

**Introduced by Senator Polanco**

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An act to amend Sections 7321, 7321.5, 7324, 7326, 7330, and 7362.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to barbering and cosmetology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 886, as introduced, Polanco. Barbering and cosmetology.

Existing law, the Barbering and Cosmetology Act, provides the minimum qualifications an applicant is required to possess to take the licensing examination to become a cosmetologist, barber, esthetician, manicurist, or electrologist.

This bill would additionally provide that each 3 months of practice in the respective specialty areas shall be deemed the equivalent of 3 credits or 1/16 of the competency requirement necessary for an applicant to take the examination as a cosmetologist, barber, esthetician, manicurist, or electrologist.

Existing law requires that a cosmetology school provide a course consisting of not less than 1600 hours of practical training and instruction in cosmetology.

This bill would provide that equivalent credit hours or competencies in cosmetology training and instruction as provided by the State Department of Education, the United States Department of Education, or a nationally accrediting commission could be applied toward the required cosmetology training and instruction.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 7321 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 7321. The bureau shall admit to examination for a license as  
4 a cosmetologist to practice cosmetology any person who has made  
5 application to the bureau in proper form, paid the fee required by  
6 this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

7 (a) Is not less than 17 years of age.

8 (b) Has completed the 10th grade in the public schools of this  
9 state or its equivalent.

10 (c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.

11 (d) Has done any of the following:

12 (1) Completed a course in cosmetology from a school approved  
13 by the bureau.

14 (2) Practiced cosmetology as defined in this chapter outside of  
15 this state for a period of time equivalent to the study and training  
16 of a qualified person who has completed a course in cosmetology  
17 from a school the curriculum of which complied with  
18 requirements adopted by the bureau. Each three months of practice  
19 shall be deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training *or three*  
20 *credits or 1/16 of the competency completed* for qualification under  
21 paragraph (1) of this subdivision.

22 (3) Holds a license as a barber in this state and has completed  
23 a cosmetology crossover course in a school approved by the  
24 bureau.

25 (4) Completed a barbering course in a school approved by the  
26 bureau and has completed a cosmetology crossover course in a  
27 school approved by the bureau.

28 (5) Completed the apprenticeship program in cosmetology  
29 specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 7332).

30 SEC. 2. Section 7321.5 of the Business and Professions Code  
31 is amended to read:

32 7321.5. The bureau shall admit to examination for a license as  
33 a barber to practice barbering, any person who has made  
34 application to the bureau in proper form, paid the fee required by  
35 this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

36 (a) Is not less than 17 years of age.

37 (b) Has completed the 10th grade in the public schools of this  
38 state or its equivalent.



- 1 (c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.
- 2 (d) Has done any of the following:
  - 3 (1) Completed a course in barbering from a school approved by
  - 4 the bureau.
  - 5 (2) Completed an apprenticeship program in barbering
  - 6 approved by the bureau as conducted under the provisions of the
  - 7 Shelley-Maloney Apprentice Labor Standards Act of 1939,
  - 8 Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 3070) of Division 3 of the
  - 9 Labor Code.
  - 10 (3) Practiced barbering as defined in this chapter outside of this
  - 11 state for a period of time equivalent to the study and training of a
  - 12 qualified person who has completed a course in barbering from a
  - 13 school the curriculum of which complied with requirements
  - 14 adopted by the bureau. Each three months of practice shall be
  - 15 deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training *or three credits or*
  - 16 *1/16 of the competency completed* for qualification under
  - 17 paragraph (1).
  - 18 (4) Holds a license as a cosmetologist in this state and has
  - 19 completed a barber crossover course in a school approved by the
  - 20 bureau.
  - 21 (5) Completed a cosmetology course in a school approved by
  - 22 the bureau and has completed a barber crossover course in a school
  - 23 approved by the bureau.
  - 24 (6) Completed comparable military training as documented by
  - 25 submission of Verification of Military Experience and Training
  - 26 (V-MET) records.
- 27 SEC. 3. Section 7324 of the Business and Professions Code
- 28 is amended to read:
  - 29 7324. The bureau shall admit to examination for a license as
  - 30 an esthetician to practice skin care, any person who has made
  - 31 application to the bureau in proper form, paid the fee required by
  - 32 this chapter, and is qualified as follows:
    - 33 (a) Is not less than 17 years of age.
    - 34 (b) Has completed the 10th grade in the public schools of this
    - 35 state or its equivalent.
    - 36 (c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.
    - 37 (d) Has done any of the following:
      - 38 (1) Completed a course in skin care from a school approved by
      - 39 the bureau.



