



YOUR CAREER IN BEAUTY INFORMATION TO KNOW BEFORE YOU ENROLL

Enjoy unique beauty career opportunities in Hawaii. There are many diverse employers located across the Hawaiian Islands. There are the standard salons, nail shops, and spas that serve residents and tourists. However, Hawaii resorts present an exciting work environment as well. Tourists come to Hawaii to relax, recharge, and rejuvenate and by providing cosmetology services, you can help give them unforgettable vacation memories.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To enroll, a student must be at least 16 years of age. If an applicant is less than 18 years old, the applicant will need parental consent. Applicants must have two forms of identification proving proper immigration status and age requirement - 1) Social Security Card, 2) Government issued identification with photo, 3) if the student is an eligible non-citizen: a copy of the alien registration card.

Students will be required to provide proof of appropriate educational requirements (diploma, GED, HiSET or official high school transcript showing graduation date). Students who have acquired hours at another school and wish to transfer those hours to Big Island Beauty Academy will also need to provide certification of the transfer hours. The certification must be submitted and accepted prior to the completion of the Enrollment Agreement. Acceptance of transfer hours is at the discretion of the school.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

Hair Dressing, Salon/Spa Manager, Beauty College Owner, Beauty Supply Representative, Specialty Stylist, Competitive Stylist, State Board Participant, Salon/Spa Director, Beauty College Manager, Beauty College Administration, Cruise Line/Resort Personnel, Nail Technician, Esthetician, Salon/Spa Owner, Film/Movie Set Stylist, Product Development, Fashion Shows, Makeup Artist, Theater Production, Platform Artist, Industry Blogger, Educator/Trainer, Product Representative, Department Store Product Buyer/Seller, State Salon/College Inspector, Stylist/Technician for Industry Publications, Guest Artist, Writer for Industry Publications, Television Stylist ...and many more.

CAREER REQUIREMENTS

Practitioners in the area of Cosmetology often stand for long hours during the day. They must possess good finger dexterity, good eye-hand coordination, adequate mobility to work around a client in the salon or spa setting and maintain the physical strength to utilize proper tools and techniques employed within the industry. A practitioner's tasks may vary greatly depending on his or her specialty. Being flexible and a good listener are essential to succeeding in these fields of practice and it is important to be able to work with different personalities, whether it is in a salon or with private clients.

Practitioners in these fields not only complete the services on clients but also do consultations on what they think is best for a client's skin, hair, nails, bodies, etc. It is important for practitioners to keep up with current trends within the industry so as to better serve their clients.

Practitioners are in constant contact with various products and sometimes use harsh chemicals. It is important for a professional in these fields to maintain safe working practice including the utilization of protective clothing and proper knowledge of product/chemical handling.

LICENSE RECIPROCITY

Hawaii does not have reciprocity. Cosmetology license reciprocity is when another state allows you to work under the license of your current state. If you are coming from another state, you have to provide proof that you have completed education requirements that are equivalent to or greater than the requirements of Hawaii. You still may be required to take the written and practical exam. You can obtain a temporary permit in order to work under someone while waiting for written exam, should you qualify to meet those criteria. A clean application is handed by a clerk at the Board. Questionable issues on your application are subjective to executive officer review or board meeting.

LICENSE RENEWAL

Hawaii requires renewal of cosmetology licenses every 2 years in odd-numbered years by December 31, and it costs \$100 to renew. If you forfeit your license, you have 3 years to reinstate it without having to go before the board. If you have been licensed for more than 1 year, you are not required to submit education verification documents. If your license has been expired for more than 3 years, you need to restore your license through the Board, and may be required to re-take the practical exam and verify education hours. Hawaii does not require cosmetology continuing education hours to renew your cosmetology license, but CEUs are always recommended to stay current in the industry.

IMPORTANT LICENSING INFORMATION

Application for examination Each person who desires to practice or instruct as a beauty operator or instructor shall file with the board a written application on a form prescribed and supplied by the board and shall submit satisfactory proof of the required age and qualifications specified in section **439-12** and pay the required application and examination fees.

§439-12 Requisites for admission to examination

The executive secretary of the board shall determine the sufficiency of the preliminary qualifications of applicants for admission to examinations; provided that the licensure categories shall be limited to cosmetologist, hairdresser, esthetician, nail technician, and instructor. The preliminary qualifications for admission to examination shall be as provided in this section.

Medical clearance. The board, at its discretion, may require any operator to submit to such medical clearance tests, including blood tests, as the board deems appropriate to protect the public health.

Admission to examination. If the board finds that the applicant has met the qualifications necessary for admission to the examination, the board shall admit the applicant to examination.

Examination. (a) The board shall contract with a professional testing service to have the testing service prepare and provide examinations for applicants. The examinations shall not be confined to any specific system or method, and the examinations shall be consistent with the practical and theoretical requirements of the occupations.

License, fees. (a) The board shall issue a license as a beauty operator, or instructor, as the case may be, to each person who passes the required examination, pays the proper fees, and meets all of the other requirements. The license shall state specifically the licensure category for which the person is licensed and shall be signed by the chairperson and executive secretary and impressed with the seal of the board.

- All licenses issued by the board shall expire on December 31 of each odd-numbered year.
- Every licensed beauty operator and instructor shall pay to the board by December 31 of each odd-numbered year a biennial renewal fee. The payment of the renewal fee shall entitle the licensee the renewal of the license.
- Failure or refusal to renew the license by December 31 of each odd-numbered year shall constitute a forfeiture of the license. The license shall be restored upon payment of all delinquent fees and a penalty fee if application is made within three years after lapse; provided that the board may consider restoration beyond this period as prescribed by rules of the board.

Temporary Permits. The board may issue a temporary permit to a qualified applicant approved for examination. A temporary permit may be issued upon application for examination and payment of the required fees. The temporary permit shall allow the qualified applicant to practice or teach cosmetology under the supervision of a licensed beauty operator or licensed instructor, and shall be effective for the period of time covering the three consecutive examinations offered by the board after the permit's date of issuance. An applicant who fails to pass the third examination but who satisfies the requirements of section **439-14(c)** shall continue to qualify for examination and licensure but not for the privilege of a temporary permit.

§439-14(c) An applicant who fails an initial examination thereafter may file another application for examination with the professional testing service and pay the examination fee for any subsequent examination.