

SERIES 2 COMMENT SUMMARY AND BOARD RESPONSE

Two comments were received to the proposed amendments to Series 2. The first, from the WV Cosmetology School Owners Association, merely noted their support of the proposed changes. The second, from the NIC (National Interstate Counsel of State Boards of Cosmetology), suggested to remove the language “National written exam” and replace it with “NIC Instructor Exam.” Upon consideration, the Board voted to modify the language per NIC’s comment because “NIC Instructor exam” is the correct name for the exam.

WV Cosmetology School Owners Association
c/o PO Box 6432, Charleston, WV 25362

July 25, 2016

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WV Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists
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Re: Proposed Rule Title-Series 3-2: Qualifications, Training, Examination and Certification of Instructors in Barbering and Cosmetology

Dear Amanda,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Series 3-2, the proposed rule to update the qualifications, training, examination and certification of instructors in barbering and cosmetology.

The West Virginia Cosmetology School Owners Association fully supports removal of the requirement to have five years of shop experience to be an instructor. The Association also fully supports the additional rule changes contemplated in 3-2 to remove the interview requirement to become an instructor and replacing it with a course in teaching techniques provided through West Virginia's community college system.

These changes are pursuant to provisions that became law with passage of Senate Bill 524 during the 2016 legislative session, which we supported. We also support the transition of the written testing requirement to a third party tester.

We believe these changes make the instructor certification process objective and fair for all who work toward achieving licensure as barber and cosmetology instructors.

Our member schools have been educating instructors in this field for decades, and we advocate for standards of excellence. The changes in Series 3-2 are consistent with our high standards for instructor training and certification.

Thank you,

Jay Bland,
President
WV Cosmetology School Owners Association

From: Melanie Thompson [mailto:mthompson.nic@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Cunningham, Amanda D
Cc: Rosanne Kinley; Sarah Hamrick; Melanie Thompson
Subject: Proposed change to verbiage of WV rule regarding Instructors.

Good Morning Amanda,

Sarah has notified me that the time period for comments regarding your rules has not expired. Based on the emails I have seen and the conversations I had with you and your Board members when I attended your meeting, I think it would be in WV's best interest to change the requirement for examination to the NIC Instructor exam instead of the Cosmetology theory examination.

As always, NIC will completely respect the decision your board makes and we will support your State in any way we can, but I do believe in order for WV to have the most qualified instructors teaching your future licensees they need to take the Instructor examination.

Thank you for allowing me to offer my advice. As always, if I can be of any help to you or your State do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,
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