1 (2) Practiced skin care, as defined in this chapter, outside of this  
2 state for a period of time equivalent to the study and training of a  
3 qualified person who has completed a course in skin care from a  
4 school the curriculum of which complied with requirements  
5 adopted by the bureau. Each three months of practice shall be  
6 deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training *or three credits or*  
7 *1/16 of the competency completed* for qualification under  
8 paragraph (1).

9 (3) Completed the apprenticeship program in skin care  
10 specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 7332).

11 SEC. 4. Section 7326 of the Business and Professions Code  
12 is amended to read:

13 7326. The bureau shall admit to examination for a license as  
14 a manicurist to practice nail care, any person who has made  
15 application to the bureau in proper form, paid the fee required by  
16 this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

17 (a) Is not less than 17 years of age.

18 (b) Has completed the 10th grade in the public schools of this  
19 state or its equivalent.

20 (c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.

21 (d) Has done any of the following:

22 (1) Completed a course in nail care from a school approved by  
23 the bureau.

24 (2) Practiced nail care, as defined in this chapter, outside of this  
25 state for a period of time equivalent to the study and training of a  
26 qualified person who has completed a course in nail care from a  
27 school the curriculum of which complied with requirements  
28 adopted by the bureau. Each three months of practice shall be  
29 deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of training *or three credits or*  
30 *1/16 of the competency completed* for qualification under  
31 paragraph (1).

32 (3) Completed the apprenticeship program in nail care  
33 specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 7332).

34 SEC. 5. Section 7330 of the Business and Professions Code  
35 is amended to read:

36 7330. The bureau shall admit to examination for a license as  
37 an electrologist to practice electrolysis, any person who has made  
38 application to the bureau in proper form, paid the fee required by  
39 this chapter, and is qualified as follows:

40 (a) Is not less than 17 years of age.



1 (b) Has completed the 12th grade or an accredited senior high  
2 school course of study in public schools of this state or its  
3 equivalent.

4 (c) Is not subject to denial pursuant to Section 480.

5 (d) Has done any of the following:

6 (1) Completed a course of training in electrolysis from a school  
7 approved by the bureau.

8 (2) Practiced electrolysis, as defined in this chapter, for a period  
9 of 18 months outside of this state within the time equivalent to the  
10 study and training of a qualified person who has completed a  
11 course in electrolysis from a school the curriculum of which  
12 complied with requirements adopted by the bureau. Each three  
13 months of practice shall be deemed the equivalent of 100 hours of  
14 training *or three credits or 1/16 of the competency completed* for  
15 qualification under paragraph (1).

16 (3) Completed the apprenticeship program in electrology  
17 specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 7332).

18 SEC. 6. Section 7362.5 of the Business and Professions Code  
19 is amended to read:

20 7362.5. (a) A course in barbering established by a school  
21 shall consist of not less than 1,500 hours of practical training and  
22 technical instruction in the practice of barbering as defined in  
23 Section 7316.

24 (b) A course in cosmetology established by a school shall  
25 consist of not less than 1,600 hours of practical training and  
26 technical instruction *or its equivalent in credit hours or in*  
27 *competencies as provided by the State Department of Education,*  
28 *the United States Department of Education, or a nationally*  
29 *recognized accrediting commission,* in the practice of  
30 cosmetology as defined in Section 7316, except as provided in this  
31 chapter.

