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**AMENDED**

**TO: ALL LICENSEES  
ESTABLISHMENT OWNERS  
SCHOOLS OF COSMETOLOGY OWNERS AND DIRECTORS**

**FROM: STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY**

The Nevada Legislative Commission in 2008 approved a number of changes to Chapter 644 Cosmetology of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). These changes became law on September 18, 2008.

Additionally, the Nevada Legislature approved AB 202 that changed a number of laws in Chapter 644 Cosmetology of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). These changes became law on June 4, 2009.

To date, the Board of Cosmetology has not enforced these changes because all licensees have not been properly notified. The Board has been waiting for the Nevada State Law Library to post these changes on the State's website. Since that has not yet happened and will not likely be completed for a couple of more months, the Board has decided to post the new requirements on the Board's website. All licensees, establishment owners, and school owners and directors should review the new laws and regulations as soon as possible. This notice and the posting of the new laws and regulations on the Board's website will be considered notice to all licensees. Please review the changes as all licensees will be held accountable for compliance

A review of the new laws contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the new regulations contained in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) can be found on the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology's website. The website can be reached by typing the website address <http://cosmetology.nv.gov> in your browser.

The changes shown below are the more important provisions that were changed by the Legislature. Some of the minor changes are not included in this list and the reader should check the new laws and regulations posted on the Board of Cosmetology website in their entirety.

<http://www.cosmetology.nv.gov>

### **Important Changes to NRS Provisions Enacted in 2009**

1. The title of Manicurist has been changed to Nail Technologist. *Effective, June 4, 2009*
2. The legislature has authorized a new category of service known as “Threading”. Each person who engages in the practice of threading and each owner or operator of a kiosk or other stand-alone facility in which a natural person engages in the practice of threading, shall, on or before January 1 of each year, register with the Board on a form prescribed by the Board. The registration must include:
  - (a) The name, address and telephone number of the person, owner or operator; and
  - (b) Any other information relating to the practice of the person or the operation of the kiosk or other facility required by the Board. The Board shall not charge a fee for registering a person, owner or operator pursuant to this subsection.The Board may, during regular business hours, inspect any facility in this State in which threading is conducted. (This provision has not been codified with an NRS number.)  
*Effective June 4, 2009*
3. To be licensed as an Aesthetics Instructor, the minimum hours of training has been reduced from 800 hours to 700 hours of instructor training but to be licensed as a Provisional Instructor the hours increased from 400 hours to 500 hours of training. [NRS 644.1955.3(d)] *Effective July 1, 2010*
4. To be licensed as an Instructor in Nail Technology the minimum hours of training is 500 hours as an Instructor or as a Provisional Instructor. [NRS 644.197.1(d)] *Effective July 1, 2010*
5. The minimum hours of training for licensing as a Nail Technologist have increased from 500 hours to 600 hours. [NRS 644.2054.(a)] *Effective July 1, 2010*
6. The minimum hours of training for licensing as an Aesthetician have increased from 600 hours to 900 hours of training. [NRS 644.207.4] *Effective July 1, 2010*
7. Apprentice programs will now be allowed in Clark County if the apprentice lives and takes the training 60 miles or more from the nearest school of cosmetology. [NRS 644.217] *Effective June 4, 2009*
8. Applicants submitting license renewal applications for the period beginning January 1, 2011 or after will be required to submit proof that they have taken four (4) hours of continuing education in “infection control” to be eligible for their license to be issued. [NRS 644.335.5] *Effective January 1, 2011*  
(The Nevada State Board of Cosmetology will be providing a free online course that will be sufficient to meet this requirement. The course is currently being designed and should be available mid-year 2010. All licensees will have to take this course or a similar course that meets the standards set forth and approved by the Board.)

\* The previous posting of item number 8 inaccurately had the effective date as July 1, 2011 for NRS 644.335.5 however the effective date is January 1, 2011.

**NRS 644.020 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in [NRS 644.0205](#) to [644.029](#), inclusive, and section 1.2 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

[2:218:1931; A 1933, 237; 1937, 80; 1931 NCL § 1862.01]—(NRS A 1977, 192; 1979, 1822; 1981, 1348; 1985, 1627; 1995, 461; [1999, 1152](#); [2001, 1191](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.0205 “Aesthetician” defined.**

1. “Aesthetician” means any person who engages in the practices of:
  - (a) Beautifying, massaging, cleansing or stimulating the skin of the human body by the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions or creams, or any device, electrical or otherwise, for the care of the skin;
  - (b) Applying cosmetics or eyelashes to any person, tinting eyelashes and eyebrows, and lightening hair on the body; and
  - (c) Removing superfluous hair from the body of any person by the use of depilatories, waxing, tweezers, or sugaring↳ but does not include the branches of cosmetology of a cosmetologist, hair designer, electrologist or nail technologist.
2. As used in this section, “depilatories” does not include the practice of threading  
(Added to NRS by 1981, 1346; A 1985, 1680, 1851; 1995, 461; [2001, 1191](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.0225 “Cosmetological establishment” defined.** “Cosmetological establishment” means any premises, mobile unit, building or part of a building where cosmetology is practiced, other than a licensed barbershop in which one or more licensed nail technologists practice.

