

Notes from the Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology

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Welcome

The bureau has revamped the newsletter process and now all of the board's newsletters will be more concise and more readily available, with a new edition every other month via the Internet. The bureau will no longer mail paper newsletters in an effort to provide fresh information more frequently and save time, cost and resources.

Regulations

The long awaited date has come! The general revisions to the board's regulations have been approved as final. We have placed an order for more green booklets but do not have any available at this time.

As soon as a summary of the changes is ready, it will be posted to the board's Web site and mailed to licensees.

Renewals

Please be advised that the grace period extended to licensees to enable them to renew on-line after Jan. 31, 2009, has ended. The online renewal feature on www.mylicense.state.pa.us has been turned off, though you may still order a duplicate active license online. The next batch of renewals will be available in late October 2009.

If your license is expired and you wish to renew it, you must contact the board office by phone or [e-mail](#), and request a personalized reactivation application. Please provide your license number and current mailing address. This form can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to you. Also note that if a license has not been active for more than five years, you will need to pass the practical exam to be eligible to renew the license.

Exams

The testing company has revamped its Web site and has posted new candidate information bulletins at www.pcshq.com.

The board has also approved the requirement of a dress code at the practical exam. Candidates are to appear in a stylist smock, barber smock or appropriate lab coat that covers the thigh as well as the chest.

Massage

After several years as a bill, the commonwealth now has a new licensing board for Massage Therapy under the Health Care Division of the Department of State's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. After board members have been appointed, they will promulgate regulations.

If your salon provides massage services, please know that under the board's regulations, these services will still need to be offered outside the licensed square footage of the cosmetology salon.

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