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BOARD ACTION UPDATE



TESTING UPDATE

Applicants for License in Mississippi must pass the **Written/Theory Exam only**. The Practical Exam is not required for MS licensure as of February 2, 2026.

Passing Score for Licensing Exams is as follows:

70 for practitioner

75 for instructor.

All students who tested theory after October 22, 2025, should have received an email from the MSBCB team with your results (pass or fail) and instructions on next steps. If you have not received this email, please contact the MSBCB office.

All testing candidates who submitted the Application to Test for Practitioner/Instructor License during the time of January 1, 2025 until January 27, 2026, shall be granted an **additional six (6) months** to sit for the Written/Theory Exam.

Read More on our website

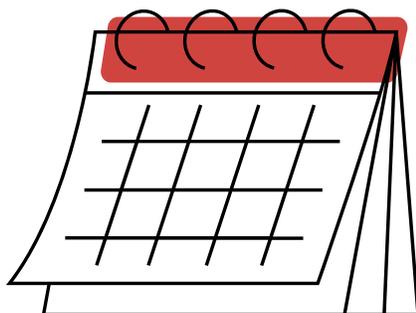
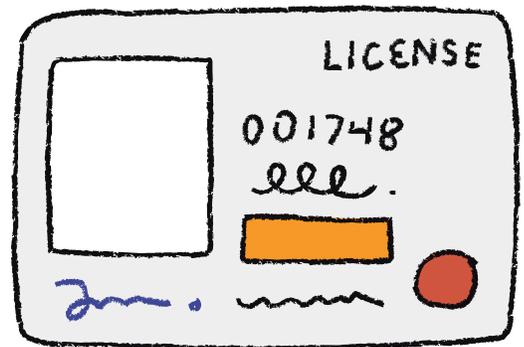
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Student Work Permit

The MSBCB does NOT require the passage the Written/Theory Exam before the Student Work Permit may be granted. If a licensure candidate has applied to test for license, a Student Work Permit will be granted upon application for the Student Work Permit. The application for Student Work Permit can be found on the Board's website



Upcoming Dates

February 9 - Board Meeting (virtual)

February 22 - Cosmetology and Barbering Council Meeting (Jackson)

February 23 - Board Meeting (Jackson)