(Added to NRS by 1981, 1346; A 1987, 906)

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.023 “Cosmetologist” defined.**

1. “Cosmetologist” means a person who engages in the practices of:
  - (a) Cleansing, stimulating or massaging the scalp or cleansing or beautifying the hair by the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions or creams.
  - (b) Cutting, trimming or shaping the hair.
  - (c) Arranging, dressing, curling, waving, cleansing, singeing, bleaching, tinting, coloring or straightening the hair of any person with the hands, mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliances, or by other means, or similar work incident to or necessary for the proper carrying on of the practice or occupation provided by the terms of this chapter.
  - (d) Removing superfluous hair from the surface of the body of any person by the use of electrolysis where the growth is a blemish, or by the use of depilatories, waxing, tweezers or sugaring, except for the permanent removal of hair with needles.

(e) Manicuring the nails of any person.

(f) Beautifying, massaging, stimulating or cleansing the skin of the human body by the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, creams or any device, electrical or otherwise, for the care of the skin.

(g) Giving facials or skin care or applying cosmetics or eyelashes to any person.

2. As used in this section, “depilatories” does not include the practice of threading.

(Added to NRS by 1981, 1346; A 1985, 1851; 1987, 1068; 1991, 2054; [2001, 1191](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.024 “Cosmetology” defined.** “Cosmetology” includes the occupations of a cosmetologist, aesthetician, electrologist, hair designer, demonstrator of cosmetics and nail technologist.

(Added to NRS by 1981, 1346; A 1985, 1852; 1995, 461; [2001, 1192](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.029 “Nail Technologist” defined.** “Nail Technologist” means any person who, for compensation or by demonstration, engages in the practices of:

1. Care of another’s fingernails or toenails.
2. Beautification of another’s nails.
3. Extension of another’s nails.
4. Massaging of another’s hands, forearms, feet or lower legs.

(Added to NRS by 1981, 1347; A 1991, 2055)

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.030 Creation; number and appointment of members; composition.**

1. The State Board of Cosmetology consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor is hereby created.

2. The Board must consist of four cosmetologists, one nail technologist, one aesthetician and one member representing customers of cosmetology.

[Part 4:218:1931; A 1933, 237; 1931 NCL § 1862.03]—(NRS A 1965, 630; 1989, 1319)

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.040 Qualifications of members.**

1. No person is eligible for appointment as a member of the Board:

(a) Who is not licensed as a nail technologist, electrologist, aesthetician or cosmetologist under the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Who is not, at the time of appointment, actually engaged in the practice of his respective branch of cosmetology.

(c) Who is not at least 25 years of age.

(d) Who has not been a resident of this State for at least 3 years immediately before his appointment.

2. The requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 do not apply to a person appointed to represent customers of cosmetology.

3. Not more than one member of the Board may be connected, directly or indirectly, with any school of cosmetology, or have been so connected while previously serving as a member of the Board.

[Part 4:218:1931; A 1933, 237; 1931 NCL § 1862.03]—(NRS A 1981, 1349; 1985, 1852; 1989, 1319)

Effective October 1, 2009

#### **NRS 644.130 Record of licenses; disclosure of information.**

1. The Board shall keep a record containing the name, known place of business, and the date and number of the license of every nail technologist, electrologist, aesthetician, hair designer, demonstrator of cosmetics and cosmetologist, together with the names and addresses of all cosmetological establishments and schools of cosmetology licensed pursuant to this chapter. The record must also contain the facts which the applicants claimed in their applications to justify their licensure.

2. The Board may disclose the information contained in the record kept pursuant to subsection 1 to:

(a) Any other licensing board or agency that is investigating a licensee.

(b) A member of the general public, except information concerning the home and work address and telephone number of a licensee.

