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NOTICE

To: Cosmetology School Directors

From: Lorna Candler, Director, Division of Private Occupational Schools

Date: June 3, 2015

Re: **Concerning the Continuation of the Regulatory Authority Granted Under the “Barber and Cosmetologist Act” and Implementing Other Recommendations as contained in the 2014 Sunset Report**

This notice is to inform schools offering cosmetology and related programs and/or courses that Senate Bill 15-106 was signed by the Governor on May 1, 2015 and the new law is effective on July 1, 2015. This Bill extended the Office of Barber and Cosmetology until September 1, 2026. Attached is a copy of the Act for your review.

Please be advised that the legislature amended section 8 of title 12 concerning the minimum qualifications of applicants. **This section changed to require training in Colorado to be documented based on contact hours rather than credit hours.** This change impacts all barbering and cosmetology schools in Colorado. Below is an excerpt from the revised statute that directly affects barbering and cosmetology schools for students who seek licensure.

12-8-114. Qualifications of applicants - requirements. (3) An applicant for examination shall furnish proof of training of not less than the number of hours of course completion in the subject area in which the applicant seeks licensure as follows:

- (a) ~~Sixty credit~~ ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED CONTACT hours for a cosmetologist;
- (b) ~~Fifty credit~~ ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED CONTACT hours for a barber;
- (c) ~~Twenty credit~~ SIX HUNDRED CONTACT hours for an esthetician;
- (d) ~~Twenty credit~~ SIX HUNDRED CONTACT hours for a ~~manicurist~~ NAIL TECHNICIAN;
- (e) ~~Forty credit~~ ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED CONTACT hours for a hairstylist.



At this time, the Division of Private Occupational Schools is awaiting further changes by the Office of Barber and Cosmetology that will happen through the Rulemaking process. There may be additional guidance provided directly from the Office of Barber and Cosmetology and it will be provided to all schools once it becomes available.

We will continue to keep our schools informed of any changes required by our schools, specifically to DPOS processes and procedures, such as revising school catalogs and curriculum forms, if and when necessary. We are not requesting any changes be submitted to DPOS at this time.

