MICHIGAN COSMETOLOGY LICENSING GUIDE

ALL APPLICANTS

- Applicants must pass the required theory and practical examination administered by PSI Services, LLC (PSI). You may contact PSI to schedule your exam by visiting www.psiexams.com or by calling PSI at 800-733-9267.
- Applicants requesting a cosmetology, manicurist, esthetician, natural hair culturist, or electrologist license must submit an application at www.michigan.gov/mylicense along with the appropriate fee.
- Applicants requesting an instructor license must submit an Instructor License Application along with the appropriate fee. The application can be found at www.michigan.gov/cosmetology.

ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSING

Cosmetology license requirements:
- Be least 17 years of age.
- Be of good moral character.
- Have an education equivalent to the completion of the 9th grade.
- Complete not less than 1,500 hours of cosmetology training in a licensed school of cosmetology or performs a 2-year apprenticeship program within a licensed cosmetology establishment.

Manicurist, esthetician, natural hair culturists, or electrologist license requirements:
- Be least 17 years of age (18 years of age for an electrologist).
- Be of good moral character.
- Have an education equivalent to the completion of the 9th grade.
- Complete not less than 400 hours of training in a licensed school of cosmetology or performs a 6-month apprenticeship program within a licensed cosmetology establishment. 400 hours of training for a natural hair culturist must be over a period of at least 3 months.
Cosmetology instructor license requirements:
- Be of good moral character.
- Have a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Have a current Michigan cosmetology license.
- Have at least 3 years of practical experience in natural hair cultivation, hair care service, skin care services and manicuring services, at least 1 year of which shall be in a cosmetology establishment.
  - Completed not less than 500 hours of instructor training and passed the theory and practical examination administered by PSI.

Electrology instructor license requirements:
- Be of good moral character.
- Have a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Have a current Michigan electrologist license.
- Have at least 3 years of practical experience in electrology, at least 1 year of which shall be in a cosmetology establishment holding a limited license for the practice of electrology.
- Completed not less than 300 hours of instructor training and have passed the theory and practical examination administered by PSI.

Limited instructor’s license requirements:
- Be of good moral character.
- Have a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Have a current Michigan cosmetologist or electrologist license, and;
  - if licensed as cosmetologist must have completed not less than 500 hours or instructor training, or;
  - if licensed as an electrologist must have completed not less than 300 hours of instructor training. And have passed the theory and practical examination administered by PSI.

Limited specialist instructor’s license requirements:
- Be of good moral character.
- Have a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Have completed not less than 300 hours of instructor training and have passed the theory and practical examination administered by PSI. The specialist instructor’s license shall limit the instruction given by that individual to only the service in which he or she is licensed.