

Bureau of Professional Licensing National Barber Cosmetology Program (NBCP) Examination FAQs

1. When does the National Barber Cosmetology Program (NBCP) Examination go into effect for licensure in Michigan?

Effective November 4, 2022, the board adopts the NBCP examination developed and scored by PSI. An applicant for an initial cosmetology or specialty instructor license, in addition to meeting all the requirements of the code, shall achieve a passing score on the NBCP, as determined by PSI, on the examination required for the license pursuant to Table 21a of the administrative rules. A passing score is valid for 1 year from the date it was earned.

2. What if I am already scheduled for the state exam and have not taken it yet? Would I still be permitted to take the state exam after November 4, 2022?

No, the exam would automatically switch to the NBCP examination. The state exam would no longer be administered. Information regarding scheduling or rescheduling an exam, please view the Candidate Information Bulletin located on PSI's website at www.psiexams.com

3. What if I prepped to take the state exam but now have to take the NBCP examination?

The knowledge basis and skills that need to be performed are essentially the same. A candidate that has prepared to take the state exam would be prepared to take the NBCP examination.

4. Can the theory or practical parts of the NBCP examination be completed virtually?

Yes. Applicants will have the option to complete both the theory and practical exam virtually or to complete the examinations at a PSI testing center.

5. Will the examination fees be changing?

No. The examinations fees will remain the same and can be viewed online at www.psiexams.com

6. How can I access information regarding the NBCP examination?

The Candidate Information Bulletin can be accessed online at www.psiexams.com
This bulletin provides all information needed to register, schedule and take the exam in addition to providing a content outline for the theory and practical portion of the exam.

7. How do I contact PSI if I have additional questions regarding the examination process?

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8. If I am already licensed, will I be required to take the NBCP examination to maintain my license?

No. If you are actively licensed, you are not required to retest.

