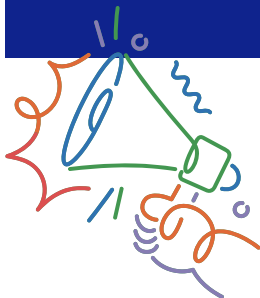


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Legislative Changes

The Governor signed SB 2566 into law on April 1, 2026. This bill made many changes to the MSBCB and all professions regulated. Some notable changes are:

DISPLAY:

A license (practitioner, establishment and/or school) is not required to be displayed. You must be able to produce a license upon request.

MASTER LICENSE:

MS no longer offers a Master License.



CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Instructor licensees must obtain 12 hours of CE each renewal cycle.

ALL licensees must complete a CE on domestic violence and a CE on human trafficking before July 1, 2029.

Visit the CE tab of the website for a list of providers.

Low Income Initial Practitioner License Fee Waiver

For the first practitioner license, the license fee is waived for participants in Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, and/or WIC.



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Calling all Instructors

An instructor license permits the holder to teach any practice area for which the holder maintains a practitioner license. This means all instructors must hold an instructor license AND a practitioner license.

Thinking of becoming an Instructor?

An applicant for an instructor license must:

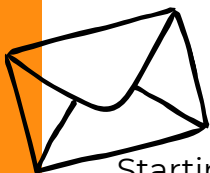
- 1 - hold a MS practitioner license,
- 2 - be at least 21 years old,
- 3 - be a high school graduate, and
- 4 - complete a 600 hour instructor program in a licensed school.



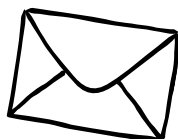
Mobile

Establishments will soon be permitted in Mississippi.

Watch for rules from the MSBCB on how to go mobile.



Starting May 1, you will have the option to request that your license be mailed to you by certified mail for a \$6.10 fee.



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SCOPE OF PRACTICE:

Barbers may not “sing”.

Nail Technicians may enhance and embellish the nails.

Estheticians are permitted to wax all body parts. No licensee may diagnose, treat or provide therapy for any dermatological condition.



Apprenticeship:

To be an apprentice mentor, you must hold a MS instructor license or have held a MS practitioner license for at least 15 years.

Each apprentice supervisor may supervise no more than 2 apprentices.

Each establishment may have no more than 2 apprentice supervisors.

Interested in learning more?

Watch for updates on rules for an apprentice program and how to apply as an apprentice supervisor or apprentice with the MSBCB.

Upcoming Dates

- April 27 - Board Meeting (Hyatt Place, Ridgeland)
- April 27 - Office Closed
- May 11 - Board Meeting (virtual)
- May 18 - Board Meeting
- May 25 - Office Closed
- June 8 - Board Meeting (virtual)
- June 29 - Board meeting
- July 3 - Office Closed