

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 514

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BARBER AND COSMETOLOGY SERVICES ACT; AMENDING SECTION  
54-5810, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PROVISION REGARDING EXAMINATIONS;  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-5810, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

54-5810. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE -- INSTRUCTORS -- APPRENTICES  
-- STUDENTS. (1) To qualify for licensure under this chapter, an applicant  
for licensure must:

(a) Be at least sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) years of age at the time of  
application;

(b) Have completed at least two (2) years of high school or have at-  
tained an equivalent education as determined by the board;

(c) Pass an examination for the occupation in which the applicant is  
seeking licensure, which examination shall be conducted or approved by  
the board; and

(d) Prove to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant has not  
engaged in conduct that would constitute grounds for discipline under  
section 54-5823, Idaho Code.

(2) Except as otherwise provided, and in addition to the requirements  
listed in subsection (1) of this section, an applicant for licensure:

(a) As a barber, must have:

(i) Completed and graduated from a course of instruction of at  
least nine hundred (900) hours in a barber school approved by the  
board; or

(ii) Completed at least one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours  
as an apprentice in an apprenticeship that covered all aspects of  
the practice of barbering;

(b) As a barber-stylist, must have:

(i) Completed and graduated from a course of instruction of at  
least one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours in a barber school  
approved by the board; or

(ii) Completed at least three thousand (3,000) hours as an appren-  
tice in an apprenticeship that covered all aspects of the practice  
of barber-styling;

(c) As a cosmetologist, must have:

(i) Completed and graduated from a course of instruction of at  
least one thousand six hundred (1,600) hours in a cosmetology  
school approved by the board; or

- 1 (ii) Completed at least three thousand two hundred (3,200) hours  
2 as an apprentice in an apprenticeship that covered all aspects of  
3 the practice of cosmetology;
- 4 (d) As an electrologist, must have:
- 5 (i) Completed and graduated from a course of instruction of at  
6 least six hundred (600) hours in a school approved by the board; or  
7 (ii) Completed at least one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours as  
8 an apprentice in a cosmetology establishment under the direct per-  
9 sonal supervision of a licensed electrologist instructor;
- 10 (e) As an esthetician, must have:
- 11 (i) Completed and graduated from a course of instruction of at  
12 least six hundred (600) hours in a school approved by the board; or  
13 (ii) Completed at least one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours  
14 as an apprentice in a cosmetology establishment under the direct  
15 personal supervision of a licensed cosmetology instructor. Such  
16 establishment must have at least one (1) licensed esthetician  
17 on-site in accordance with board rules; and
- 18 (f) As a nail technician, must have:
- 19 (i) Completed and graduated from a course of instruction of at  
20 least four hundred (400) hours in a school approved by the board;  
21 or  
22 (ii) Completed at least eight hundred (800) hours as an apprentice  
23 in a cosmetology establishment under the direct personal super-  
24 vision of a licensed cosmetology instructor. Such establishment  
25 shall have at least one (1) licensed nail technician on-site in ac-  
26 cordance with board rules.
- 27 (3) To qualify as an instructor of barbering, barber-styling, cosme-  
28 tology, electrology, esthetics, or nail technology, an applicant must:
- 29 (a) Hold a current license in the profession or closely related profes-  
30 sion, as determined by the board, for which the applicant seeks to in-  
31 struct;
- 32 (b) Have worked for at least five (5) of the last seven (7) years as a li-  
33 censed barber, barber-stylist, cosmetologist, electrologist, estheti-  
34 cian, or nail technician, or have satisfactorily completed:
- 35 (i) A minimum six (6) month teacher's course of instruction in one  
36 (1) of the specialties described in this subsection; or  
37 (ii) A minimum three (3) month teacher's course of instruction in  
38 a school of one (1) of the specialties described in this subsec-  
39 tion, if the applicant has at least two (2) years of experience as  
40 a licensee in one (1) of the specialties described in this subsec-  
41 tion; and
- 42 (c) Have completed twelve (12) college credit hours or equivalent edu-  
43 cation, as determined by the board, or pass an examination approved by  
44 the board.
- 45 (4) To be qualified to hold an apprenticeship for purposes of this chap-  
46 ter, a person must:
- 47 (a) Meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of  
48 subsection (1) of this section; and  
49 (b) Be registered as an apprentice with the board.

1           (5) To be considered a student for purposes of this chapter, a person  
2 must:

3           (a) Meet the qualifications set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection  
4           (1) of this section; and

5           (b) Be registered as a student in a licensed barber school or cosmetol-  
6           ogy school.

7           (6) A student shall be permitted to take an examination required pur-  
8 suant to subsection (1) of this section after such student has completed  
9 eighty percent (80%) of the education hours required pursuant to subsection  
10 (2) of this section.

11          ~~(6)~~ (7) A high school student enrolled in a licensed school may be under  
12 sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) years of age while accruing the course of in-  
13 struction hours required for licensure.

14          SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
16 July 1, 2026.