

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 547

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BARBER AND COSMETOLOGY SERVICES ACT; AMENDING SECTION
54-5810, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE
REGARDING COSMETOLOGISTS; 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)~~ one thousand (1,000) hours
in a cosmetology school approved by the board; or

- 1 (ii) Completed at least ~~three thousand two hundred (3,200)~~ two
 2 thousand (2,000) hours as an apprentice in an apprenticeship that
 3 covered all aspects of 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 high school student enrolled in a licensed school may be under
8 sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) years of age while accruing the course of in-
9 struction hours required for licensure.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall be in full force and effect on and after Jan-
11 uary 1, 2027.