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MS STATE BOARD OF
COSMETOLOGY &
BARBERING

NEWSLETTER

Status of the Board

As you know, the Governor appointed MSBCB board members were not confirmed by the Senate, so the MSBCB has been without a Board since April 3. The MSBCB is awaiting Board appointments from the Governor.

As a new agency, the Board is critical in establishing not only the rules and regulations but also policies and procedures that keep the MSBCB running and in a position to issue licenses, test new applicants, and conduct sanitation inspections. Many key items and issues such as finalization/review of rules and regulations, opening a new school, setting the fine/violation amounts, addressing complaints, contracting with license testing evaluators, review of continuing education providers, and so much more cannot move forward without a Board.

The MSBCB has been operating under temporary rules that will expire on October 21, 2025. **After that date unless the rules are filed in final form, the MSBCB cannot issue any new license (or student work permit) but may only renew licenses.** This will effect practitioners and establishments.



Once the rules expire, the statutes will remain. Therefore, a license will still be required to practice cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and nail technology in Mississippi. A license will still be required to operate an establishment wherein cosmetology, barbering, nail technology, or esthetics are practiced. A license will still be required to operate a school and instruct within a school.

Licensure inspections will continue.

If you are considering moving an establishment to a new location (even a new suite) or opening an establishment, please do not delay in submission of the Establishment Application.

The MSBCB office will remain open and will continue processing license renewals and responding to questions.

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Licenses for cosmetologists, barbers, nail technicians, estheticians, and instructors are similar in size and appearance to a driver's license. Please display this license with pride in a conspicuous location.

Establishment licenses are a paper license. Please display this license in a conspicuous location.

Need an additional license? Complete the "Duplicate Request Form" and send in the required fee. Remember the MSBCB accepts payment by check or money order only.



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Upcoming Events

Cosmetology and Barbering Council Meeting

September 28 at 1PM
War Memorial Building
120 N. State St.
Jackson

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Call volume remains high. For a faster resolution, please send an email; the MSBCB team is ready and happy to assist.

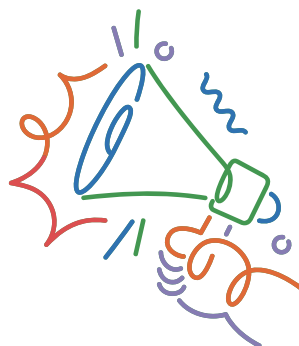
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