

COSMETOLOGIST

Licensing Authority	<p>Phyllis Prall Board of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences Examiners Iowa Department of Public Health Lucas State Office Bldg 321 E 12th St Des Moines IA 50319-0075 Phone: (515) 281-4416 Fax: (515) 281-3121 E-mail: pprall@idph.state.ia.us</p>
Legal Authority	<p>Code of Iowa, Chapter 157; Iowa Administrative Code 645, Chapters 59-65</p>
Job Description	<p>A cosmetologist shampoos, cuts, colors, singes, bleaches, curls, styles, chemically curls and straightens hair for men, women and children. They may work on wigs and hairpieces, use cosmetics on customers, massage customers' scalps, do manicures and pedicures, apply artificial nails, or do nail tips and extensions. Duties may include massaging, cleansing, stimulating, exercising, beautifying, or similar techniques upon the face, neck, arms, hands, or upper part of the body with the hands or mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliances with other preparations. Cosmetologists might also sell hair care products or other beauty related items, answer the telephone, take appointments, schedule walk-in customers, operate cash register, and stock supplies.</p> <p>See also Cosmetology Instructor, Electrologist, Esthetician, Manicurist, or Nail Technologist. Separate licensures are available for each.</p>
Education & Experience Required	<p>Applicants must have a high school education or have passed the General Education Development (GED) test and complete 2,100 hours of training at least ten months in duration. The 2,100 hours of training includes 615 hours in cosmetology theory, 150 hours in core life sciences, and 1,335 hours of supervised practical instruction.</p> <p>A licensed cosmetologist can do manicuring without additional training.</p> <p>Out-of-state applicants must submit proof of passing the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology exam as well as the Iowa Law examination.</p>
Continuing Education	<p>Eight hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal.</p>
Examination	<p>After completing the academic requirements, the person must pass the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology exam and the Iowa Law exam.</p> <p>Testing is arranged by the exam service: Experior Assessment LLC 1260 Energy Lane St Paul MN 55108 800-532-2218 www.experioronline.com</p>

Fees	Application: \$50 Duration: Two years Renewal: \$50 Exam: \$70 – Theory \$30 – Iowa Law Other: \$10 – Temporary Permit
SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage	39-5012 – Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists (\$10.32)
Number of Licenses Issued	Total number of licenses active as of December 31, 2003: 15,380 2002: 13,890 2001: 15,474
For Additional Information	Application forms may be obtained at the board's Web site: www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure or directly from the exam service.