

COSMETOLOGY BOARD FAQs

EXAM RELATED QUESTIONS

** Q: I was not able to attend the school overview in Pittsburgh or Philadelphia. Is there any way I can catch up with my peers as to what will be on the exams?*

A: This year the NIC exam overview on is available on DVD to purchase for \$25. Please visit the NIC website at www.nictesting.org for more information.

** Q: Why were there esthetician regulation related questions on my nail technician exam?*

A: There are questions based upon Pennsylvania law and regulations incorporated into the NIC exam administered in Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth believes that its cosmetology licensees should be familiar with all of the laws and regulations pertaining to cosmetology in Pennsylvania so that the licensees are aware of what is expected of them as well as the limitations to their scope of practice. These licensees will then be better able to assist patrons.

** Q: Can I still test if I loose my scheduling paper from PCS?*

A: Yes. PCS has recently decided to handle both the practical and the theory test sites in the same manner. If you loose the scheduling paper sent to you from PCS, you may still appear at the test site and present two (2) forms of identification to be admitted to sit for the exam.

** Q: What is needed in the "blood spill kit" for the practical exam?*

A: The kit should include at a minimum: liquid styptic or antiseptic, appropriate dressing for various injuries, multiple red or orange biohazard waste disposable bags, gloves or finger guards, antimicrobial cleanser

** Q: My student came from Kosovo and the school she attended has been blown up. There are no records available, much less a transcript. What can she do to prove she has at least a 10th grade education?*

A: Please be advised that the Pennsylvania Cosmetology Board will accept as proof of a 10th grade education the following: (1) high school diploma; (2) GED diploma; (3) official sealed transcript signed by school official; (4) letter of statement from the high school on letter head indicating the highest grade completed with original signature of principal or guidance counselor

(5) home schooling from any association that is registered with the Dept of Education (currently Buxmont Christian Educ Inst, Erie Area Home Schoolers, Mason-Dixon Homeschoolers Assn and Pennsylvania Home Schoolers Assn); (6) federally registered approved ATB (Ability to Benefit) test scores (A list of approved ATB tests is published in the federal register and includes WorkKeys Program - American College Testing aka ACT, Wonderlic Basic Skills Test - Wonderlic, Descriptive Tests of Language Skills- the College Board, Computerized Placement Tests - The College Board, Combined English Language Skills Assessment (CELSA) (only for ESL speakers)-Assn of Classroom Teacher Testers (ACTT), Compass Subtests - American College Testing, Career Programs Assessment (CPAT) - American College Testing, Asset Program - American College Testing.); and (7) TABE (the Adult Basic Education Examination) test assessment for foreign candidates (English as a Second Language speakers).