154.09 EXAMINATIONS, CONDUCT AND SCOPE.

Subdivision 1. **Examination dates.** The board or a board-approved examination provider shall conduct practical examinations of applicants for certificates of registration to practice as registered barbers not more than eight times each year, at such time and place as the board may determine. Written examinations may be scheduled and conducted by board staff or a board-approved provider as designated by the board.

Subd. 2. **Documentation required.** The owner or operator of a barber school must file an affidavit with the board of hours completed by students applying to take the comprehensive examination. Students must complete the full 1,500-hour curriculum in a barber school approved by the board to be eligible for the examination.

Subd. 3. **Examinations for registration restoration.** An individual who fails to renew the individual's barber registration for four or more years is required to purchase and complete the Home Study Course for Barbers program that was prepared and approved by the board before the individual is eligible to apply to take the comprehensive examination to reinstate the individual's registration.

Subd. 4. **Examinations for individuals seeking reciprocity.** An individual who must pass the comprehensive examination under section 154.11 must purchase and complete the Home Study Course for Barbers program that was prepared and approved by the board before the individual is eligible to take the comprehensive examination.

Subd. 5. **Contents of examination.** The comprehensive examination must include:

(1) a practical portion that consists of a haircut and three of the following practical services that the board shall determine: a shave, a beard trim, a shampoo, a perm wrap, a facial, or a color application; and

(2) a written portion that covers the subjects taught in barber schools as required by this chapter, applicable state statutes, and rules.

Subd. 6. **Examination grading.** The comprehensive examination must be graded as follows:

(1) the grading for the practical portion of the examination must be on a scale of one to 100, with 100 representing a perfect score. A score of 75 must be the minimum passing grade for the haircut portion, and 75 must be the minimum passing score for the average of the remaining parts of the practical examination; and

(2) the minimum passing score for the written portion of the examination is 75 percent.

Subd. 7. **Failure of examination.** (a) An individual who does not pass one portion of the comprehensive examination within a year of passing the other portion of the comprehensive examination must retake the entire comprehensive examination.

(b) An individual who has failed a portion of the comprehensive examination may retake that portion of the examination within a year of passing the other portion after meeting the requirements of this chapter, paying any required fees, and making an application to the board as required by section 154.08.

History: *(5846-9) 1927 c 316 s 9; 1929 c 270 s 9; 1935 c 229 s 4; 1945 c 160 s 4; 1969 c 916 s 2; 1988 c 476 s 3; 1991 c 282 s 13; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 10; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 40; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 12*