instructors.** All instructors in a school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall be licensed by the department.

**61.15(1)** An instructor teaching a course in electrology, esthetics or nail technology shall also hold a license in that practice or hold a cosmetology license that shows proof of having completed training in those practices equivalent to that of a license holder in that practice.

**61.15(2)** An instructor teaching a course in microdermabrasion, chemical peels, IPLs and lasers shall be certified by the state of Iowa to provide each of the services, as set forth in rule 645—60.4(157).

**61.15(3)** The number of instructors for each school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall be based upon total enrollment, with a minimum of 2 instructors employed on a full-time basis for up to 30 students and an additional instructor for each additional 15 students. The school shall make every effort to have 2 instructors on duty during school hours. However, a school operated by an area community college prior to September 1, 1982, with only 1 instructor per 15 students is not subject to this subrule and may continue to operate with the ratio of 1 instructor to 15 students.

**61.15(4)** An instructor shall:

- a.* Be responsible for and in direct charge of all theory and practical classrooms and clinics at all times;
- b.* Familiarize students with the different standard supplies and equipment used in salons; and
- c.* Not perform cosmetology services, with or without compensation, on the school premises except for demonstration purposes.

**645—61.16(157) Student instructors.** A student instructor shall be a graduate of an approved school of cosmetology arts and sciences. Each student instructor shall be under the direct supervision of a licensed instructor at all times.

**645—61.17(157) Students.**

**61.17(1)** A school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall, prior to the time a student is obligated for payment, inform the student of all provisions set forth in Iowa Code section 714.25. The school shall retain a copy of the signed statement for two years following the student's graduating or leaving the program.

**61.17(2)** Students shall:

- a. Wear clean and neat uniforms at all times during school hours and during the mentoring program;
- b. Be supervised by a licensed instructor at all times except in a mentoring program when the students shall be under the guidance of a mentor;
- c. Be provided regularly scheduled breaks and a minimum of 30 minutes for lunch;
- d. Attend school no more than eight hours a day. Schools may offer additional hours to students who submit a written request for additional hours;
- e. Receive no compensation from the school for services performed on clients;
- f. Provide services to the public only after completion of a minimum of 10 percent of the course of study;
- g. Not be called from theory class to provide services to the public;
- h. Not be required to perform janitorial services or be allowed to volunteer for such services. Sanitation of the bathroom area shall be limited to replacing products and disinfecting the vanity and mirror surfaces. Sanitation of the toilet and bathroom floor areas is not to be performed by the student and is excluded from student sanitation duty; and
- i. Receive no credit or hours for decorating for marketing or merchandising events or for participating in demonstrations of cosmetology arts and sciences when the sole purpose of the event is to recruit students and the event is outside the curriculum course.

**645—61.18(157) Attendance requirements.** A school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall have a written, published attendance policy.

**61.18(1)** When determining student hours, a school may define its attendance requirements to include 100 percent attendance for the course length or may allow excused absences for not more than 10 percent of the course length for satisfactory completion.

- a. Student attendance policies shall be applied uniformly and fairly.
- b. Appropriate credit shall be given for all hours earned.
- c. All retake tests, projects to be redone and makeup work shall be completed without benefit of additional hours earned, and it shall be at the school's discretion to schedule the time.
- d. Hours or credit shall not be added to the accumulative student record as an award, or deducted from the accumulative student record as a penalty.

**61.18(2)** The school must maintain each student's attendance records for two years to verify that the minimum attendance standard set by the school is being met.

**645—61.19(157) Accelerated learning.**

**61.19(1)** A school may adopt an accelerated learning policy which includes the acceptance of life experience, prior knowledge learned and test-out procedures.

**61.19(2)** If the school has an accelerated learning policy, the policy shall be a written, published policy that clearly outlines the criteria for acceptance and hours or credit granted or for test-out procedures. The hours or credit granted for accelerated learning shall not exceed 15 percent of the student's entire course of study and shall be documented in the participating student's file.

*a.* After completion of all entrance requirements, a student may elect to sit for one or more academic written tests to evaluate the knowledge about subject matter gained from life experience or prior learning experience.

*b.* A student in a cosmetology arts and sciences course of study may be allowed to test out of a subject by sitting for final examinations covering the basic knowledge gained by a student who attends class sessions, or the school may accept and grant hours for prior or concurrent education and life experience.

*c.* A student who wishes to receive test-out credit or be granted hours for prior or concurrent education or life experience shall have maintained the academic grades and attendance policy standards set by the school.

*d.* The school may limit the number of times a student is allowed to sit for a test-out examination of a subject.

**645—61.20(157) Mentoring program.** Each cosmetology school must have a contract between the student, the school and the salon mentor that includes scheduling, liability insurance and purpose of the mentoring program.

**61.20(1)** Students shall not begin the mentoring program until they have completed a minimum of 50 percent of the total contact or credit hours and other requirements of the mentoring program established by the school.

**61.20(2)** Students may participate in a mentoring program for no more than 5 percent of the total contact or credit hours.

**61.20(3)** Students shall be under supervision of the mentor at all times. Students may perform the following: drape, shampoo, remove color and perm chemicals, remove perm rods, remove rollers, apply temporary rinses, apply reconditioners and rebuilders with the recommendation of the mentor, remove nail polish, file nails, perform hand and arm massage, remove cosmetic preparations, act as receptionist, handle retail sales, sanitize salon, consult with client (chairside manners), perform inventory, order supplies, prepare payroll and pay monthly bills, and hand equipment to the stylist.

**61.20(4)** The salon mentor's responsibilities include the following: introduce the student to the salon and the client, record the time of the student's attendance in salon, prepare evaluation, discuss performance, and allow the student to shadow.

**61.20(5)** A salon or school shall not compensate students when the students are participating in the mentoring program.

**645—61.21(157) Graduate of a school of cosmetology arts and sciences.**

**61.21(1)** A student shall be considered a graduate when the student has completed the required course of study and met the minimum attendance standard.

**61.21(2)** Students shall be given a final examination upon completion of the course of study but before graduation.

**61.21(3)** After passage of the final examination and completion of the entire course of study including all project sheets, students shall be issued a certificate of completion of hours required for the course of study.

**645—61.22(157) Records requirements.**

**61.22(1)** Each school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall maintain a complete set of student records. Individual student hours shall be kept on file at the school for two years following graduation.

**61.22(2)** Each school shall maintain daily teaching logs for all instructors, which shall be kept on file at the school for two years.

**61.22(3)** Prior to closure, the controlling school shall establish agreements with another school to maintain student and graduate transcripts and records. Prior to closure, the controlling school shall also notify the board of the location of student records as established by the maintenance agreements. Provisions in the agreement must include maintenance of student transcript records for a period of no less than two years.



**645—61.23(157) Classrooms used for other educational purposes.**

**61.23(1)** The licensed school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall not be used during scheduled instruction time or work experience time for any use other than for student instruction.

**61.23(2)** Persons attending other educational classes may not (en masse) pass through a classroom or clinic area while it is in use.

**61.23(3)** Noise level must not be disruptive to other classes.

**61.23(4)** Use of classrooms shall not usurp the space available for cosmetology instruction.

**645—61.24(157) Public notice.**

**61.24(1)** Advertisements shall indicate that all services are performed by students under the supervision of instructors.

**61.24(2)** A sign shall be clearly displayed in the entrance of the school that indicates in prominent lettering that students perform all services under the supervision of instructors.

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