

FINES RELATED TO UNLICENSED ACTIVITY IN COSMETOLOGY SALONS

The Board of Cosmetology has designated the following first violations related to unlicensed activity as citation violations:

Violations by Licensees and Cosmetology Salon Owners:

- >> Operating a cosmetology salon without a license - \$500
- >> Transferring ownership or changing location of a salon without approval of the department - \$100 to \$500
- >> Operating a cosmetology salon with an expired or delinquent license - Up to \$500
- >> Permitting a person to practice cosmetology or a specialty without a current/active license - \$200 to \$500
- >> Engaging in the practice of cosmetology with an inactive or expired license - \$200 to \$500

Violations by Unlicensed Persons:

- >> Practicing cosmetology or a specialty or holding oneself out as a cosmetologist while not being licensed - \$500
- >> Presenting as one's own the license of another - \$500
- >> Impersonating any other license holder - \$500
- >> Using or attempting to use a revoked license - \$500

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Chapter 477, Florida Statutes
www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes

Chapter 61G5, Florida Administrative Code
www.flrules.org

Board of Cosmetology Web page
www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cosmo/index.html

Frequently Asked Questions
www.myfloridalicense.com



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WHERE TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE:

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Central Intake Unit
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783

Please visit www.MyFloridaLicense.com to apply on-line or download a printable application.

Questions or assistance with the application process, please call the Customer Contact Center at **(850) 487-1395**

Report Unlicensed Activity:
1(866) 532-1440 or
ULA@dbpr.state.fl.us

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Clips and Tips for the Cosmetology Profession



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Chapter 477, Florida Statutes, requires cosmetology salons and individuals practicing as cosmetologists in the State of Florida to be licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

In the interest of public health, safety and welfare, important sanitation and safety standards are required of Florida's cosmetology salons. DBPR monitors compliance with these requirements through routine inspections of licensed establishments.

Licensed cosmetologists in Florida are skilled and knowledgeable individuals who have passed thorough training, testing and continuing education requirements that help maintain high standards in the profession. All licensed persons in the cosmetology related professions receive formal training from licensed Florida cosmetology schools.

This brochure was created by the DBPR to provide salon owners and future owners with basic tips on opening a new cosmetology salon and hiring licensed professionals.



Steps to Opening a new cosmetology salon

- >> File a new application with DBPR.
- >> Pay the appropriate fee.
- >> If applicable, surrender the old license from the previously licensed salon with the new application.
- >> Meet the safety and sanitation requirements for cosmetology salons.
- >> Be issued a new cosmetology salon license.
- >> Post the salon license within view of the front entrance or in the waiting area.
- >> Verify that the individuals practicing cosmetology in the salon are licensed.
- >> Require each licensed cosmetologist to post their laminated licenses with a current photo at their workstations.
- >> Receive an unannounced, initial inspection after your license has been issued.

Common questions

Can I open my cosmetology salon before my license is issued?

No. The salon license must be issued and available for posting before you open your salon.

I just bought a salon that has a license with the department. Do I need a new license?

Yes. A cosmetology salon license is *not* transferable. You must apply for a new license.

My cosmetology salon has moved. Do I need a new license?

Yes. If the location of the business changes, the owner must apply for a new salon license.

My salon name has changed. Do I need a new salon license?

Yes. If the business name of the salon changes, the owner must apply for a new salon license.

Can a cosmetology salon and a barbershop share the same location?

No. Only one business license can be issued per location.

Can I operate a licensed cosmetology salon out of my home?

Yes. A home based salon may become licensed as long as it meets minimum requirements established in Rule 61G5-20.002, Florida Administrative Code.

What kind of registrations or licenses does the department issue?

Cosmetologist license, registered manicuring/pedicuring/nail extension specialist, registered facial specialist, registered full specialist, registered hair braider, registered hair wrapper, and registered body wrapper.

Can a licensed barber work in my salon?

Yes. Florida licensed barbers may work in a cosmetology salon as long as a licensed cosmetologist is also employed in the licensed salon.

Is a cosmetology license required to perform hair shampooing services?

No. If the person is just shampooing hair, a license is not required.

Can someone who just passed the licensing exam work before they are licensed?

Yes. A Florida cosmetology school graduate is eligible to work in a licensed salon:

- >> After the applicant has received notification of passing both parts of the exam on the first attempt, has given the owner a copy of exam results, and;
- >> Is working under the supervision of a licensed cosmetologist.

Can someone still work if he or she fails the examination?

No. If a cosmetology applicant fails any portion of the examination, he or she *may not* work until all portions of the exams have been passed, and a license has been issued.

Can someone who has a license in another state obtain a Florida license without additional schooling or testing? Can they work before a Florida license is issued?

An applicant licensed in another state may be eligible for licensure in Florida, without any additional schooling or examination, as an "endorsement" applicant. A Florida cosmetology license must be issued prior to practicing in Florida.

Can a cosmetologist from another country apply for a Florida license by endorsement? Can they work before a Florida license is issued?

No. Out of country license holders are not eligible for licensure by endorsement, and they must have their Florida license prior to practicing in Florida.

To learn more, please refer to the **Frequently Asked Questions** located on the Board of Cosmetology Web page at www.MyFloridaLicense.com or call DBPR's Customer Contact Center at (850) 487-1395.