[Part 4:218:1931; A 1933, 237; 1931 NCL § 1862.03]—(NRS A 1981, 1351; 1985, 1629; 1991, 2056; 1995, 461; [2001, 1192](#); [2005, 2640](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

#### **NRS 644.193 Instructors: Qualifications for provisional license; fee for license; expiration and extension of license.**

1. The Board may grant a provisional license as an instructor to a person who:

(a) Has successfully completed the 12th grade in school or its equivalent and submits written verification of the completion of his education;

(b) Has practiced as a full-time licensed cosmetologist, hair designer, aesthetician or nail technologist for 1 year and submits written verification of his experience;

(c) Is licensed pursuant to this chapter;

(d) Applies for a provisional license on a form supplied by the Board;

(e) Submits two current photographs of himself; and

(f) Has paid the fee established pursuant to subsection 2.

2. The Board shall establish and collect a fee of not less than \$40 and not more than \$75 for the issuance of a provisional license as an instructor.

3. A person issued a provisional license pursuant to this section may act as an instructor for compensation while accumulating the number of hours of training required for an instructor's license.

4. A provisional license as an instructor expires upon accumulation by the licensee of the number of hours of training required for an instructor's license or 1 year after the date of issuance, whichever occurs first. The Board may grant an extension of not more than 45 days to those provisional licensees who have applied to the Board for examination as instructors and are awaiting examination.

(Added to NRS by 1989, 1318; A 1991, 2057; [2003, 2531](#); [2005, 2640, 2854](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.195 Instructors: Qualifications; fee for license.**

1. Each instructor must:

(a) Be licensed as a cosmetologist pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Have successfully completed the 12th grade in school or its equivalent.

(c) Have 1 year of experience as a cosmetologist or as a licensed student instructor.

(d) Have completed 1,000 hours of training as an instructor or 500 hours of training as a licensed provisional instructor in a school of cosmetology.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, take one or more courses in advanced techniques for teaching or training, approved by the Board, whose combined duration is at least 30 hours during each 2-year period.

2. The provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection 1 do not apply to an instructor who is initially licensed not more than 6 months before the renewal date of the license. An instructor who is initially licensed more than 6 months but less than 1 year before the renewal date of the license must take one or more courses specified in paragraph (e) whose combined duration is at least 15 hours during each 2-year period.

3. Each instructor shall pay an initial fee for a license of not less than \$60 and not more than \$90.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1850; A 1991, 2057; [2003, 2531](#); [2005, 2640, 2854](#))

Effective July 1, 2010

**NRS 644.1955 Instructors of aestheticians: Qualifications for examination; advanced training.**

1. The Board shall admit to examination for a license as an instructor of aestheticians any person who has applied to the Board in proper form, paid the fee and:

(a) Is at least 18 years of age;

(b) Is of good moral character;

(c) Has successfully completed the 12th grade in school or its equivalent;

(d) Has received a minimum of 700 hours of training as an instructor or 500 hours of training as a licensed provisional instructor in a licensed school of cosmetology;

(e) Is licensed as an aesthetician pursuant to this chapter; and

(f) Has practiced as a full-time licensed aesthetician or as a licensed student instructor for 1 year.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an instructor of aestheticians shall complete at least 30 hours of advanced training in a course approved by the Board during each 2-year period of his license.

3. The provisions of subsection 2 do not apply to an instructor of aestheticians who is initially licensed not more than 6 months before the renewal date of the license. An instructor of aestheticians who is initially licensed more than 6 months but less than 1 year before the renewal date of the license must take one or more courses specified in subsection 2 whose combined duration is at least 15 hours during each 2-year period.

(Added to NRS by 1987, 1200; A 1991, 2058; [2003, 2532](#); [2005, 2855](#))

Effective July 1, 2010

**NRS 644.197 Instructors in nail technology: Qualifications for examination; advanced training.**

1. The Board shall admit to examination for a license as an instructor in nail technology any person who has applied to the Board in proper form, paid the fee and:

(a) Is at least 18 years of age;

(b) Is of good moral character;

(c) Has successfully completed the 12th grade in school or its equivalent;

(d) Has received a minimum of 500 hours of training as an instructor or as a licensed provisional instructor in a licensed school of cosmetology;

(e) Is licensed as a nail technologist pursuant to this chapter; and

(f) Has practiced as a full-time licensed nail technologist or as a licensed student instructor for 1 year.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an instructor in nail technology shall complete at least 30 hours of advanced training in a course approved by the Board during each 2-year period of his license.

