

Board of Cosmetology

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

The Board of Cosmetology develops rules setting uniform and reasonable standards of competency for the practice and teaching of cosmetology; administers board examinations; inspects establishments for proper licensure and sanitation; initiates and conducts investigations, hearings and proceedings concerning violations of the Cosmetology Act and of rules and regulations of the board; applies disciplinary action when necessary; determines fees; and employs an executive director and additional staff as necessary.

❖ *Results of outcomes*

The board administered six board examinations, whereby 219 examinees were tested. It inspected 620 salons and 11 schools. It revised sanitation rules to meet national standards. The board investigated 15 complaints, with one resulting in disciplinary action.

A problem area is lack of authority to administer appropriate disciplinary action (i.e. levy fines) for matters where a full administrative hearing is determined unnecessary, particularly with regard to violation of sanitation rules.

❖ *Strategic plan changes*

The board will continue to upgrade record keeping and the licensure process. It will implement a better record system concerning student records and school reports. It will continue to expand on the newsletter to keep the industry better informed. The board will update the cosmetology curriculum to better meet the needs of the industry.

General information

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Year established

1939

Statutory references

W.S. 33-12-119 through 33-12-140

Number of authorized personnel

One full-time, one part-time

Organizational structure

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Clients served.

Licensed cosmetologists, manicurists, estheticians, schools and salons

Budget information

\$82,735.00

Agency to which group reports

Department of Commerce

Number of members

Five

Meeting frequency

Four each year required by law, normally a minimum of six held each year