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• MS STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY & BARBERING



Scope of Practice

Each license scope of practice is found in statute. Knowing your scope is key to Board's mission of protecting the public. Some of the services below have been recently clarified by the Board.

Barbers:

Barbers **cannot** perform:
extract a comedone,
wax,

manicures, or
epilate (except with tweezers).

Barbers **can** depilate.

Barbers **can** perform extractions of a
hair with tweezers.



Estheticians:

Estheticians **cannot** perform:
a back "facial",
vagacial/vajacial, or
lash lifts.

Estheticians **cannot** offer any head
spa service.

All Licenses:

Yoni steaming is **not within the scope**
of any license.

Buccal massage is **not within the
scope** of any license.



Letters of Commendation for 50+ years of Licensed Practice

The MSBCB will send a letter of
commendation to licensees with 50+ years
of licensed practice. Interested in learning
more? Email

executivedirector@msbcbb.ms.gov

Calling all Instructors



An instructor license is a license to teach and
enroll students. An instructor may teach any
program of study for which the instructor
maintains a practitioner. A practitioner
license is a license to perform skills.

The administrative fix - **REVIVE** - for
cosmetology, esthetics, and nail technician
licensees who hold an instructor license
ends on **August 31**.

Don't delay - call the MSBCB office if you
need more information.

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Inspections Town Hall: get your questions answered

The MSBCB Inspectors will host town halls around the state to answer your questions. Come and hear about the rules and regulation changes and how you can prepare your establishment to ace a sanitation inspection.

You will also be able to attend a **FREE** continuing education class on domestic violence and/or human trafficking to meet the new continuing education requirement that ALL licensees must meet.

Location Update



August 11 - 10:00 AM
EMCC: Imagination Center
8731 S. Frontage Road
Mayhew

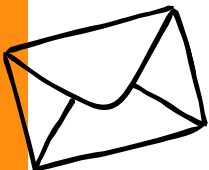
August 18 - 11:00 AM
MGCCC: STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, ROOM U202
409 Debuys Road
Gulfport

August 25 - 10:00 AM
PRCC: Woodhall Center
906 Sullivan Drive
Hattiesburg

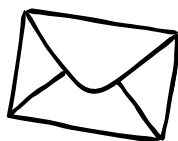


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You have the option to request that your license be mailed to you by certified mail for a \$6.37 fee.



Upcoming Dates

August 11 - Inspections Town Hall (Mayhew)
August 18 - Inspections Town Hall (Gulfport)
August 24 - Board Meeting
August 25 - Inspections Town Hall (Hattiesburg)
August 31 - last day for "Revive Fix"
September 7 - Office Closed
September 20 - Cosmetology & Barbering Council Meeting
September 28 - Board Meeting

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Strong Licensee Compliance Builds Public Confidence and Long-Term Success

In serving its mission to protect public health and safety, the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering is focused on licensee compliance—and the latest reports show that licensees are doing their part to uphold MSBCB's mission.

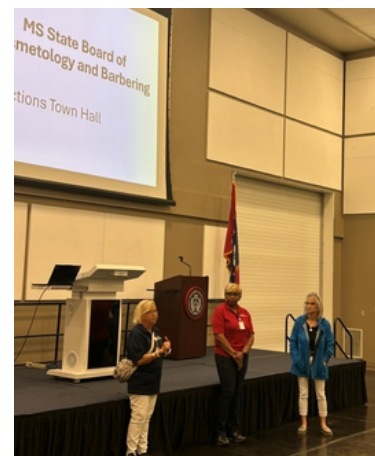


For the fiscal year that ended in June, 89% of surprise sanitation inspections resulted in no violations. And out of 38 inspections recently conducted over a one-month period, only seven citations were issued, reflecting continued strong levels of compliance.

"These are positive statistics that show we're moving in the right direction," said Catherine Bell, executive director, MSBCB. "We recognize we're in a partnership with licensees, and protecting the public means ensuring everyone knows and follows the rules. We want to continue improving and seeing compliance rates rise to 90% and higher—that's the goal."

One way the board is working to raise awareness and compliance is through Inspections Town Halls being held statewide this summer. In July and August, the inspections team traveled to Jackson, Holly Springs, Horn Lake, and Summit to meet with licensees. In August, they're hosting halls in Mayhew, Gulfport and Hattiesburg.

The purpose of town halls is to explain updated rules and regulations and how licensees can prepare to pass their sanitation inspections. In addition to Q&A sessions with inspectors, participants can attend free continuing education (CE) classes to meet the new CE requirement.

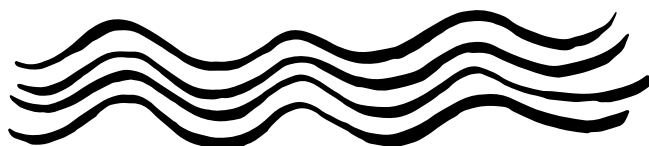


"We didn't know what to expect since the board had never done town halls before," Bell said. "We've been very encouraged by the results so far. Licensees are showing up, asking great sanitation questions, and getting answers and clarifications on a variety of important issues."

Many discussions have focused on practical ways that licensees can maintain compliance with new sanitation rules and requirements. In most cases, it's not necessary to buy new equipment or overhaul processes to pass inspections. Through conversations with inspectors, licensees are learning steps they can easily and affordably take to stay in compliance.



"It's not about reinventing the wheel—you can work with what you have, but you may have to think about it a little differently," Bell said. "That's been a positive takeaway, because we're not trying to impede their business or make them spend a lot of money. We want to do things that add value, and town halls are helping us meet that commitment by helping licensees build safe, compliant and successful businesses."



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