3. The provisions of subsection 2 do not apply to an instructor in nail technology who is initially licensed not more than 6 months before the renewal date of the license. An instructor in nail technology who is initially licensed more than 6 months but less than 1 year before the renewal date of the license must take one or more courses specified in subsection 2 whose combined duration is at least 15 hours during each 2-year period.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1626; A 1987, 1202; 1991, 2058; [2003, 2532](#); [2005, 2855](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.205 Nail Technologists: Qualifications for examination.** The Board shall admit to examination for a license as a nail technologist any person who has made application to the Board in proper form, paid the fee and who, before or on the date of the examination:

1. Is not less than 18 years of age.

2. Is of good moral character.

3. Has successfully completed the 10th grade in school or its equivalent.

4. Has had any one of the following:

(a) Practical training of at least 600 hours under the immediate supervision of a licensed instructor in a licensed school of cosmetology in which the practice is taught.

(b) Practice as a full-time licensed nail technologist for 1 year outside the State of Nevada.

(Added to NRS by 1960, 312; A 1963, 271; 1977, 164; 1981, 1353; 1985, 1630)

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.207 Aestheticians: Qualifications for examination.** The Board shall admit to examination for a license as an aesthetician any person who has made application to the Board in proper form, paid the fee and:

1. Is at least 18 years of age;

2. Is of good moral character;

3. Has successfully completed the 10th grade in school or its equivalent; and

4. Has received a minimum of 900 hours of training, which includes theory, modeling and practice, in a licensed school of cosmetology or who has practiced as a full-time licensed aesthetician for at least 1 year.

(Added to NRS by 1981, 1347; A 1985, 1631)

Effective July 1, 2010

**NRS 644.217 Cosmetologist's apprentice: Application for certificate of registration; fee; expiration and renewal of certificate of registration.**

1. The Board may issue a certificate of registration as a cosmetologist's apprentice to a person if:

(a) The person is required to travel more than 60 miles from his place of residence to attend a licensed school of cosmetology; and

(b) The training of the person as a cosmetologist's apprentice will be conducted at a licensed cosmetological establishment that is located 60 miles or more from a licensed school of cosmetology.

2. The Board may, for good cause shown, waive the requirements of subsection 1 for a particular applicant.

3. An applicant for a certificate of registration as a cosmetologist's apprentice must submit an application to the Board on a form prescribed by the Board. The application must be accompanied by a fee of \$100 and must include:

(a) A statement signed by the licensed cosmetologist who will be supervising and training the cosmetologist's apprentice which states that the licensed cosmetologist has been licensed by the Board to practice cosmetology in this State for not less than 3 years immediately preceding the date of the application and that his license has been in good standing during that period;

(b) A statement signed by the owner of the licensed cosmetological establishment where the applicant will be trained which states that the owner will permit the applicant to be trained as a cosmetologist's apprentice at the cosmetological establishment; and

(c) Such other information as the Board may require by regulation.

4. A certificate of registration as a cosmetologist's apprentice is valid for 2 years after the date on which it is issued and may be renewed by the Board upon good cause shown.

(Added to NRS by [1999, 1150](#); A [2001, 1997](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.220 Examination and reexamination: Fees and charges.**

1. In addition to the fee for an application, the fees for examination are:

(a) For examination as a cosmetologist, not less than \$75 and not more than \$200.

(b) For examination as an electrologist, not less than \$75 and not more than \$200.

(c) For examination as a hair designer, not less than \$75 and not more than \$200.

(d) For examination as a nail technologist, not less than \$75 and not more than \$200.

(e) For examination as an aesthetician, not less than \$75 and not more than \$200.

(f) For examination as an instructor of aestheticians, hair designers, cosmetology or nail technology, not less than \$75 and not more than \$200.

↪ The fee for each reexamination is not less than \$75 and not more than \$200.

2. In addition to the fee for an application, the fee for examination or reexamination as a demonstrator of cosmetics is \$75.

3. Each applicant referred to in subsections 1 and 2 shall, in addition to the fees specified therein, pay the reasonable value of all supplies necessary to be used in the examination.

[Part 13:218:1931; A 1933, 237; 1939, 242; 1953, 150]—(NRS A 1960, 312; 1979, 1824; 1981, 1353; 1985, 1631, 1855; 1987, 1203; 1995, 462; [2001, 1193](#); [2005, 2641](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.240 Cosmetologists: Scope of examination.** Examinations for licensure as a cosmetologist may include:

1. Practical demonstrations in shampooing the hair, hairdressing, styling of hair, finger waving, coloring of hair, nail technology, cosmetics, thermal curling, marcelling, facial massage, massage of the scalp with the hands, and cutting, trimming or shaping hair;

2. Written or oral tests on:

(a) Antisepsis, sterilization and sanitation;

(b) The use of mechanical apparatus and electricity as applicable to the practice of a cosmetologist; and

(c) The laws of Nevada and the regulations of the Board relating to the practice of cosmetology; and

3. Such other demonstrations and tests as the Board may require.

[Part 8:218:1931; A 1933, 237; 1937, 80; 1931 NCL § 1862.07]—(NRS A 1960, 313; 1973, 737; 1981, 1354; 1985, 1632; [2001, 1193](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.245 Nail Technologists: Scope of examination.** The examination for a license as a nail technologist may include:

1. Practical demonstrations in manicuring, pedicuring or the wrapping or extension of nails;
  2. Written and oral tests on:
    - (a) Antisepsis, sterilization and sanitation;
    - (b) The use of mechanical apparatus and electricity in caring for the nails; and
    - (c) The laws of Nevada and regulations of the Board relating to cosmetology; and
  3. Such other demonstrations and tests as the Board requires.
- (Added to NRS by 1985, 1625)

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.260 Issuance of licenses.** The Board shall issue a license as a cosmetologist, aesthetician, electrologist, hair designer, nail technologist, demonstrator of cosmetics or instructor to each applicant who:

1. Passes a satisfactory examination, conducted by the Board to determine his fitness to practice that occupation of cosmetology; and
2. Complies with such other requirements as are prescribed in this chapter for the issuance of the license.

[Part 9:218:1931; A 1933, 237; 1931 NCL § 1862.08]—(NRS A 1960, 313; 1981, 1354; 1985, 1632; 1995, 462; 1997, 2162; [2001, 1193](#); [2005, 2807](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.300 Notice to Secretary of change of location.** Every licensed nail technologist, electrologist, aesthetician, hair designer, demonstrator of cosmetics or cosmetologist shall, within 30 days after changing his place of business, as designated in the records of the Board, notify the Secretary of the Board of his new place of business. Upon receipt of the notification, the Secretary shall make the necessary change in the records.

[Part 18:218:1931; 1931 NCL § 1862.18]—(NRS A 1960, 313; 1981, 1354; 1985, 1633; 1995, 462; [2001, 1194](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.320 Expiration of license; regulations for proration of fee.**

1. The license of every cosmetologist, aesthetician, electrologist, hair designer, nail technologist, demonstrator of cosmetics and instructor expires:

(a) If the last name of the licensee begins with the letter “A” through the letter “M,” on the date of birth of the licensee in the next succeeding odd-numbered year or such other date in that year as specified by the Board.

(b) If the last name of the licensee begins with the letter “N” through the letter “Z,” on the date of birth of the licensee in the next succeeding even-numbered year or such other date in that year as specified by the Board.

2. The Board shall adopt regulations governing the proration of the fee required for initial licenses issued for less than 1 1/2 years.

[Part 14:218:1931; A 1933, 237; 1953, 150]—(NRS A 1960, 314; 1971, 242; 1979, 1825; 1981, 1355; 1985, 1857; 1991, 2059; 1995, 462; [2001, 1194](#); [2005, 2643](#), [2855](#); [2007, 2957](#))

Effective October 1, 2009

**NRS 644.325 Renewal of license: Application; statement; fees; penalties for late renewal; photographs.**

1. An application for renewal of any license issued pursuant to this chapter must be:

- (a) Made on a form prescribed and furnished by the Board;
- (b) Made on or before the date for renewal specified by the Board;
- (c) Accompanied by the fee for renewal; and
- (d) Accompanied by all information required to complete the renewal.

2. The fees for renewal are:

(a) For nail technologists, electrologists, aestheticians, hair designers, demonstrators of cosmetics and cosmetologists, not less than \$50 and not more than \$100.

(b) For instructors, not less than \$60 and not more than \$100.

(c) For cosmetological establishments, not less than \$100 and not more than \$200.

(d) For schools of cosmetology, not less than \$500 and not more than \$800.

3. For each month or fraction thereof after the date for renewal specified by the Board in which a license is not renewed, there must be assessed and collected at the time of renewal a penalty of \$50 for a school of cosmetology and \$20 for a cosmetological establishment and all persons licensed pursuant to this chapter.

4. An application for the renewal of a license as a cosmetologist, hair designer, aesthetician, electrologist, nail technologist, demonstrator of cosmetics or instructor must be accompanied by two current photographs of the applicant which are 1 1/2 by 1 1/2 inches. The name and address of the applicant must be written on the back of each photograph.

5. Before a person applies for the renewal of a license on or after January 1, 2011, as a cosmetologist, hair designer, aesthetician, electrologist, nail technologist or demonstrator of cosmetics, the person must complete at least 4 hours of instruction relating to infection control in a professional course or seminar approved by the Board.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1850; A 1987, 1070; 1991, 2059; 1995, 462; 1997, 2162; [2001, 1194](#); [2005, 2643](#), [2773](#), [2807](#))

Effective January 1, 2011